



Elementary Curriculum Based Agricultural Tours

Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter Tours.

Thank you, for choosing Puddicombe Farms for your Educational Experience. As an alternative to classroom learning your children can participate in the “see” and “do” learning experiences on a 225+ year old farm. Each tour may feature “Lil’ Pudd”, Niagara’s first agricultural train, tractor pulled wagon rides. Children love learning about the needs of living things, growth, and the importance of agriculture today at Puddicombe Farms.

Here Comes Peter Cottontail (March-May) 1.5 to 2-hour tour

\$10.95 (+ tax) Grades Pre-School- Grade 2

Students will get to step back into the magical world of “Peter Cottontail” written by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins in 1949 and many of its elements had a long and distinguished literary and cultural history. They will also experience the sights of the beautiful estate.

1. Wagon Ride or Train Ride throughout the orchards, vineyards, by the irrigation pond and view the Niagara Escarpment (Students will observe by using all 5 senses)
2. Children love the springtime story, the tales of Peter Cottontail written by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins are read while guests use the wall words to interact during the story
3. Everyone will enjoy nibbling on snack and sipping on farm fresh apple cider.
4. Students will use their creative side during craft time and test their musical talents while singing the famous Here Comes Peter Cottontail Song.
5. Students will learn about how rabbits react and adapt during the 4 Canadian seasons while visiting with “Joey” one of the farms loving bunnies.

Blossoms, Bee’s, and Spring Planting April-May 1.5 to 2-hour tour

\$10.95/pp Grades JK-3

Students will be able to see the bee’s action firsthand while they play a significant role in food, farming, and the environment. They will also experience the sights of beautiful blossoms on the fruit trees.

1. Train ride on Lil’ Pudd as well as a wagon ride throughout the orchards, vineyards, by the irrigation pond and view the Niagara Escarpment (Students will observe by using all 5 senses)

2. Students will observe the beehive and investigate how each occupant of the bee colony work together to produce honey. Students will explore various bee keeping equipment by experiencing the tactile feel of each.
3. Students will plant a mini garden for your classroom. Learn about how the sun, soil, and water help plants grow.
4. Students will receive a snack while on their visit

Farm to You (April- October) 2-hour tour

\$11.95/pp (+ tax) Grades: 1-4

Did you know that cows are responsible for ingredients used in disposable cameras? Corn is needed to produce ethanol, which powers some cars and trucks, a renewable fuel!

This tour includes:

1. Train ride on Lil' Pudd as well as a wagon ride throughout the orchards, vineyards, by the irrigation pond and view the Niagara Escarpment (Students will observe by using all 5 senses)
2. Students will play games called "Farm to Table" and "Where do our fruits and veggies grow" to demonstrate how agriculture meets their personal and community's needs.
3. Students will also get the chance to find out what foods come from each farm product. This will explain how the natural environment effects agriculture to meet society's needs.
4. Students will understand the importance of buying local food.
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7. Different areas of the farm involving storage facilities, transportation methods, & packaging/marketing methods.
8. Discuss the Issues Farmers face with urban neighbours and communities. Students brainstorm solutions to these barriers.
9. Receive a snack while on their visit.

Apple Harvest (September) 1.5 to 2-hour tour

\$10.95/pp. (+ tax) Grades: JK-4

This tour includes:

1. Train ride on Lil' Pudd as well as a wagon ride throughout the apple orchards, vineyards, by the irrigation pond and view the Niagara Escarpment fall colours. (Students will observe by using all 5 senses)
2. Students will be taken to the pick your own apple orchard and will see firsthand how apples are grown, cared for, and harvested throughout the seasons. Students will be able to pick their own apple to take home.
3. Students will be taken to the packing shed and the storage coolers to see how apples are processed for retail. This will demonstrate the interrelationship between the natural environment, agriculture, businesses, and communities.

4. Students will discover what types of products can be produced from apples and pears.
5. Students will receive a snack while on their visit

Fabulous Pumpkins (October) 1.5 to 2-hour tour

\$10.95/pp. (+ tax) Grades: JK-4

This tour includes:

1. Train ride on Lil' Pudd as well as a wagon ride throughout the orchards, vineyards, by the irrigation pond and view the Niagara Escarpment fall colours and view all the fall crops and pumpkin patch. (Students will observe by using all 5 senses)
2. Take the pumpkin trail to enhance navigation skills.
3. Visit to the pumpkin patch and play pumpkin trivia where they will learn about certain visible features on a pumpkin.
4. Students will receive a snack while on their visit
5. Students will receive a small pumpkin or gourd to take home

Puddicombe Polar Express (November & December)

\$11.95/pp. (+ tax) Grades: JK-4

Celebrate the winter season with our version of the Polar Express! Enjoy an Elf guided winter event at Puddicombe Estate.

This Tour Includes:

1. Children love taking part in an interactive holiday story told by one of the estate elves, and enjoy nibbling on cookies and sipping on hot, hot hot- hot chocolate.
2. Children will enjoy a Train ride (or wagon, weather permitting) to the Magical North Pole with Saint Nick/Mr. Claus (Santa)
3. Children will create a special holiday bell craft
4. Children will develop their writing skills or drawing skills as they have an opportunity to write a letter or draw a list to Saint Nick/Mr. Claus (Santa)
5. Teachers should bring their phones or iPods because each class will be able to take a class picture with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. As well as other photo opportunities throughout the tour.