

Frequently Asked Questions

Life in Historic Virginia

Virginia Standards Covered

Kindergarten

- SCI.GK.10
 - The student will investigate and understand that change occurs over time and rates may be fast or slow.
- SS.GK.3
 - The student will sequence events in the past and present and recognize that things changing over time.

Grade 1

- SS.G1.2.c
 - The student will describe life in Virginia's past and present, making connections to food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and recreation.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. The Farm Family

- Students learn about the concept of the "past" and how it applies to their life and the story of the farm.
 - Compare and contrast similarities and differences to various time periods.
 - Learn about the typical day of a farm child in the 1920's.
 - Learn how farmers grew their own food, the methods they used to move around Fairfax County, and what they did for recreation.
 - Students will perform historic "chores" from the past such as doing historic laundry and will get a tour of our historic farmhouse.

2. Each field trip consists of the following components

- 1 hour staff-lead program. The program will be held for 30 minutes in our "barn classroom" and 30 minutes in our "outside classroom"
- Self-guided farm activity: 30 minutes
- Schools may add on an additional 30 min wagon ride at \$3/per person

3. How much walking is involved?

- Students may walk up to a 1/2 mile throughout the entire program.

4. How much of the program is outdoors?

- The first 30 minutes of the program are in the barn classroom, the next 30 minutes are outside.
- The farm activity sheet is all outside.
- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program is moved inside.

For Elementary Schools

5. How do schools pay for the program?

- An invoice will be sent with your confirmation letter.
- Please bring this invoice along to submit with your program payment.
- One teacher will bring the payment on the day of program (unless paid ahead of time). Receipts are available upon request.
- Payment may be made by cash, check payable to FCPA, and Credit Card.

6. How much does the program cost?

- The program fee is \$6 per person (in-county), \$7 per student (out-of-county).

PROGRAM RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION**7. What about Chaperones?**

- Please have a ratio of 1 adult to every 10 children.

8. How do I reserve a program?

- For on-site school visits: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/field-trips>

9. How do I cancel or reschedule a program?

- Send an email Sean.Redmiles@fairfaxcounty.gov and Jordan.Libera@Fairfaxcounty.gov
- As our schedule fills up fast, we cannot guarantee a date available for rescheduling a program, but we will do our best.
- If the school arrives later than their appointment time, we will push the starting times back based on their arrival time. However, this may affect the length of the program for some of the classes based on when the school needs to depart.

10. What about cancellation due to weather?

- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program is moved inside.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY**11. Is the program accessible by wheelchair?**

- All lessons are fully accessible by wheelchair.

ACCOMODATIONS**12. Where are the bathrooms?**

- Bathrooms are in the brick building next to the carousel.

13. May we stay for lunch?

- There are multiple picnic tables located on the grounds.
- Please deposit trash in the trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.