

# MacDonald's Ranch Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Informational Letter – 2026

Happy Fall, Y'all! On the next few pages, you will find information regarding a field trip to our ranch for the pumpkin patch. **PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!** We have made a few changes from previous years. Questions? Please contact our main office. We look forward to celebrating Fall with you!

## General Information

### DATES & HOURS AVAILABLE

- October 5<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays
- 9:00am – 1:00pm. Arrival times are scheduled on the hour or half-hour ONLY. Field trip departure times are up to the group/school so long as it is before 5:00pm.

### PRICING

- Admission cost: **\$13.00/person**; small to medium (softball to volleyball size) pumpkin **INCLUDED FOR STUDENTS/PARTICIPANTS ONLY!**
  - Teachers, staff members, and aides receive free admission. A school ID is required upon arrival. **\*One complimentary teacher, staff member, or aide admission is included for every 10 students/participants.\***
- Discount available! Donate 1 (one) can of food or other non-perishable item and receive **-\$1.00 off** your admission price! **LIMIT \$1.00 PER PERSON. TEACHERS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND AIDES with FREE admission are not available to receive the discount; only paying guests!**

### ACTIVITIES

- **INCLUDED:** Petting zoo, panning for gold, pedal car racetrack, the BIG train ride, hay maze, yard games, corn pools, target toss, cowboy football, scavenger hunt, cow milking, duck races, photo-op spots, and an educational handout/worksheet
- **EXCLUDED:** pony rides, mechanical bull, barrel train ride.  
***We are firm on this.*** To ensure all field trips receive the same experience, pony rides, barrel train, and the mechanical bull are unavailable to **ALL** field trip guests, including parents and chaperones. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that this policy be shared with all adults attending prior to arrival.
- Most activities offered and the ranch property are handicap accessible.

### PUMPKINS

**Pumpkins are NOT included for teachers, staff members, aides, or chaperones. Pumpkins are only included for students/participants.**

Anyone whose admission does not include a pumpkin may purchase one directly at the pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are only included for students/participants.

## UPGRADES

Food for petting zoo animals can be purchased as an upgrade for field trips. Additional cost of +1.50/cone. This upgrade will need to be selected when reserving.

## EXTRAS

The gift shop, food vendors and face painters are not included. You may bring spending money if desired or allowed!

## Reservation Information

Please make your reservation as early as possible! To maximize your field trip experience, we limit reservations daily and may fill up quickly. The last 2 weeks of the month are always our busiest. **You must make a reservation.** We do not allow same day reservations or walk-ups as we limit our daily field trip capacity.

**\*\*If you do not see a date or time available, please email or call our office! We may be able to open up a slot for your group!\*\***

## FIELD TRIP RESERVATION LINK

All field trip reservations are made online. Please click the link below to reserve your field trip:

If paying with card/check:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/macdonaldsranch/items/742688/?full-items=yes>

If paying with a Purchase Order:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/macdonaldsranch/items/744167/?full-items=yes>

## Payment Information

- Accepted forms of payment: purchase orders, credit card, debit card, check, online invoice, and cash.
- Payments must be completed IN FULL before your group/school will be admitted, NO EXCEPTIONS! **We will not be able to accept separate payments for anyone! Please ensure the on-site contact collects all separate payments beforehand.**
- **Anyone who is NOT paying with the group/school will be charged regular admission price.**
- If payment for field trips is not received within 30 days of the field trip date, we will add a 5% increase to the total each week that is not paid.
- If you are paying before your arrival:
  - An invoice will be emailed through our processing app, Square. Once received, the invoice can be paid at your convenience.
  - Final totals can be adjusted upon arrival if your attendance changes. Refunds or additional charges will be processed as needed.
- If you are paying at the time of arrival:
  - Please ensure your headcount is correct and that ALL fees have been collected from EVERYONE participating. No separate payments, please.
- If you are paying with a purchase order:
  - Please be sure to send a copy of the purchase order in advance via email.

- Once the group/school has been checked in, we will update our invoice and send it to the school for final payment.

## Important Information

- **We are an entirely outdoor facility! There is limited shade!**
  - Please ensure each participant has a bottle of water with them and remains adequately hydrated!
- Coolers and bins are allowed on the property to store lunches, if needed. **We are unable to hold sack lunches for your group/school.** Coolers/bins can be left at any of the covered ramadas while you are exploring the patch!
  - **If your group/school has 100 or more guests, we can reserve a lunch site for you, if needed. If you have less than 100 guests, any area on the ranch that is not reserved is open seating!**
- We ask that you keep a 10-1 participant/student to teacher/chaperone ratio! This keeps everyone accounted for and it helps avoid overcrowding at the activities!
- A hat, sunscreen, and closed-toe shoes are highly recommended!
- If you need to label a pumpkin, please use a sticker or name tag. Please do NOT use a sharpie/marker.
- It is highly recommended that each group/school wears matching colors, tops or name tags.
- We will provide a PDF version of an educational handout/worksheet that you may use before, during, or after a field trip to our ranch! This can be found on our website, or you can email your request!

## Cancellation & Rescheduling Policy

- We kindly request a minimum of **48 hours' notice** if you need to cancel or reschedule your field trip reservation.
- Reservations may be rescheduled based on availability. While we will do our best to accommodate your preferred date, rescheduling cannot be guaranteed.
- Field trips may be canceled by MacDonald's Ranch due to severe weather conditions that could impact the safety of our guests or staff. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Flooding
  - Heavy or persistent rain
  - Destructive or high winds
  - Persistent lightning and thunder within 10 miles of the ranch
- If MacDonald's Ranch cancels your field trip due to severe weather, your group will have the option to reschedule for another available date or receive a full refund, if applicable.
- Weather conditions are monitored closely, and any weather-related cancellations will be communicated to the group's primary contact as soon as possible.

## Arrival Instructions

To help ensure a smooth and efficient check-in process, please follow the instructions below:

- Follow the **Field Trip Parking & Drop-Off** signs upon arrival at the ranch.
- Please have your headcount ready before checking in.
- Keep all guests on the bus until the group's main point of contact has checked in with a MacDonald's Ranch staff member and received further instructions.
- Once check-in is complete, staff will direct your group to unload and begin your visit.

- Have all payments collected in advance (if paying upon arrival), as separate payments cannot be accepted.

## **Contact Information**

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\*All information listed in this letter is non-negotiable and subject to change\*