

# Field Trip Planning Package



*Pumpkin & Harvest*



**Green Acres Adventures In Education**

A not-for-profit Outdoor Education Centre owned and operated by Green Acres Outdoor Education

11123 Kennedy Road, Markham, Ontario, L6C 1P2

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## **Pre-Visit Checklist**

- Book buses and confirm times with Green Acres
- Collect Permission Forms
- Confirm number of parent volunteers
- Remind students to pack a nut and peanut free, 'literless lunch' (if your group will be staying for lunch)
- All students (attending for a full or half day) should also bring a snack and bring a reusable water bottle.
- If you anticipate needing accessibility modifications to your program please contact our office in advance to help us be as prepared as possible
- Ensure to bring an emergency contact list and Epi-Pens for students who need
- Come dressed for the weather - we aim to run our programs outside. Even if it is raining there is still some travel between buildings
- Trip payment is due upon arrival at Green Acres. We accept cheques or exact change. We are unable to accept credit cards. Please make cheques payable to 'Green Acres Outdoor Education'
- Washroom facilities are portable units from mid-October through April
- The program runs for the duration of the time on the confirmation. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend programs due to late arrivals
- It can be handy to bring the attached map to share with your bus driver on the day of your trip

## **What to expect at Green Acres**

Each class will be greeted by their Outdoor Education Specialist in the busing area. The job of the Specialist is to facilitate the programs with the support of the parent volunteers and teaching staff. When a teachers actively participates in the dialogue, presentations, and activities it makes the program that much better. While our Outdoor Education Staff aim to work as a team with teachers discipline and student behaviour is not a part of their job.

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## **Program Introduction**

During the Green Acres Pumpkin and Harvest Program, students participate in our fall harvest “hands on” activity, learn about pumpkins as well as other fall fruits & vegetables at our harvest display, have a hayride and participate in Fall themed co-operative game activities. Each field trip ends with the students having an opportunity to choose a pumpkin to take home.

All of our activities are based on hands on experiential discovery. Many of the activities include expectations mentioned in the Ontario Curriculum, revised 2006. Knowledge, skills and achievement levels are adapted to follow current curriculum documents.

## **AT GREEN ACRES**

- Students choose a pumpkin to take home.
- Go on a hayride.
- Learn about pumpkins and fall harvest.
- Visit the pumpkin display.
- Fall themed co-operative activities

### *THINGS TO NOTE:*

- Standard Program times are 9:30 to 11:00 or 12:30 to 2:00 for a half day or 10:00-2:00 for a full day
- Please dress appropriately for the weather.
- Students with allergies need to be cautioned.
- Green Acres is a non-profit organization and fees cover program costs.

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## **SUGGESTED PRE/POST VISIT ACTIVITIES:**

- Share a story about pumpkins.
- Visit a farmers' market or grocery store produce department.
- Make a scarecrow using old clothes from home.
- Sample Ontario-grown produce.
- Create a class story about "The Pumpkin Patch".
- Share a story about the changing seasons.
- Collect and trace fallen leaves in a "Fall Scrapbook".
- Draw a picture of a pumpkin patch.
- Discuss the many ways we can use pumpkins.
- Reinforce composting the pumpkin waste.
- Play a counting game using pumpkin seeds.
- Measure and weigh pumpkins.
- Compare sizes of pumpkins.
- Draw or colour a picture of a jack-o-lantern.

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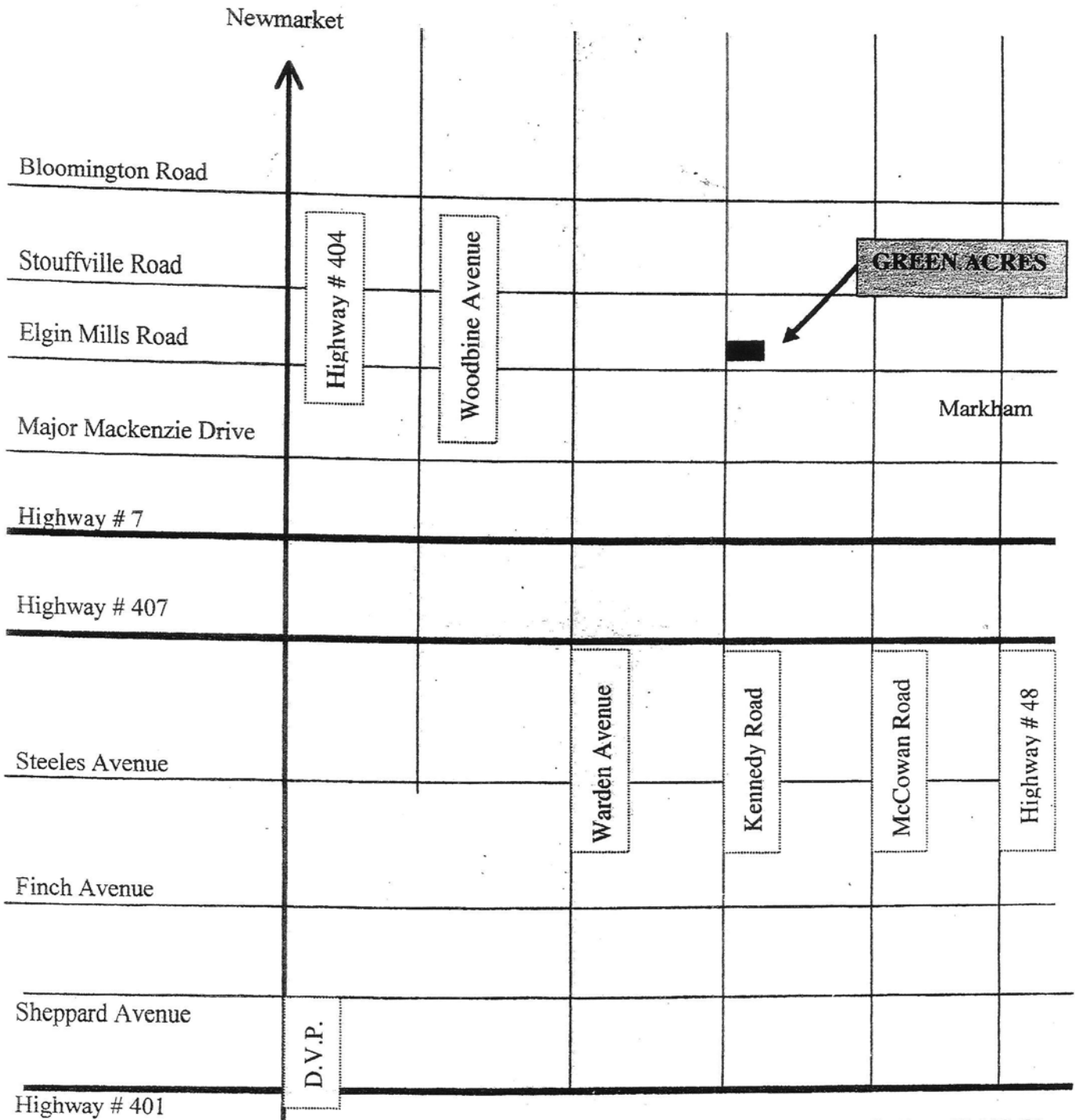
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# Map to Green Acres Outdoor Education Centre



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3 km. North of Major Mackenzie Dr.  
(north of Elgin Mills Rd. and south of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.)



## DRESSING FOR YOUR DAY AT GREEN ACRES

Since Green Acres is an Outdoor Education Centre the students, teachers and parent help are usually outside for most of the day. When everyone is warm and dry he or she is much happier and in a favorable condition to learn or supervise.

The best way to dress is in **LAYERS** with an extra pair of dry socks or mitts if it's winter. Extra clothing can always be left in the building where the students leave their lunch.

The following are suggestions for ensuring that each student is dressed appropriately before you leave the school.

**-NO RAINCOAT?** -- See if the custodian can supply you with garbage bags. It may not be "trendy" but it's dry.

**-NO BOOTS?** -- Plastic bags put on over socks before the foot is put into the running shoe will keep feet dry.

**-NO MITTENS, SCRAVES, ETC..?** Raid your **LOST AND FOUND**. Mittens do not have to match and scarves make great head warmers. Everything can be returned later.

**REMEMBER:** The temperature in the country can be several degrees cooler than in the city.

