



8580 Albany Highway

Dawson, GA 39842

FALL FIELD TRIPS

MONDAY- FRIDAY
OCT. 4TH - OCT. 31ST 2023

We have incorporated Science Standards that apply to our farm oriented fall field trips.

ONLY \$10 PER STUDENT

2 Teachers per class of 20 children & Bus Driver ride the hayride FREE!

Give your student's young minds the fertilizer they need to grow this season with an exciting, hands-on trip to Mark's Melon Patch. Our school tours are a great opportunity for students to see the growing process of plants on a real, working farm!

Our educational tour of the farm will include educational lessons on how we grow and harvest our pumpkins as we take a Hay Ride in our NEW and SPACIOUS WAGONS through the Farm! Students will receive a mini pumpkin and pumpkin bracelet. Each class will receive 1 large pumpkin and a mammoth sunflower!

After the lesson portion of our Tour/Hay Ride, we invite you to stay and play!

Educational tours include free-time with the following farm fun activities until 1:00:

- NEW Gigantic Jump Pad
- Corn Barn
- Giant Playground
- Duck Races
- Sunflower Field
- Picnic Area
- Gigantic Jump Castles
- Corn Maze
- Barn of Knowledge
- Mark's Monster Slide
- Farm Animal Encounter

NIGHT HAYRIDES:
October 19-21 (Dark-9:30pm)

CORN MAZE FLASHLIGHT NIGHTS:
October 7,14,19-21st; 27-28th (Dark-9:30pm)



To schedule your field trip, please visit us at www.marksmelonpatch.com or call us at 229.698.4750



Mark's Melon Patch was established in 1981 when i was 17 years old. It all began with a 5-acre patch of watermelons that I grew and tended to on the weekends and school breaks while I was in high school and college. After graduating from UGA in 1986, we soon began growing many different summer and fall crops. As our fall crops expanded, we had many requests from schools to tour our fields of pumpkins, sunflowers, cotton and sugarcane; while experiencing our staff pick green peanuts straight from the vines! In 2016, we began to grow a spring strawberry patch and offer U-Pick strawberries to the general public! It was such a big hit that we continue this as a yearly spring tradition and offer spring field trips for schools.

Each year at Mark's Melon Patch, we like to try something new and exciting that will appeal to children and educators alike. This year, we have new spacious hayride wagons custom made to enhance your hayride experience and a new gigantic jump pad! We are also bringing back our education barn! Here you will learn fascinating details about crops and farming. I look forward to exploring our "Barn of Knowledge" with each of you!

Having school children experience a working farm, seeing for themselves how our fall crops are grown, and enjoying a hayride through the pumpkin patch, gives me tons of pleasure. Mark's Melon Patch is a working farm with a professional staff dedicated to giving all of our visiting school children an exciting adventure as well as a learning experience that they will not soon forget. Here at Mark's Melon Patch, we understand how important it is to have an educational field trip. To ensure a learning experience, we would like to help our educators as well. We have included specific standards and activities with a packet full of exercises and fun lessons that will be sent via email upon your arrival. Listed below are the scientific standards:

Preschool Learning Objectives Met:

- Students will ask questions about the world.
- Students will use their senses to learn about things.
- Students will use their words to describe what they see, feel and smell.
- Students will record what they see with pictures and words.
- Students will experiment using tools to help them learn.
- Students will gain an understanding that living things (pumpkins) have life cycles.
- Students will observe, explore and describe plants using vocabulary words that describe shapes and sizes

Kindergarten Standards Met: SKCS2b, SKL2b, SKC3La, SKCS4c, SKL1c, SKP1b and SKCS5a

First Grade Standards Met: S1CS1a, S1CS2a, S1CS2d, S1CS3a, S1CS7c and S1L1c

We are looking forward to having your class visit our farm soon. Together we can work to provide a meaningful learning experience for your students.

Sincerely,

Mark Daniel