

## Arriving at the Fair

### School Group Entrance

The School Group Entrance is located at the East Gate of the Markham Fair Grounds

See map for general location.

***Upon arrival please have head count and money ready for welcome committee.***

### School Group Ticket Booth

**Location:** Welcome committee will meet you on your bus and will collect entrance Fee (cash or cheque)

**Hours:** Thursday and Friday from 9 am until 10:30 am

### Important Notes:

- All school groups arriving by bus, the entrance fee is \$2.00 per person
- Special Needs students and escorts are FREE

### Location:

Markham Fair is located on the North East corner of McCowen Rd and Elgin Mills Ave. When traveling to the Fair please enter onto Markham Fairgrounds by our bus entrance off of Elgin Mills Ave, east of McCowen Rd.

## Planning Your Visit and Important Reminders

### Quick and Helpful Hints for Your Class Trip

**Organize group leaders and/or chaperones and ensure they have the following information:**

- Class or group list with name tags
- Safety and emergency procedures; Lost Children, First Aid, Lost and Found.
- School name, address, telephone number, name of teacher
- Map of The Markham Fairgrounds, highlighting washrooms, First Aid, Lost Children, and any important meeting locations.
- Departure time and meeting location.

### Follow these guidelines for a safe and educational trip:

- Stay with your group at all times
- Watch for animals, people, and equipment in the aisles
- Watch, listen, learn, and HAVE FUN!

### Medical Advisory

The Markham Fair is a source of many potential allergens. Please consult with the children and their parents for sensitivity to animals and field crops. **ANYONE WITH SERIOUS ALLERGIES, ASTHMA OR HAY FEVER SHOULD NOT ATTEND.** Children with sensitivities should carry any medication with them. Please monitor children for any sign of difficulty and be familiar with the location of the First Aid station in case of an emergency.

### Animals and Exhibitors

Much like your dog or cat at home, farm animals are unpredictable animals. Although the owners take precautions to ensure that all of our visitors are safe we ask that all visitors ask before approaching any of the animals at The Markham Fair. **FOR THE SAFETY OF THE ANIMALS AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS, WE ASK THAT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS NOT TOUCH ANY OF THE ANIMALS WITHOUT PERMISSION.** If you enter into the Livestock Barn or Old MacDonald's Barn please note the following guidelines for a safe and fun visit.

- Cattle may kick you if you walk up behind them or out of their line of sight. If you would like to touch one of the cows please **ask** the owner before you approach the animal. The owner will be able to guide you to the animal.

- Horses are incredibly strong animals and their kick is very powerful. You must not walk within 4 feet of the rear of a horse. Horses are also easily startled. Do not touch any of the horses unless you have **asked** the permission of the owner, and approach carefully, horses sometimes nip.
- Do not run or scream in any areas of the Markham Fairgrounds. The animals are very sensitive to loud and sudden sounds.
- Please do not feed the animals at The Markham Fair. The animals at the Fair have specialized diets to ensure they receive the nutrients they require to live healthy lives.
- ***Please wash your hands using soap or hand sanitizer immediately after petting animals. This is for your health safety as well as the animals.***

It is important that all students, teachers, and chaperones wear appropriate footwear. Running shoes or casual non-slip shoes are best. In the livestock barns, visitors and animals share the same walkways and we do not want anyone slipping on or stepping in what we like to call our ambience....also known as manure. The owners keep their displays very clean but we can't be too careful when it comes to the safety of our visitors.

Please make yourself, your students, and your chaperones aware of each of the following areas.

### **First Aid**

Paramedics will be patrolling the grounds however if you are in need of immediate service please have someone speak with a committee member (Yellow Jackets or committee ribbons) or security officer. Be sure to report the location of the person in need and any information pertaining to the incident.

### **Lost Children**

***Tell your students where this building is located.*** Committee members and security officers will assist any lost person to our Lost Children's Office. Should you find yourself in that situation, please proceed to our Lost Children Office where there is staff present to handle all the details.

The Lost Children's building is located just inside the East Gates.

### **Lost and Found**

All lost items are taken and stored in the front office beside the General Exhibits Building.

## Rules for Visiting Old MacDonald's Barn

IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR VISIT TO THE PETTING FARM SAFE AND ENJOYABLE, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

- STUDENTS MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.
- ENSURE ALL OPEN WOUNDS ARE PROPERLY COVERED BEFORE ENTERING THE PETTING FARM.
- MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT HAVE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH THE ANIMALS.
- DO NOT PUT YOUR FINGERS IN AN ANIMAL'S MOUTH.
- DO NOT WIPE YOUR HANDS ON CLOTHING WHEN VISITING THE ANIMALS.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY WITH SANITIZER PROVIDED BEFORE LEAVING OLD MACDONALD'S BARN.**