

## Visitor Orientation

Get an accountability record and claim your group! Confirm with your teacher the required information and report back to \_\_\_\_ and the main accountability document. Make sure payment has been received for everyone in your group before proceeding.

Blow your whistle to get everyone's attention and to keep your group together when moving from place to place. Be certain the adults are listening to the rules.

If you go to the barnyard first, all of the rules can be discussed at one time. If you go to other locations first, discuss rules before proceeding. Discuss barnyard rules before entering the barnyard area.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'll be your leader today. We'd like to welcome you to Old McDonald's Farm. We do have a few rules here that must be followed. So let's put our bunny ears on and listen.

"Bunny ears, bunny ears, flapping in the breeze, listen to me for a minute, please."

This is very important, so please listen.

- Teachers and parents, we do need you to make sure everyone is listening and help us follow the rules.
- We must stay together as a group. We don't want anyone to get lost or miss anything.
- The bathrooms are located over there (point).
- First aid kits are available for your use. We have several locations. Just ask a farm hand for help.
- Food and drinks are allowed only in the picnic areas. This is for your safety.
- We do have water coolers at the maze entrance. Please use them in that area.
- We have drinks, snacks, and water for sale if you need anything for lunch. They can be purchased at either of the two picnic areas.
- We have cider, jellies, dressings, and salsa for sale. All are NC products.
- You can get your fall decorations here, too. Pumpkins, gourds, mums, straw bales, Indian corn
- Do we have any smokers? I hope not 'cause smoking is not allowed anywhere, anytime. That is for your safety, my safety and our animals' safety.
- We try to make sure you will have a safe visit, but if you see something that is concerning, please tell us.
- Fire Ants are a major problem. We look for them every day but they can easily be missed. Let us know if you see any.
- Since this is a school fieldtrip, we have to learn something. What am I doing?(walk around) I'm walking, that's right, but on Old McDonald's Farm we "mosey". So, come on, follow me. Let's mosey along to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Barnyard Safety** The barnyard consists of animals, well, outhouse, bone room. Watch/communicate with other leaders to assure your rotations go smoothly. Try to visit all the animals at one time. This prevents multiple hand washings. Hands **MUST** be washed with soap/water before moving from any animal to another exhibit.

- While we're visiting the animals, we can't have any pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups, food or drinks out. We don't want to swap slobber with the animals, you know, you take a sip, give the sheep a sip, and then you take another. Yuck—sheep slobber. And if you suck your thumb, just keep it tucked in your pocket. This is also to keep you safe. Make sure you keep your hands down by your side, don't put them in your mouth and don't put them in anyone else's mouth-yuck. REMIND them OFTEN to keep their hands down by their sides and out of their mouths.

- Fences and gates are for keeping animals in and people out. So make sure you're on the right side of the fence. And we keep our feet on the ground, fences are not for climbing.
- Remember, animals have teeth and they may bite. Keep your fingers and hands out of the pens unless we say you can pet the animals.
- We have hand sanitizer and wipes available for your use anytime and we will wash hands with soap and water when we finish visiting the animals.

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