



Spring Strawberry Field Trip Offered Tuesdays-Fridays in May

Educating children about farming and plant growth is our passion. Our strawberry field trip combines plant science with local history at Oatlands Historic House and Gardens. Bring your class to our strawberry fields at Oatlands for a hands-on agricultural and history experience. The field trip is perfect for all ages and will be taught to the grade level SOLs. Your field trip may include a combination of the following elements:

Strawberry Classroom (20 minutes)

As the bus arrives at Oatlands, you will get a hardy farm greeting from your field trip guide. In the strawberry classroom, students will learn about: the Life Cycle of the Strawberry, weather patterns and plant nutrients.

Strawberry Picking Experience (20 minutes)

Students will be led into the strawberry field and shown how to pick a strawberry looking for ripeness, firmness and color. Students will also see first-hand the many stages of plant growth. Each field trip participant will pick their own pint of strawberries to take home and enjoy!

Oatlands Greenhouse (20 minutes)

The greenhouse at Oatlands was built in 1810 and is the second oldest greenhouse in the country. Students will explore how the greenhouse was built, how it works and learn how strawberries were grown in it during the Civil War.

Oatlands Gardens (20 minutes)

Students will explore the beautiful historic gardens and enjoy learning about many plant varieties.

Hayride (15 minutes)

What farm field trip is complete without a hayride! Students will take a hayride from the gardens and greenhouse out to the field to pick strawberries.

Important Information:

1. Please be on time. You should plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to check in.
2. The field trip is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes.
3. The cost for the students and parents is \$12.00 per person two and over. This includes the strawberry lesson, history lesson, strawberry picking, a hayride and a coupon to come back and pick strawberries. Teachers and aides are free.

To schedule a field trip, please complete the field trip schedule form at www.wegmeyerfarms.com. All questions can be sent to Harriet via email at wegmeyerfarms@yahoo.com.