

GATHER AT THE FARM

Details: What to Expect

A signed and complete Waiver and Release is **required of everyone**, adults and children alike. Upon approval of your event, waivers will be sent to you in both English and Spanish. Please be sure that all persons have completed a waiver and **bring them with you on the day of your party**. Please print two sided if possible.

Your tour will be outside, please note the following:

- Appropriate clothing can make or break your trip, dress for the weather of the day.
- **CLOSED-TOED SHOES REQUIRED.** No sandals or flip flops, boots are highly recommended. They will get dirty.
- Water bottle, hat, umbrella as needed
- Sunscreen, insect repellent as needed

We ask that all persons respect the following rules:

1. **No running on the property.** Most of our animals are prey species in nature; running signals that you are fleeing a threat and could cause the animals to get worked up and bolt. A 1,300 pound cow running in fear is not aware of you.
2. **No gum on the property.** If a chicken or other small animal were to ingest it, they would be killed by the obstruction in their GI tract. They do not have digestive systems to break down gum.
3. **Do not feed the animals.** They are fed a calculated ration twice daily by trained TUF staff and do not need extra food. Some plants grown in our garden are toxic to some of our animals. Human food is not appropriate to be fed to animals. By restraining from feeding them snacks we keep vet visits down.
4. **Keep shouting to a minimum.** Shouting can scare animals, especially timid ones like rabbits and chickens. Shouting should be reserved for immediate dangers or to signal an emergency.
5. **Only touch an animal when an instructor has given you permission.** Pet them the way you have been taught. Some animals bite, especially if you surprise them by trying to touch their face.
6. **Do not enter a pen unless specifically instructed by TUF staff.** If an animal were to escape and stumble in a prairie dog hole it could break its leg or it could run to eat another animal's food and get sick.
7. **Visitors may not exit the main building and enter the farm property without direct supervision or instruction from TUF staff.** In an emergency, we need to know where everyone is so that we can identify someone who might be injured or truly missing.
8. **Everyone interacting with horses, miniature horses, ponies, donkeys, or cows must wear a helmet throughout the duration of the activity.** Adults and chaperones over 18 years old may choose not to wear a helmet for ground work, but all participants must wear a helmet while riding.

Details: Site Information and Accommodations

Indoor Rental

- Private room
- Tables and chairs
 - Seats 18-20 comfortably, 30 is cozy
 - Electricity
 - No alcohol allowed
 - No smoking

Outdoor Rental

- 4 full size picnic tables
- 2 child sized picnic tables
- Accommodates 40+ guests
- Play area
 - 2 play houses, 2 horse swings, wooden play structures
 - Open, designated area
- No alcohol allowed
- No smoking

Trash

- While our staff is responsible for cleaning your event space before and after your party, you will be provided with a trash bag to help clean up large items such as wrapping paper, food waste, wrappers, etc. This helps us to keep our costs down.
- Please collect your trash into your garbage bag (please ask for extra if it is overfilled or ripping) so that our staff can easily transport it to the dumpster.

Food

- Prepared food only. TUF does not have a food handler's license and does not have a commercial kitchen to prepare meals for large numbers. We do have a small kitchen with a sink, microwaves, refrigerator, etc.
- Fires are not allowed. There are no "campsite-style" wrought iron grills on the farm grounds.
- Currently, TUF does not have a grill at the main building. Grills can be permitted in our back parking lot (near the indoor rental space). Communicate with staff to make arrangements for cooking equipment.
- Please notify staff if food is being delivered and please have a person from your party meet the delivery person at the main building. When necessary, vehicles may be driven on the farm grounds to deliver bulky or heavy items. Vehicles allowed with express permission from staff.
- Electricity is available with indoor rental only
- NO alcohol is allowed

Parking

- Parking will be most ample in the east parking lot (far side of the building when approached from Havana St.)
- Parking is also available in the west parking lot (this is the parking lot closest to the indoor rental area and can be used to drop off supplies).
- Overflow parking is also allowed on Smith Road

Decorations: Please communicate with TUF staff for approval of the kinds of decorations you wish to have. Things like confetti, streamers, balloons, etc., that are easily blown away and scare an animal are prohibited.