



Greetings Teachers and Chaperones!

We're looking forward to spending this time with your class at Novick Urban Farm. Please read this information thoroughly and pass along to all adults who will be accompanying your group on your scheduled date. Directions to the farm and where to park are at the end of the document. Please sign and return page 3 to novickfarm@gmail.com prior to your first visit.

What You Can Expect From Us:

All visits include a farm tour with sensory activities, a lesson on parts of the plant that we eat, and a tasting activity. Hands-on engagement and "farm work" and/or lessons on a specific aspect of the farm can also be provided upon request. Field Trips generally run for 2 hours unless specifically arranged otherwise.

The farm is focused on growing fruits and vegetables. We have worms but no other farm animals.

Restrooms: There are several portable restrooms (Porta Potties) with a sink available for all to use during the visit.

Lunch: We generally do not provide food but you are welcome to bring your own lunch or snack. We will provide shaded areas to eat and for a respite from the sun. Groups will not have indoor access unless specifically arranged with Novick staff.

Drinking Water: Coolers with cold drinking water will be available.

What We Expect From You:

Please plan on arriving 10 minutes early. It always seems to take a little longer than planned to get here. Being on time is important because we want to maximize the time with your students. It's a good idea to encourage students to use the restroom before they arrive at the farm. Please note that all visits will end at the scheduled time, regardless of arrival time.

Role of Chaperones:

Groups are required to have an appropriate student to chaperone ratio. For early education groups (3-5 year olds), we ask for a ratio of 1 chaperone per 5 students. For elementary age groups (6-12 years old), we ask for a ratio of 1 chaperone per 8 students.

We invite all accompanying chaperones to participate on the trip and encourage them to help shepherd the students in their group. With their help, the educators will be free to focus on educational activities, not crowd control. Chaperones are required to ensure children do not run, stay on paths and follow all farm rules.

The basic 3 rules of the farm are:

1. Watch Where You Step
2. Pay Attention
3. Be Respectful

Also, keep in mind that the field trip is oriented towards children, so please ask chaperones to refrain from asking "adult" questions until the end of the program. We would be happy to answer more technical garden questions and provide gardening literature after the children's portion of the program.

Dress appropriately. All students, teachers, chaperones, and anyone attending with the class are required to wear closed-toed shoes and weather-appropriate attire. Make sure students are prepared for the weather and keep in mind that this is a hands-on experience — they may get dirty. Discourage nice shoes or clothes that cannot get muddy.

Bug spray and sunscreen is also recommended in the summer months.

Respecting the space: Our new space at Fort Mifflin has lots of exciting things going on but unless arranged, field trips will stay in the garden and educational space. We share this space with other students and educators and ask that everyone be respectful of the Fort's programming. For everyone's safety we ask that parents, teachers and chaperones encourage students to stay in the designated learning spaces and out of the Fort Mifflin historical areas.

Weather: If it looks like there will be light rain during your visit please encourage your students to bring rainwear and boots if they have them. Light rain is no problem, but heavy rain will cancel a field trip and we will call the morning of the field trip if the rain is too heavy. Classes may continue in case of inclement weather, as mutually agreed upon. Any of the following conditions will constitute cause for probable cancellation of classes:

- Temperatures higher than 95 degrees or lower than 45 degrees
- Thunder and lightning storms

Cancellations: If you need to cancel your visit, please let us know as soon as possible as we may be able to offer your time to another center. Please contact novickfarm@gmail.com

Allergies: Our programs may include tasting of seeds, herbs and vegetables. Please let us know of any allergies, and assign a chaperone to help young children be mindful of allergens.

Novick Urban Farm, Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, their staff and its affiliates assume no responsibility for care of children or personal belongings. Use of our facilities and property is entirely at your own risk.

Please Sign Below indicating that you have read and acknowledge the expectations of visiting Novick Urban Farm.

Your Name (Print):

_____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Center Name:

_____ Date of First

Visit: _____

Please email completed forms to: novickfarm@gmail.com prior to your first visit

Getting to the farm:

Novick Urban farm is now located at Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, it is a 10 minute drive from the former Lawrence St location. When arriving at Fort Mifflin, please follow the signs for bus parking. A member of the NUF staff will greet you and lead you to the garden space.

Directions:

Google and apple maps may tell you to drive past the entrance. When you are on Hog Island Road and see the Fort Mifflin sign, take a left and you will see the entrance.

If you have any questions or get lost please call Erin at 720-346-8064

