

Teachers, parents and school contacts!

The D.C. Farm to School Network at Arcadia is now hosting school groups for field trips at Arcadia Farm, a new sustainable farm located on the historic Woodlawn estate in Alexandria, VA! Our field trips are designed to connect students with where food comes from, while developing critical skills and meeting age-appropriate curriculum standards.



Field trips include a hands-on farm experience and an optional interactive chef demonstration. After a field trip, students will be able to make the connection that healthy, fresh food comes from the earth, and will understand the process of growing food sustainably. Students will be familiar with and recognize specific fruits and vegetables, so that they will be more likely to eat those foods when they see them in the cafeteria or at home.



Topics covered through hands-on experiential learning during Arcadia Farm field trips may include edible plant parts, plant life cycles, soil/water systems, crop rotation, farmer tasks and responsibilities, seasonality and pest control. Skills students will practice may include measuring, adding/subtracting, active observation, critical thinking, making predictions, written/oral presentation and cooperative learning.

Arcadia Farm field trips in the fall of 2011 will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am from September 6th through November 10th, 2011.

Click [here](#) for a general overview of the Arcadia Farm field trip program.

For more information, or to register, email SarahB@dcfarmtoschool.org

The D.C. Farm to School Network at Arcadia works to get more healthy, local foods into Washington, DC school meals, and engage D.C. schoolchildren in the farm-to-table process. Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture is a new non-profit organization working to create a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington, DC area that aims to improve the health of our community and the viability of local farmers, and to preserve the environment for future generations.

Learn more about Arcadia at www.arcadiafood.org and the D.C. Farm to School Network at www.dcfarmtoschool.org.

