

SPRING FARM-TO-SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

AT CSU WESTERN COLORADO RESEARCH CENTER

The orchards and fields of the Western Colorado Research Center lend themselves to use as an outdoor classroom for hands-on learning in food production, life sciences, healthy eating, and civic service. The

WCRC has large fields for vegetable production, a Service Learning Garden for exploring, a shaded “forest” with picnic tables for lunch and playtime, and a classroom for indoor learning. We will work with teachers to design a visit that is right for your students!



WHAT IS WCRC?

The Western Colorado Research Center (WCRC), located in Orchard Mesa, is a Colorado State University facility where research is conducted on locally grown crops (tree fruit, wine grapes, vegetables). In addition, WCRC is the location of Community Alliance for Education and Hunger Relief program. This program grows fruit and vegetables for food banks, the Lunch Lizard, and the school district, while providing hands-on learning experiences for students of all ages.

FAQS

- **All field trips are FREE!**
- **How many students can come?**
We can host large trips of up to 70 students as well as smaller, single-classroom or club-based field trips.
- **Do you offer in-class visits?**
Yes! We offer pre- and post-trip educational visits to supplement learning on the field trip.

WHAT DOES A FIELD TRIP LOOK LIKE?

- **10:00: STUDENTS ARRIVE**
SETTLE IN, FOOD SAFETY TRAINING, GAME
- **10:30-11:45: FOCUS #1**
TYPICALLY PLANTING SEEDS IN THE FIELD & LEARNING ABOUT LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION
- **12:00-12:30: LUNCH**
STUDENTS EAT PACKED LUNCH IN THE “FOREST”
- **12:30-1:30: FOCUS #2**
ROTATING LESSONS ON YOUR CHOICE OF TOPICS (PLANT SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE, ETC)
- **1:45: STUDENTS DEPART**



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