

Ann Arbor Farm To School Collaboration: Guide to Farm Field Trips!



Community Farm's chickens gather near a young student.



Students plant bulbs at Tantré Farm.

Community Farm of Ann Arbor

A community farm is a group of people - farm members and growers - who share a vision and a commitment to the health of people and the land. In return for financial and moral support, the farm provides its members with a share of the harvest, as well as a place to find balance, inspiration, and renewal. Community Farm of Ann Arbor is committed to educating students and adults about sustainable food systems.

Activities

Farmers Anne and Paul have extensive experience hosting field trips, from kindergartners to university students. They can work with you to design a learning experience for your students, possibly involving:

- Caring for barnyard animals (chickens, goats, cows)
- Planting, weeding, and harvesting crops
- Learning about their solar powered tractor

Times/Location

Mid-April/May/June: Weekday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
Also, trips can be arranged in the fall between September and mid-November.

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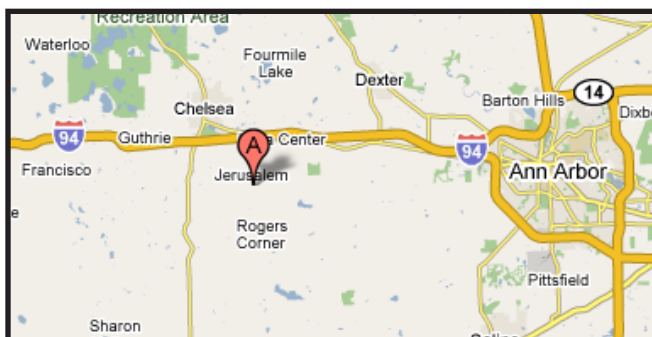
Scheduling

Call farmers Anne and Paul at (734) 433-0261 to reserve a spring spot asap.

Cost: No charge

Group Size: Between 25-30 students per visit

www.communityfarmofaa.org



Point A: Community Farm of Ann Arbor

Tantré Farm

Tantré Farm has been a certified organic farm since 1993, growing over 50 varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. The farm is home to an Australian cattle dog, chickens, LaMancha goats, and Guernsey cows. They sell directly to customers through CSA shares, at various local stores, restaurants, and the Ann Arbor and Chelsea Farmers Markets. Richard and Deb, along with their daughter, Ariana, live on-site year round.

Activities

Deb has a wealth of experience from summer camps, 16 years classroom instruction, and Farm-to-School presentations. She has hosted field trips with ages preschool through university student, and can provide your group with hands-on opportunities to learn about life on an organic farm through its animals, plants, soil, and hard-working people. A variety of learning experiences are available, possibly involving:

- Caring for barnyard animals (chickens, goats, cows)
- Planting, weeding, and harvesting crops
- Participating in an Edible Farm Tour and sampling various herbs, flowers, and vegetables

Times/Location

May-June: Monday or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
Sept-Oct: Monday or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
* Groups can bring a picnic sack lunch to enjoy following the tour, since they have picnic tables.

Address: 2510 Hayes Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

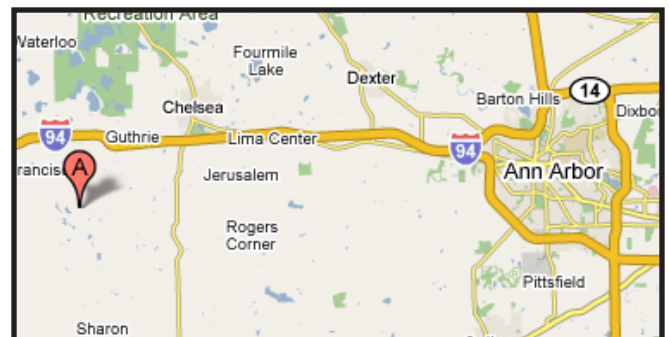
Scheduling

Call (734) 475-4323 or e-mail tantrefarm@hotmail.com.

Cost: \$1 - \$5 per child (sliding scale)

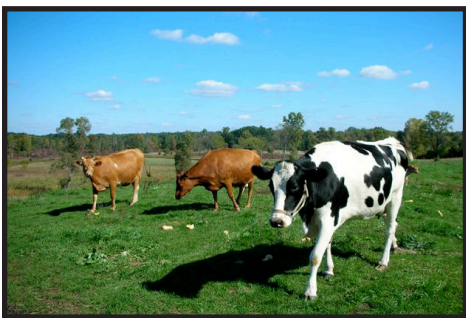
Group Size: Depends on the age and how many adults per child, please contact them

www.tantrefarm.com



Point A: Tantré Farm

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Cows enjoying the pasture at Tantré Farm.



Ann Arbor Farmer's Market in full swing at Kerrytown, downtown Ann Arbor.



Community Farm of Ann Arbor's solar tractor and Paul at work.

Ann Arbor Farmer's Market

Celebrating its 90th anniversary this summer, The Ann Arbor Farmers Market represents a vibrant history of local food production in Ann Arbor and the surrounding area. The market provides a perfect place for students of all ages to come learn about the source and production of the food they eat!

There are very few places where one can purchase directly from the individual who produced the food. A field trip to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market will give students the opportunity to see this type of sale in action, ask the farmers about how foods grow, and have fun with an educational activity!

Activities

Market staff will spend 15-30 minutes introducing the market to your class, and then students can complete a scavenger hunt, craft, or other activity at the market. Activities will be modified so they are age- and season- appropriate.

Times/Location

May/June: Wednesdays from 7am-3pm, with the best time for classes between 8am-1pm

Also, trips can be arranged in the fall between September and December.

Address: 315 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Scheduling

To schedule, please call 734-994-3276, or e-mail Market Manager Molly Notarianni at mnotarianni@a2gov.org

Cost: No charge

Group Size: One class at a time, with up to three in one day

www.a2gov.org/market

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