

November 11, 2008

Dear Parents and Students,

Our environmental science class has the opportunity to visit Ovis Hill Farm in Timmonsville, SC. This organic farm has just been certified organic by the United States Department of Agriculture. We have just finished our chapter on food production covering a wide range of topics such as the global food consumption ladder, genetically modified crops and low-input farming including organic farming. As a way for students to have hands on experience, we will be traveling to Ovis Hill Farm to learn about their certification process and their methods of producing organic crops and meat.

The field trip will occur on **Wed Nov 19, 2008**. Students will leave school at 9:00 AM and return sometime between 12:00 and 1:00 PM on the same day. As stated in the handbook, students should inform their teachers that they are missing class and they will be responsible for any assignments due that day. Students will be charged **\$15.00** for this trip, which will be billed directly to their student accounts. This price includes the guided tour, the added activities and the transportation costs.

In addition to the guided tour, students have opted to include three additional activities. Activities include a butter-making session where students can make and then taste their own butter. A scavenger hunt will be designed to test them on their knowledge of organic farming and their trip to the farm. The final activity will be a trip through the hay maze.

Students are instructed to bring their own lunches that day and we will eat at the farm at one of their outdoor picnic areas (weather permitting). Students should also wear appropriate clothing. Due to the fact that we are traveling to a farm, students are permitted to wear older clothing, hats, sunglasses, and appropriate footwear. Be prepared to get dirty. Students should not wear nice clothing they don't want ruined. Dress in layers. Depending on the weather, extra clothes can be left on the bus. Students may also bring a few extra dollars. The farm has a small store where items can be bought. Ten dollars should be plenty.

If you have any questions concerning this field trip, please feel free to email me. You may also visit the farm's website at <http://www.ovishillfarm.com/>. Ms. Schock has offered to accompany us on the trip. Please see the attached form. This form must be filled out and returned to me no later than **Mon Nov 17, 2008**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Puskarz

By signing this, I acknowledge that I have read the above letter. I understand that the trip will be on **Wed Nov 19, 2008** and that my child's student account will be billed **\$15.00**.

Name of parent

date

Please check the appropriate box

My child **WILL BE ATTENDING** the field trip planned to Ovis Hill Farm.

My child **WILL NOT BE ATTENDING** the field trip.

Your child's name