

# Instructions for the Butterfly Farm

Thank you for choosing all a flutter butterfly farm for your field trip! We are excited about serving your group, and want to pass along some information to you before your visit to make things flow smoothly upon your arrival.

If you plan to have lunch or a snack at the farm, we have five picnic tables available, and also open space to bring blankets for an "old fashioned" picnic in the country. We ask that you teach your children the importance of composting before your visit, and any compostable materials from their lunch sacks should be deposited in our compost garden. Any fruit or vegetable peels and cores will be the items they will most likely have.

When you arrive, please see the farm attendant in charge and pay them the entrance fees. If you pay with cash, please have exact change on hand, as most of our business is done with checks. Adults are \$6 each, children are \$5 each, and senior citizens (65 and older) are \$5 each. Teachers and bus drivers are free. Please let parents know so that they will have their fees ready. If you need a receipt, we will take your information and email or mail your receipt at the end of the day to avoid a break in our routine.

When you are ready for your tour to begin, have your group seat themselves in the presentation area where the wooden benches are below the flight house. The program begins here. The presentation and tour lasts approximately 45 minutes.

If your group is over 30 people, we will have to stagger the visits into the flight house. I would like to break them into classes, and give each class at least 15 minutes in the flight house. Please bring a parachute or plan other simple games for the balance of the children until it is their turn. We do have a bucket of toys for your use. Some groups stagger eating times for each class, which seems to work well.

We sell life cycle kits for \$20 each (includes two Monarch eggs and a milkweed plant to grow the caterpillar into a full grown butterfly. The kit comes with complete instructions. Once the butterflies hatch and are released, plant the milkweed in your garden to feed caterpillars for years to come! If any children wish to purchase the kits, we will need to know the number a day in advance of your visit.

If on the day of your scheduled visit, it is raining at 8 a.m., please call the farm at 454-5651 to reschedule your tour. Our flight house is not covered, and the experience in the wet rain is not as fun for the children.

Port-a-potties and hand sanitizers are available at the farm. Our flight house is handicap-accessible also. If you have any other questions, please give us a call. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.