

Farm Adventure Registration Process for groups larger than 50 students

When we accommodate groups larger than 50, it is usually due to bus and school scheduling. For example: the entire grade level needs to come at one time.

Before you register, consider: **does your large group need to arrive all at one time on the same day?**

**No!** If you are flexible, register for multiple program times/dates using our Online Calendar, with 50 students max. per program. You will need separate buses for the groups to arrive for their programs.

**Yes!** If your student groups need to come on the same day, register for 2 back-to-back timeslots, entering in half of your student group numbers for one registration and half for the other. See your day-of programming options below

Day-of programming options for groups registered for back-to-back timeslots

When large groups need to arrive at the same time for back-to-back timeslots, we offer a self-guided walk on the Oxbow Nature Trail\* to keep students engaged while the other half of the group participates in programming. See options and details below.

**Option #1 with Nature Walk:** All students will arrive at the same time and will be divided into two main EQUAL group sizes right off the bus, Group A and Group B.

<p><b>Program Timeslot 1</b></p>	<p><b>Group A:</b> Students will participate in a Farm Adventure with Oxbow educators (divided further into smaller groups, about 12:1 ratio, sometimes smaller).</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Group B:</b> Students will do a scavenger hunt while walking Oxbow’s Nature Trail, then will lunch at one of our picnic areas. <b>This portion is facilitated and led by your teachers and chaperones, not Oxbow staff. We will give thorough instructions for finding the trail, picnic areas, and restrooms.</b></p>
<p><i>15 minutes for transition and switch</i></p>	
<p><b>Program Timeslot 2</b></p>	<p><b>Group B:</b> Students participate in a Farm Adventure with Oxbow educators (divided further into smaller groups, about 12:1 ratio, sometimes smaller).</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Group A:</b> Students will do a scavenger hunt while walking Oxbow’s Nature Trail, then will lunch at one of our picnic areas. <b>This portion is facilitated and led by your teachers and chaperones, not Oxbow staff. We will give thorough instructions for finding the trail, picnic areas, and restrooms.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All meet back at the buses or cars and depart</i></p>

**Option # 2 without Nature Walk:** If teachers aren’t comfortable taking a self-guided nature walk, then come with students divided into two main EQUAL group sizes, Group A and Group B, in separate buses for each separate program time. Students will participate in their Farm Adventure without walking the Oxbow Trail. Picnicking for lunch is optional.

\*About the Oxbow Nature Trail

A farmer will typically escort you to the trail, but the walk is self-guided. We’ll provide scavenger hunts for students to use while teachers lead them around the trail loop. The trail is marked and unpaved—a very easy walk with no elevation changes. Typically the walk takes around 20 minutes, but allow for 45 minutes. If you’d prefer to do a self-guided nature walk after your program, let us know and we can make arrangements. It’s recommended that no more than 50 students walk the trail at once.

