

4th Grade Field Trip



FARMAMERICA

Minnesota's Center for Agricultural Interpretation

Experience

Farmamerica allows students to explore Minnesota's agricultural history over the last 200 years. Students will learn and explore the past in a unique, hands-on way by exploring historic sites including a restored prairie, 1850s homestead and 1930s dairy barn. It's a history book come to life! With this immersive experience, they can see for themselves what the past actually looked like, making it easier for them to draw their own conclusions on the time period and compare/contrast the experiences of the past to life today.

Objectives

Students will be able to describe what life was like for early European settlers of Minnesota, what agriculture was like in the 1930s and how agriculture still impacts their life today. Students will leave Farmamerica knowing what life was like in Minnesota and being able to compare to contrast each time period to their lives today.

Typical Field Trip Agenda*:

- **Prairie:** Learn what Minnesota looked like before European settlement, including the plants and animals that lived here.
- **1850s Homestead:** Learn what life was like for early European settlers during their first few years in Minnesota. Experience three different types of homes from this era that the early settlers would have built.
- **One-Room Schoolhouse:** Compare/contrast current schools with what students in the early 1900s would have had, including recess!
- **1930s Dairy Farm:** Explore the farm site, including a barn, house, outbuildings and live animals
- **Blacksmith Shop:** Join our blacksmith as he fires up the shop and demonstrates the role of a blacksmith in the early 1900s and contrasts that to what blacksmiths do today.

*Please note agenda subject to change based on availability, time of year, and number of students attending. Limited flexibility to time frame is available.

Subject areas:

Science and Social Studies

Duration:

Offered in September,
October and May.
Scheduled for 9:30am-2pm

Group size:

Max 180 students per day,
divided into up to 6 groups

Cost:

Thanks to support from
local grants, field trips are
free for students to attend.
Schools are responsible for
transportation to and from
Farmamerica and students
must bring a sack lunch.

Grades:

These field trips are
suggested for students in
Grades 3-6.



4th Grade State Standards



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Science-

4.1.1.1—Students will be able to ask questions about aspects of the phenomena they observe, the conclusions they draw from their models or scientific investigations, each other's ideas, and the information they read.

4.4.2.1—Students will be able to read and interpret multiple sources to obtain information, evaluate the merit and validity of claims and design solutions, and communicate information, ideas, and evidence in a variety of formats.

FarmAmerica's Field Trips are designed to reinforce classroom teachings in a unique way based on MN State Standards. This guide gives a few examples of the State Standards we strive to assist with, and an example of what we do to help meet them.

4.1.1.1

Students will often observe and sometimes have the opportunity to participate in demonstrations and are given the opportunity to ask questions about their experience or observe at several stations throughout the day.

I CAN get a hands-on experience while learning.

I CAN ask questions about what I am learning at a station.

4.4.2.1

Students have the opportunity to learn from many sources throughout the site, including written, spoken, and visual sources of information. Students are often asked to give feedback or review what they have learned during their experience on site.

I CAN learn from hearing, reading, and seeing information.

I CAN share my thoughts on what I have learned during the day.