

## Tips and Reminders for your Fall Farm Adventure

Below is a resource guide to help prepare you for your field trip:

**\*Please email us immediately at [education@oxbow.org](mailto:education@oxbow.org) if any details change prior to your visit.**

**For urgent issues on the day of your event, please call our cell phone: 425-419-6068. (However, our farmers are often on tours, so communication is best handled in advance of your field trip day.)**

The following information is important for a successful field trip! Please read carefully:

- Please be on time. We suggest that you **arrive at least 10 minutes early** in order to use the restrooms, eat a snack if needed, and take care of other business. **If you are late, your tour time will be reduced**, as other school groups will need our attention.
- Our tours take place outdoors, rain and shine! **Check the forecast on your field trip day.** Please have your students come dressed appropriately—this means rain boots no matter what! There is always dew on the grass. Have kids bring water bottles for hydration before the farm tour.
- **Please no electronic devices while on our tour.** Photos are fine but we discourage use of cell phones or texting while on tour.
- **Packing out your Fall pumpkins.** These are small pumpkins and can usually be carried by hand. If you bring bags (probably a good idea for Pre K students), please consider bringing reusable bags!
- You are welcome to picnic before or after your tour! **Please let us know in advance of your field trip if you plan to have your lunch before or after your tour.** We have picnic tables for your use and we ask that you follow the “pack it in, pack it out” rule, so please bring trash & recycling bags for this purpose. We have sheltered spaces for you to enjoy your picnic. Lunch locations include: The House of Hay, The Grape Grotto (partial cover), or use of our Festival Tents!

### Location and Parking

Please use our Public/West Entrance off of Hwy 203 at 268th Ave NE, Carnation, 98014.

Please keep a close eye out for the 268th Ave NE street sign, right off of Hwy 203. Google Maps can be unpredictable and may take you to the wrong entrance if you type in our name.

Busses will park on the gravel pad, reversing into one of our marked bus spots so the driver is facing north when it's time to leave. Farmers will typically be waiting to help bus drivers park.

Cars will park in the grass, just off the gravel road that leads to the white farm stand tent. If conditions are slippery, keep your rear wheels on the gravel for traction when leaving.

Farmer will meet you at the “Meet your Farmers Here” sign in the grass near the gravel parking pad.

Farmers will be there 10 minutes prior to your program time. Feel free to safely explore the grassy area while waiting.

[Click for Directions to Public Entrance/Parking Instructions](#)

### Cancellation and Deferred Payment Policy

- We offer the option to defer payment at the time of registration to allow schools to reserve their preferred program slot. **Please pay your registration balance or send us your purchase**

**order at least 2 weeks prior to the day of the program, unless prior arrangements have been made.** If you need to make other arrangements, contact us at [education@oxbow.org](mailto:education@oxbow.org).

- We do not retain a cancellation fee. **If the date and time of your registered program does not work, we ask that cancellations be made 2 weeks prior to the day of the program.**

### **Payment Review**

If you have not already payed during registration, **please call 425-788-1134** and pay via credit card over the phone, bring a check the day of your field trip, or mail a check before the day of your field trip to:

Oxbow Farm and Education Center  
10819 Carnation-Duvall Rd  
Carnation, WA 98014

### **Fall Farm Adventure Overview**

This is a 75 minute program where students experience the glory of the autumn harvest! Students venture through our fields on a guided scavenger hunt for the six plant parts. When we find the plant parts, we harvest and eat them! Kids take home a sugar pie pumpkin. Interested in learning more about your program and how we support new science standards?

[Click to View Our Fall Farm Adventure at a Glance](#)

### **Pre-Field Trip**

We recommend preparing student groups for their farm adventure field trip at Oxbow by reading a farm related book of your choice! Some of our favorites are: Sophie's Squash, Pumpkin Jack, and for older students: From Seed to Plant.

### **Tips for Teachers and Chaperones**

Our Oxbow Education team does their best **to maintain a 12:1 student-to-teacher ratio**. Please be ready to divide large groups into smaller ones to keep this ratio. You know your students better than we do, so please form groups according to how your students will work best together.

We rely on chaperones to model engaged behavior, embrace experiences at the Kids' Farm, and help keep students (and plants) safe.

[Click to View Teacher and Chaperone Tips](#)

### **About Oxbow**

Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center inspires people to eat healthy, sustainably grown food and to steward our natural resources for future generations.

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**Any questions or concerns, please let us know! Call 425-788-1134 or email [education@oxbow.org](mailto:education@oxbow.org).**