

Billings Farm & Museum

Pumpkins: Farming, Feasting, and Fables

This is a 40 minute program that consists of:

Discovering the many sizes, shapes and colors of pumpkins and squash; a visit to the pumpkin patch, sequencing the life cycle of a pumpkin (*hands-on*), and choosing a pumpkin to take back to the classroom.

These sessions do not always occur consecutively. In addition to this main program, which you have selected, we will build a customized schedule which may include, as time allows, a visit to the livestock barns, playing historic games, and exploring the Farm Life Exhibits, among others. Late arrivals and early departures will impact your schedule.

Below are some of the vocabulary words that will be used in your program:

Pumpkin – a fruit grown on a vine, typically orange in color used for food and decoration

Squash – the fruit of any plant of the gourd family, cooked and eaten as a vegetable

Vine – a plant that has very long stems, and that grows along the ground or up and around something

Blossom – a mass of flowers appearing on a tree or bush

Variety – a specific type or kind within a general group

Flesh – the soft pulpy edible parts of fruits and vegetables

Gourd – a hard-shelled, inedible fruit of a plant that is often used as an ornament

Hybrid – a plant that is produced by two or more different plants

Pollination – the transfer of pollen grains resulting in fertilization

Shell – the hard outer covering of a nut, fruit, or seed