

# *Hello Everyone!*

## *2017 Fun & Educational School Hayrides at Mark's Melon Patch*

### *Schedule Your Class Now!!!*

It's that time of the year again - getting back to school and planning your fall schedule. We hope you have included a fun & educational trip out to Mark's Melon Patch for the October hayrides. We are currently taking reservations for the morning hayrides. Please call early because the time slots fill up quickly. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the fun & the kids learn so, so much.

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

*Please see science standards on reserve side.*

#### The price per student is \$6.00

*Includes: Educational Talk highlighting how we grow and harvest pumpkins, Hayride through the pumpkin patch, a mini pumpkin, a pumpkin bracelet, access to the Giant Pumpkin Castle, the corn jump castle, the Pumpkin Playground, the corn and cotton barn, farm animal exhibit, corn maze, tour our new Education Barn and take a ride on a burlap sack down our new Mark's Monster Slide! Billy Joe the Talking Scarecrow and his cousin Billy Bob will be back this year, and of course all the excitement of seeing thousands of pumpkins! Mark's homemade ice cream will also be available to the students only \$1.00, lemonade to the students only 25¢.*

The time slots are Tuesday through Friday at 9:15 am, 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, and 11:30 am. We encourage all hayriders to check in at least 15 minutes before your scheduled hayride. We look forward to seeing everyone again. Don't forget we have night hayrides and flashlight nights through the corn maze. We will have hundreds of carved jack-o'-lanterns lit up. See you soon and Happy Pumpkin Hunting!!! From your friends at Mark's Melon Patch!

*Night Hayrides  
October  
25,26,27 & 28th*

*Corn Maze  
Flashlight Nights  
October 14th, 21st,  
25, 26, 27 & 28th*

**Mailing Address: Marks Melon Patch, 8580 Albany Hwy, Dawson, GA 39842**

**Location: Sasser, GA on Hwy 82, nine miles past the Albany Mall.**

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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! Last year, we were excited to grow a spring strawberry patch and offer U-Pick strawberries to the general public! It was such a big hit that we are continuing this as a yearly spring tradition.

Each year here 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 transformed one of our old barns into an 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 this year!

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. This year we have included specific standards and activities with a packet full of exercises and fun lessons that you will be sent upon confirmation of booking your field trip. Your students will meet up to 6 different science standards! In anticipation of your booked field trip, we are listing those science standards below:

**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 (activities included in packet that will be sent upon confirmed booking of field trip).

**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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Daniel