



PROVING GROUND — FARM —

WHAT IS PROVING GROUND FARM?

Proving Ground Farm (PGF) is a functioning farm with trails, ponds, wetlands, and 80 acres of cropland. We have many different types of habitat, vegetation, and wildlife. The farm is a beautiful space for visitors to explore nature and agriculture safely. The farm is open to the public to enjoy and also hosts events to help local farmers, school kids, and homeowners learn more about the resources that surround them.

HOW IS TIME SPENT ON A PGF FIELD TRIP?

- Once buses arrive, one of our team members will board each bus to welcome the students and explain some basic rules. The kids will then exit the bus led by the SCD staff person and move single-file into our welcome circle. All team members will introduce themselves as leaders for the day and students will be split into small groups to rotate through different experience areas around the farm. From the woods, to the creek, to the fields - they'll get to see it all!
- Before departing, the groups will gather on the blacktop for a closing circle. This time is for sharing what we learned and what we are excited to share with our families.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

- Kids are exposed to nature in a picturesque outdoor setting. They have the opportunity to connect with nature and learn about where healthy food comes from. We love fun, hands-on learning!
- These sessions cover a myriad of topics related to wildlife, natural resources, conservation, water quality, and farming.
- It is of great importance to our team that all kids have a memorable experience and a lot of fun!



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Being outside is what we're all about so everyone should dress appropriately for the weather including:
 - Good shoes for hiking and all day wear - boots are strongly recommended!
 - Long pants to help avoid unwanted encounters with poison ivy and insects
 - Water/water bottle - there is no running water at the farm. Portable restrooms are available for use.
 - Sunscreen and/or bug spray
 - Jackets or sweatshirt layers
- It's encouraged to label students' personal belongings with their name in case they are accidentally left behind



Learn more about PGF!

