



2025 FIELD TRIP & GROUP GUIDE
RESERVATION/ TICKETING GUIDELINES:

Please direct all questions regarding reservations to groups@skytoporchard.com

TOUR BREAKDOWN:

Apple Picking Tour (\$10 per person) - Includes wagon ride through orchard, an educational talk on growing and picking apples, and a u-pick experience to take home a ¼ peck (5-6 apples) bag of apples.

Tour Add-Ons (select add-ons while booking)

- a) Donuts (\$1.50 per donut)
- b) Small glass of cider (\$2 per cup)
- c) Kettle Corn (\$5.00 per bag)
- d) Small pre-picked pumpkin (\$4.00 per pumpkin)

*All groups have access to our barnyard, playground, and picnic areas.

TEACHERS:

We permit **two complimentary teacher tickets per class of 20 students**. Any additional teachers will pay the group rate at \$10 per person. Special needs teacher's aides are admitted free, but will not pick fruit for themselves, unless they pay the group rate.

PARENTS/ CHAPERONES/ SIBLINGS:

All accompanying members of your group will be charged \$10 per person including parents, chaperones, and siblings. For safety and group identification, all accompanying adults (parents, chaperones, and teachers) will receive a wristband to participate in tour activities.

GROUP SIZE:

Please give an estimate of your group size *estimate* during booking. **If your numbers change before your trip, no worries. You can let us know your updated numbers when you arrive**

on the day of your trip. We only ask for a courtesy email if your numbers are changing over 20% from your original size.

CONFIRMATION:

Please look for a confirmation email within 24 hours of booking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Groups smaller than 20 will be combined with other groups and will not receive private tours.

PAYMENT:

We accept school, PTO, personal checks, credit cards, or cash. We request that you pay with one check for your entire group (including chaperones and siblings) at the time of your check-in **if possible.** *Please note: credit cards will incur a 3% credit card processing fee.*

RESCHEDULING YOUR TRIP:

If you need to reschedule your group, we will work with you to find an additional date free of charge. Please be aware that we have multiple groups throughout the fall and we try to limit the number of groups per day so everyone can have the best experience possible. Please let us know within 5 days of your visit if you need to reschedule. Email groups@skytoporchard.com to reschedule.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & RAIN POLICY:

Weather can be unpredictable and forecasts are not always correct! Because of this, we encourage groups to plan to attend on their booked day. In case of inclement weather, we can rebook up until the day of your visit. If you are concerned about inclement weather, please email groups@skytoporchard.com so we can find the best solution for your specific group.

DAY OF FIELD TRIP:

Upon your arrival, the trip liaison will check in at the front desk with a Sky Top Orchard Staff Member who will confirm your group. At this time, you will be able to pay for all students, chaperones, and siblings with cash, check, or credit card. If you have ordered donuts, please let us know what time you would like to have them delivered to your group. Once your group is ready, we will direct them to our educational building

TOUR SCHEDULE:

- Educational talk about apples in our covered educational building
- Hayride- Enjoy a scenic ride to the u-pick area where your students will pick apples. Once your group is finished, you will reboard the tractor and return to the fruit stand.
- At this time, your group is welcome to explore, visit the animal barn, play on the playground, and enjoy the picnic and playground facilities.
 - Most groups will stay another hour (after the tour) to enjoy facilities and eat a picnic lunch before boarding their bus.)

- Once you return, the stand will be open for parents and chaperones who wish to purchase additional apples and items from our fruit stand.

***Please allow enough time to get to our orchard, keeping in mind your distance and traffic! We often have multiple groups scheduled per day so being on time will make the experience better for all groups. If you will be arriving late, please call our **Day of Number - (828) 692-7930**.

PICNIC POLICY: Picnic facilities are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not reserved for groups. You are welcome to bring picnic blankets!

HOMESCHOOL GROUPS:

All Field Trip and Group rules apply to Homeschool Groups. Any parent or guardian beyond the 2 complimentary teacher tickets must purchase a ticket at the group rate to participate in the tour's activities (educational portion, tractor ride, u-pick.) Homeschool siblings (2 and up) will also pay the \$10 rate. ***All accompanying chaperones must wear a wrist-band (given during check-in) to participate.***

Thanks for choosing Sky Top! We can't wait to welcome your group to our orchard!