

BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

CHAPERONE INFORMATION SHEET

We are excited to welcome you and your group to Billings Farm & Museum for a field trip! Billings Farm & Museum features a working Dairy Farm with Jersey Cows, other farm animals like sheep, goats, horses, and chickens, exhibits with history about farming and life in 19th-century Vermont, gardens, a historic 1890 Farm Manager's House, and much more. Each field trip is unique, but most include both self-guided time and a 60-80 minute program led by our educators.

To ensure your group has the best visit possible, please review the following information and guidelines before you arrive:

- A chaperone's priority should be to facilitate a positive experience for the students. **Chaperones are expected to refrain from distracting behavior** (side conversations, interruptions, answering questions directed at students) during programs, and to help direct students' attention to the educator.
- Photographs are welcome and encouraged, but **please do not interrupt programs to have students pose for photos.**
- Your group will likely be broken into smaller groups of 6-12 students. You will receive a group schedule for your visit when you arrive. **Students must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.**
- **You will have a designated area for your group to eat lunch** and can bring any lunches with you to store on site. Please no food or drinks in the exhibits.
- The museum is open to the public April-October. **Please help students remember to treat other visitors to the site with respect** by taking turns, being aware of spacing, etc.
- **COVID Safety Policy:** As many of our school programs involve close proximity for extended periods of time, **we continue to require masks for all school group participants during their program time with Billings Farm & Museum staff.** During self-guided time, masking is per your group's policy. Check with your teacher if unsure.
- **Have fun and enjoy your visit!** Billings Farm & Museum educators will be stationed throughout the site to answer questions and assist as needed.