

2018
"TIGGES FARM" PUMPKIN PATCH DAYS



Dear Teacher, Daycare Director, Church or Youth Group Leader,

Would your class or youth group like to visit a real farm and harvest their own pumpkin?

If so, **Tigges Farm**, 5 miles east of Windsor and 8 miles west of Greeley is the perfect place for a field trip.

An added feature is we have an **"Antique Farm Equipment Walking Museum"** and a **"Barn Quilt Gallery"** at the farm. You can also download and print the **"Scavenger Hunt"** (attached) for an extra activity while there. **The cost for the field trip pumpkin will be \$1.50 per school child and teachers and a limit of one small pumpkin per child and one per teacher.** (Regular price is \$2.00 for a small field pie size pumpkin.) **Pumpkins purchased for children who are absent the day of the field trip remain at \$1.50.**

We provide **"hunting for right size" pumpkin baskets they can share to measure their pumpkins.** Extra pumpkins (medium and large carving) may be purchased at the regular price of 38 cents per lb. Please call ahead to schedule.

1. SCHEDULING:

You can call and if needed leave messages at the following numbers. Please state your phone number clearly and slowly when leaving a message and someone will call you back. Please leave a "best" time to return your call. Trips may be scheduled for Monday thru Friday. **No weekend field trips.**

- a. 970-686-7225 Tigges Farm – call only between 10am and 6pm, Monday thru Saturday. No Sunday calls.
- b. 970-576-8970 (Kathy Rickart - mobile) – call between 8am and 6pm.

You will need to supply the following information when scheduling:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number of children: _____
Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name of School/Daycare: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

2. DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

The address is 12404 WCR 64 ½. Greeley, CO 80550.

Directions and Map on website: <http://www.tiggesfarm.com/index.html> Click the road sign for directions.

Caution: Do not use 64.5 as sometimes it takes you to the wrong location. You must use ½ and not .5. We have tried to get it changed and even Google knows the problem, but hasn't figured out how to fix it.

Large Buses:

Coming from the west (Windsor area), take 257 to the Eastman Park Rd. At the stoplight turn east and follow this road past Kodak. Stay on it - the road turns four times. After the last turn, the farm will be on your right (south side of the road).

Coming from the east (Greeley area) take Hwy 34 business route west. Turn right on 83rd Avenue. Follow 83rd approximately 3 miles. When the road turns to the west you will find the farm to be about 1/2 mile west on your left (south side of the road).

All Buses, Vans and Cars:

Buses, vans and cars should use the entrance you determine is easiest to turn bus into the parking lot area. If you end up going past the produce stand, just stop at the stand and let everyone off. If it has just rained, make sure you stay on the graveled parking area.

3. PUMPKIN HARVESTING:

Someone will greet the bus and give you directions. On blustery days instructions are given on the bus, otherwise the children will be directed to the bleachers or inside the activities center. Instructions and rules will include:

- Size of pumpkin okay to harvest and any safety precautions.
- How to get to the big pumpkin patch.
- We will also read a short pumpkin story to the kids. If you want us to share information about pumpkin farming, please request it. We'll keep it simple and short.



4. PAYMENT:

If paying with a check, make it payable to: **Tigges Farm**. We **do not** take credit cards.

Please put payment in envelope with number of kids, total inside, school/childcare/group name, address and phone on the outside of the envelope. **Take payment envelope inside produce stand to the cash register**. If classes in your group is paying separately, please notify us ahead of time. If you need a receipt, please ask for one and we will write you one.

5. CANCELLATIONS:

Please call **Tigges Farm (970-686-7225)** or **Kathy Rickart (970-576-8970)** immediately if you have to cancel or re-schedule. Your time slot has been reserved for you and if you notify of a cancellation this might allow some other group on a waiting list a chance to visit the farm.

6. TIPS TO MAKE THE FIELD TRIP A SUCCESS.

- a. Preparation Before Trip: Study about pumpkins, farms and crops before the field trip.
- b. Send home a letter to parents. Encourage parents to volunteer to help. For grades 3 and under a good rule of thumb is 1 adult for every 5 children. Grades 4-7, a ratio of 1 adult for every 10 children is recommended. Adults need to supervise and discipline children.
- c. Make transportation arrangements or meet at the patch. Parking is available.
- d. Day of Field Trip:
 - We will show the children the size of pumpkin they are looking for. **Children taking too large of a pumpkin will need to exchange it for a smaller one at the produce stand or pay the difference in price when it is weighed (Anything over 6 lbs will be .38 lb)**. A basket/bucket to measure pumpkins by size will be provided to the volunteer adults. If groups are large, they will have to share a “measuring basket.”
 - Teachers, parents and children may purchase **additional** pumpkins at the regular price of 40 cents per lb. and pay for them separately. Keep them separate from the pre-purchased school pumpkins.
 - Make sure **all** children visit the restroom **before** making the trip. **Although there is a public restroom on site, we are on a septic system.**
 - Plastic grocery bags come in handy and the hand holds are helpful. It is easy to write the child’s name on the bag to be able to identify their own pumpkin when they get home. If you choose to not use plastic bags, write their name on the bottom of their pumpkin. **Bring a marking pen.**
 - Assign parents to groups of children to help them on the pumpkin hunt and to help you keep track of all the children. There will be one wagon available for each group of 5-6 children and volunteer(s).
 - **Bring your camera and take plenty of pictures.** There are lots of antiques farm equipment picture areas set up along the path to the patch.
 - **We ask that children DO NOT jump on the scale or climb on the straw stack.** Jumping on the scale causes it to weight inaccurately and is very costly to fix. Climbing on the straw stack is just a risk for physical injury. We also ask there be **NO RUNNING AND SCREAMING**. Gravel walkways can cause falls easily if not used to it.

7. EDUCATIONAL BONUS:

- **Farm Equipment Museum** - Self Guided and information provided on many of the implements.
- As participants of the **Farm to School Nutrition Program**, we offer an education information to leaders and teachers each year on our website. [Go to www.TiggesFarm.com](http://www.TiggesFarm.com) Click [Elementary and Child Care Field Trips](#). There you will find **the informational letter** about the field trip. Scroll down and find the **educational materials** that you can use to increase the educational value of the trip.

We'll see you at the Pumpkin Patch!

Sincerely,

Ken Tigges, Kathy Rickart & Gale Loeffler

12404 WCR 64 ½,

Greeley, CO 80631

970-686-7225

