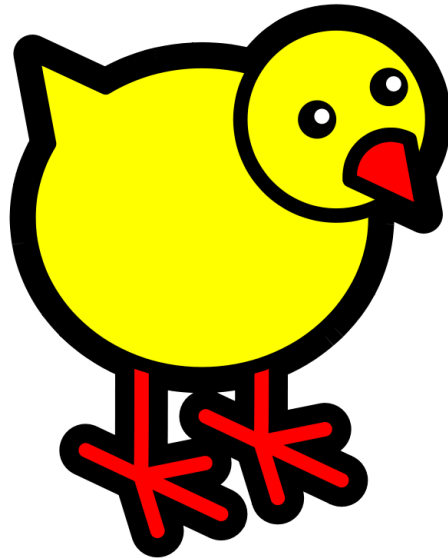


Field Trip Planning Package



Spring Fling



Green Acres Adventures In Education

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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, 'litterless 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 late-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 Spring Fling Program, students participate in our 'Spring on the farm' hands on activities, learn about baby animals including goats, sheep, cows, horses, llamas, chickens, rabbits and more. A hayride, and farm themed co-operative game activities are a part of each program.e.

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 may...

- Meet farm animals and their babies.
- Go on a hayride.
- Learn about farming, crops and the environment.
- Milk a Cow
- Meet a Rabbit
- So much more!.

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:

Learn farm animal names and noises!

Students can make their own animals out of tubes and pipe cleaners!

Just paint a small tube, paint it the colour of the animal of your choice and glue on the pipe cleaners to make legs, arms, tails, and wings

Describe what a farmer's duties are each day!

Write a story together as a class of what it would be like to live on a farm!

What kind of animals would you have to take care of?

What could you do every day?

What kinds of fun things could you do on the farm?

What would your duties on the farm be?

Post-Visit Activities

Make a Rhyming Poem of all the different animals you saw at the farm!

Draw a picture of all the different things we make from milk and eggs!

Each student can make their own picture of all the things they can think of and then put them all together for a classroom collage of the things we get from the farm.

Use this activity sheet to see how fruits and vegetables get from the farm into your home!

Students can make a sign to put in their own gardens!

Speak about how recycling helps the environment and the plants that grow, start a Recycling contest in the classroom to demonstrate.

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Farm to Table Activity Sheet



It takes several steps to get fresh fruits and vegetables to your dinner table. Can you put these scenes in their correct order by placing the correct number under each one?



Fresh fruit and vegetables are now in the store _____



Fruits and vegetables are ripe for picking at the farm _____



Fruits and vegetables are picked and put into a basket _____



Fruits and vegetable plants are growing _____



Seed are planted _____



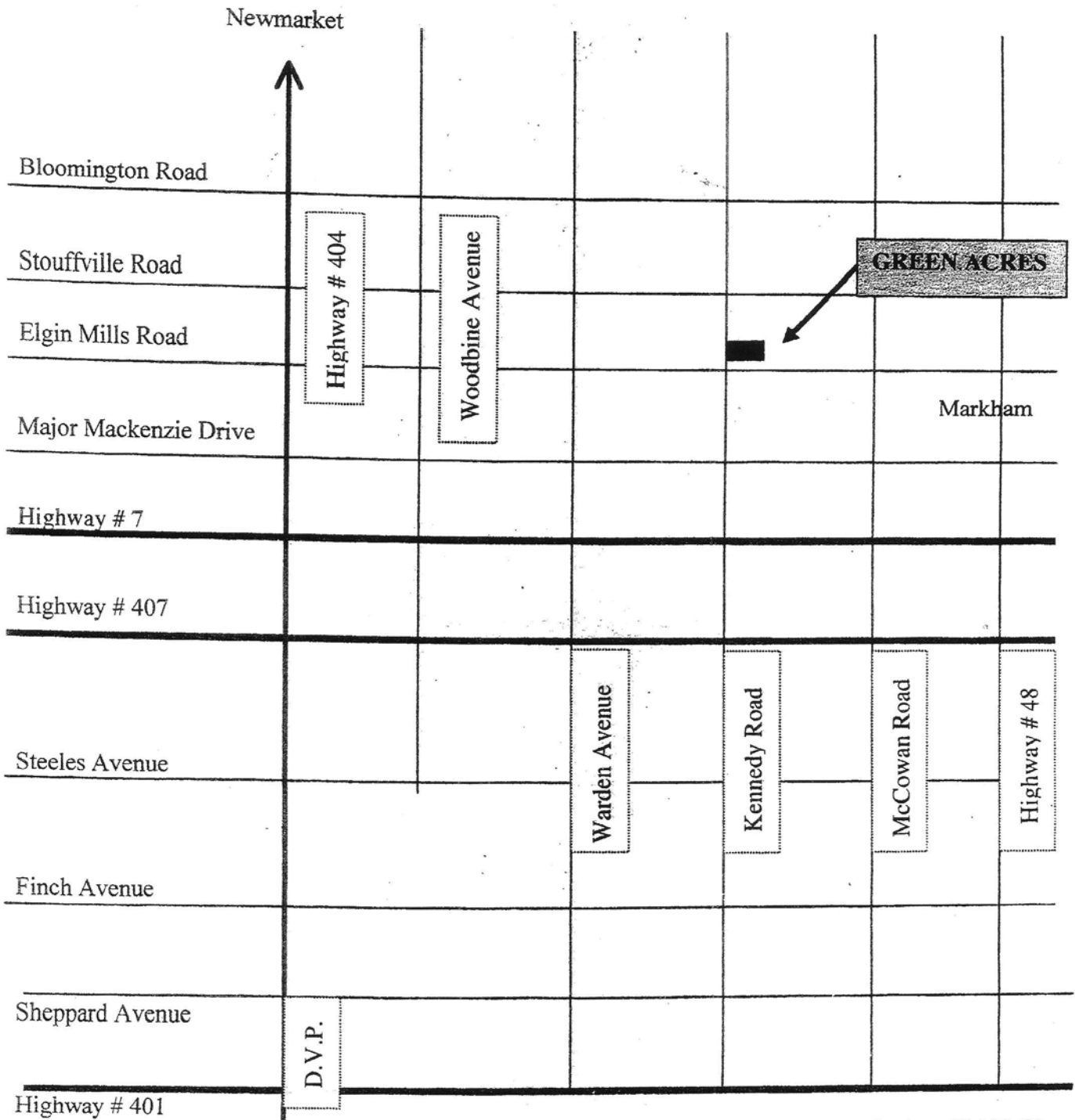
All the fruits and vegetables from the farm are on the truck to be delivered to stores _____



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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 19th 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.

