

To Whom it May Concern:

Mackey's Orchard is pleased, once again, to offer our Educational Tour Program. We are, as always, working hard to bring a quality, comprehensive program to your children.

Enclosed you will find a brochure of our farm, a sample lesson plan and a list of New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Content Standards (as of 2002). As you can see, a trip to our farm will be a fun learning experience for your students.

We have several tour options available to you which are as follows:

Base Tour: \$7.00 per person for groups of 75 or less / \$6.00 per person for groups over 75 people – Everyone who comes to our farm receives the base tour. The first half of the tour is comprised of a hayride through our orchards. Everyone will be allowed to pick two apples from our trees. The hayride lasts approximately 40 minutes. The second half of the program involves a tour through our market, bakery, storage, packing and cider facilities. This part of the tour lasts approximately 20 minutes. If your group is larger than 50 people, we will split the group and run both sections simultaneously. In the event that this happens we have a large playground facility for the market tour group to wait while the orchard tour group finishes. Employees of the school or organization do not have to pay for the tour, however parents/chaperones and siblings 2 and older do. No exceptions.

Additional Options:

1. **Apple Picking:** \$2.00 per person – While on the hayride everyone will be allowed to pick a half-peck of apples (approx. 5 lbs.) instead of just two apples. This option will be exercised as long as “supply” lasts. First come, first served so book early for this option.
2. **Pumpkin Picking:** \$2.00 per person – While on the hayride we will drive over to our pumpkin patch where each person will be allowed to pick a pumpkin (small sugar-pumpkin sized) and a gourd.
3. **Educational Barn:** \$3.00 per person – New for 2002 is our educational barn. We have converted our old cooler and store into an educational interactive experience. The students start out by watching a short film. They will then be given a pair of 3D glasses and sent through a 3-dimensional maze of fruit and vegetables. The maze ends up in the “museum room” where old farm implements and historical items are displayed and discussed. The final phase of the educational barn is a maze of pictures of various scenes from our farm. While it is hard to determine the length of time spent in the barn as it depends on how fast the children want to go through it, we anticipate approximately 20 minutes.
4. **Picnic Facilities:** Picnic facilities are available on site. We have tables both outside as well as under cover in our greenhouse.

We will be booking tours Mondays through Thursdays, beginning in September. We will leave Fridays open as rain dates. If it rains more than one day during the week, the first school scheduled will have the Friday date. The subsequent school(s) will be rescheduled to the next available date. We will try our hardest to accommodate everyone.

If you are interested in booking a tour with us, please call 908-475-1507. We can be reached 7 days a week between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. You may also contact us via email at cider@fast.net.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. We look forward to hearing from you soon.