

STEM-Based Strawberry Field Trip



Educating children about farming and plant growth is our passion. Our strawberry field trip combines **plant science** with **local history** at Oatlands Historic Mansion and Gardens. Bring your class to our strawberry fields at Oatlands for a **hands-on agricultural and history experience**. The field trip is perfect for all ages and will be taught to the grade level SOLs. Your field trip may include a combination of the following elements:

Strawberry Classroom (20 minutes)

As the bus arrives at Oatlands, you will get a hardy farm greeting from your field trip guide. In the strawberry classroom, students will learn about: the Life Cycle of the Strawberry, weather patterns and plant nutrients.

Strawberry Picking Experience (20 minutes)

Students will be led into the strawberry field and shown how to pick a strawberry looking for ripeness, firmness and color. Students will also see first-hand the many stages of plant growth. Each field trip participant will pick their own pint of strawberries to take home and enjoy!

Oatlands Greenhouse (20 minutes)

The greenhouse at Oatlands was built in 1810 and is the second oldest greenhouse in the country. Students will explore how the greenhouse was built, how it works and learn how strawberries were grown in it during the Civil War.

Oatlands Gardens (20 minutes)

Students will explore the beautiful historic gardens and enjoy the challenge of a scavenger hunt while discovering the many plant varieties.

To schedule your field trip, please complete the field trip schedule form at www.wegmeyerfarms.com. All questions can be sent to our Field Trip Coordinator via email at wegmeyerfarms@yahoo.com.

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