

Everyone at **Van-Go Adventure Farm** is getting ready for spring tours. We are excited to offer our program with some new additions.

Every tour at Van-Go is offered with or without a hot lunch. The choices for the hot lunch are pizza or hot dogs, slushie, juice or soft drink. This is accompanied by a bag of chips.

We have worked hard at Van-Go to ensure a fun-filled day while also learning about farm life, animals machinery, crops and plant life.

One of our new additions is a nature walk to identify plant life, bark, soil and insects.

New animals are another change happening at Van-Go this year. We have added to our families with a miniature horse. We have also added different age groups of each animal so the children can observe difference at each stage of life. We give the children everything they need to record these differences and to take their information back to school with them.

Grade Fours are in for a special treat with the **medieval fair coming to Van-Go on June 5th**. It is a complete day with jousting, medieval attire, food and language. There are demonstrations on blacksmithing, pottery and other crafts made from the time period.

We have implemented a more efficient system for staff to be identified with shirts for each team leader, colour coded with his/her group.

At Van-Go we have many hands on events that the children enjoy as they learn. We believe we have created a unique balance of entertainment and educational activities

Following is a list of all activities available at Van-Go that you choose from to make your day exactly how you would like it to be.

Duck Races – a team relay event enhancing group teamwork, everyone receives a medal at the end of this.

Pig Races – always a favorite with the children. A live pig show complete with script and named piggies.

Air Jump – another favorite with the children, we give each group a 20 minute frolic in the commercial structure.

Farm Machinery Demo – a 15 minute educational talk about the uses and dangers of farm machinery. The children are given time to sit on selected machinery. The importance of irrigation, fertilizer and a chart of the crops growth are highlighted in this event.

Pea Planting – each child will plant a pea to take home in their own decorated cup. An age appropriate talk on the different parts of the plant and the uses of plants in the cycle of its life growth.

Wagon Ride – an educational tour around the farm. The children stop halfway to plant a piece of corn in the field.

Petting Area – an informative talk on alpaca's, goats and miniature horses. Afterwards everyone has a chance to feed the animals.

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Bunnyville – anything you wanted to know about bunnies. Included in this visit is a carrot to feed our furry friends.

Panning For Gold – the children sift with old fashion pans to find fake nuggets. Also included is one gold medallion that they can redeem in the country store for a slushie or popcorn.

Birds – we have a selection of birds including a peacock and a wild turkey for the children to observe.

Pumpkin Planting – the whole group plants one giant pumpkin that is labeled with the school's name. The growing process is tracked on the website so the children can watch its progress through the summer. The school can pick up the pumpkin on their fall tour or make arrangements with us and we would be happy to deliver it.

Splash Pad – all the children have a great time cooling off in the splash pad. So be sure they wear their bathing suit under their clothes.

Wet Slide – another big hit with the children they can alternate their time between the splash pad and the slippy slide.

Worm/Ant Observation – a new addition at Van-Go, the children can observe up close the worms/ants activities. Included in this event is a short talk on composting.

Mini-Putt – always a hit with the children. Everybody tees off at the same time.

Nature Walk – the children are given material to observe and record their findings. They observe bark, insects, plant life and differences in the soil. These findings can be brought back to the school to study at a later date.

Country Store – a visit to the country store is another event at Van-Go. We can schedule time in your day for the children to shop for a treat.

With each booking we register a rain day to avoid any disappointment for the children.

The cost for children is:
0 - 10 **\$13.50** (plus tax)
10 - 20 **\$12.00** (plus tax)
20 plus **\$10.00** (plus tax)

Lunch: **\$5.00** (plus tax)

Teachers, teachers aids, bus drivers are at no cost. Supervisors are \$5.00 (plus tax).

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to call me at anytime.

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I look forward to hearing from you and I know the children will have a wonderful time.

