

Welcome to MacDonald's Ranch Annual Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Informational Letter – 2025

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 the Fall with you!

****FIELD TRIP ENTRANCE & CHECK- IN LOCATION****

We have moved our field trip entrance & check-in location this year! There will be signage in our parking lot to help guide your group to the new field trip entrance. We also have a PDF map on our website (located on the Pumpkin Patch page under downloads/forms) that you may use as well!

General Information

Dates & Hours available

- October 6th – 31st on any Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday
- 9:00am – 1:00pm. Field trip 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.

Cost

- Teachers receive *free* admission – an I.D. is required to be presented upon arrival
- Three (3) admission options ranging in price from \$8 to \$13 per person
 1. **Option #1:** \$8/student or participant, \$8/chaperone – NO pumpkins included
 2. **Option #2:** \$13/student or participant, \$8/chaperone – SMALL pumpkins included for the students/participants ONLY
 3. **Option #3:** \$13/student or participant, \$13/chaperone – SMALL pumpkins included for both students/participants and chaperones
- Two (2) upgrade options available
 1. Cones to feed the petting zoo animals: + \$1.50/cone
 2. Larger pumpkins: Ranging in price from +\$3 - \$8
- Discount available! Donate 1 (one) can of food or non-perishable item and receive \$1.00 off your admission price! **LIMIT \$1.00 PER PERSON.**

Activities

-**INCLUDED:** Walk-in petting zoo, panning for gold, pedal car racetrack, the BIG train ride, hay maze, hay climb, yard games, corn pool, target toss, cowboy golf, scavenger hunt, cow milking, duck races, photo-op spots, and an educational handout/worksheet (PDF provided via email)!

-**EXCLUDED:** pony rides, mechanical bull, SMALL train ride.

****We are firm on this. Please discuss this matter with all chaperones, teachers and parents before arrival. NO adults, whether they are parents to the participants/students or not, can provide pony rides, the small train or the mechanical bull for their child/children if they are on the field trip with them. THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE, AND WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE. ****

- Food for petting zoo animals can be purchased as an upgrade for field trips.
 - Pumpkins are not included with ALL field trip options. Please see the above options for pumpkin information. **Pumpkins are NOT included for teachers with any of the 3 options as teachers receive free admission.** *If a teacher (or anyone who does not have a pumpkin included with their admission option) would like to purchase a pumpkin, they may do so directly at the patch.*
 - The gift shop, food vendors and face painters are not included. You may bring your own money if desired or allowed for our vendors!
 - Most activities offered and the ranch property are handicap accessible.
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Reservations

Please submit 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.

Field Trip Reservation Process

Step #1: Download and complete the "Field Trip Request" form found on our website. The form is located on the Pumpkin Patch page under Downloads/Forms.

Step #2: EMAIL the completed "Field Trip Request" form to us. Email address: macranch@macdonaldsranch.com

Step #3: Use the link on our website to schedule your field trip time online! The scheduling link is located on the Pumpkin Patch page under October Field Trip Reservations.

Field trips are not considered confirmed until you have emailed the form and scheduled online. BOTH MUST BE COMPLETED. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our office!

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:
 1. An invoice will be emailed through our processing app, Square. Once received, the invoice can be paid at your convenience.
 2. We can offer a refund or add participants if your headcount changes upon arrival
- If you are paying at the time of arrival:

1. 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:

1. Please be sure to email a copy of the purchase order in advance.

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

Miscellaneous Information

-We are an entirely outdoor facility! There is limited shade!

1. 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 ranch!

-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!

Contact Us!

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