

2016 FARM FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

9 am - 2 pm on Saturday September 10, 2016

9:00 am - 10:00 am ~ Processing Plant tour at R Four Meats in Chatfield, MN

• See where our animals are processed and meet the folks that process them. This is an opportunity to learn about what happens once our animals are sent to the processor, how they cut the meat, and see where we store it when it is done.

We will have fresh brewed coffee and pastries available beginning at 8:30 am at the R Four processing facility. R Four is located right in downtown Chatfield at 24 2nd Street SW, just one block off Hwy 52.

10:30 am - 12 noon ~ Farm Tour

• Learn about the history of our farm, see the animals up close in their natural environment, learn about the symbiotic relationship that the animals live in on our farm, ask questions to gain more understanding of how we grow your food and where your food comes from.

12:00 pm - 1 pm ~ Lunch and Fellowship

MENU:

Grilled Burgers
Grilled Pork Chops
Chicken Wings
Cole Slaw

Fresh Cucumber and Tomato Slices
Bars and Cookies
Water, Lemonade, and Coffee

• We will have a very limited amount of tables and chairs available. You will need to bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and find a cozy spot outside to have your lunch and enjoy the view and fresh farm air.

1:00 pm - 2 pm ~ Gather Eggs with the kids

• Sami, Caleb and Joshua take care of our hens and collect eggs and feed them every day. The young kids and adults are welcome to come and see what gathering eggs is all about. The younger kids will be given the opportunity to collect the eggs firsthand and fill up a $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen container. This is a fun opportunity to see what egg laying and collecting is all about.

Cost

Adults - \$20.00/ticket
Kids 10 and under are FREE
CSA families receive 2 free tickets with their subscription

A few notes/reminders:

- Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to have your lunch on
- Wear comfy shoes that you don't mind getting a little dirty
- Bring an extra pair of shoes in case your first pair gets dirty
- Bring a bag to put your dirty shoes in ~ haha, it shouldn't be that bad out here but one can't be prepared enough LOL
- We will be walking up and down hills, thus the reason for the name of our farm ☺ so be prepared for a little exercise.
- We will have a path mowed that we will be walking on but please be mindful that we have some prickly bushes around our farm, as well as some Wild Parsnip (not much, but this is not fun stuff to get into) ~ please talk to any children that may be coming about this. We will point out the nasty weeds before we start the tour.
- Along with the previous, please be mindful of any poo you might step in. We will try to have the path we mow clear of that, but I cannot promise anything ☺
- Fences surround our farm, some are electric, and some are barbed wire. Please tell your children to not touch any fences in case they would be electrified. We will also be telling them this before we start out on the tour. I want it to be a fun time, but not shockingly fun!
- We are hoping and praying for a sunny, nice day but please be prepared with any rain gear incase it should rain that day.
- Bring your cooler and ice packs if you are wanting to purchase any meat or eggs on this day.
- Bring your cameras! You are more than welcome to take pictures of our farm, pictures of your kids on the farm, or selfies on the farm ☺ We will have someone taking pictures for us as well.

This will wrap up our day. We just want to say a big "Thank You" to all of you for coming out and sharing in this special day with us. We hope you have enjoyed everything today and feel like you know more about our farm and how we grow and care for your food.

Thank you so much for your continued support!! The Austin Family

Directions to our farm:

Take Hwy 52 South to Chatfield. At Chatfield's first and only stoplight, continue south on Hwy 52 for 6.5 miles. Watch for the blue "Hilltop Pastures Farm" highway sign, and at the gravel township road, Jasmine Drive, turn left (east). Go just a quarter-mile to the top of the hill, and take the middle driveway. There is a large white farm sign at the end of our driveway as well. Our address is: **26134 Jasmine Drive, Fountain, MN 55935**

