Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the Food System Lab located?
The Food System Lab @ Cylburn is located on the grounds of Cylburn Arboretum (4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD). Enter from Greenspring Avenue on the left side of this map. Follow the signs for visitor parking. Find us in the hoophouse under the red star on the map. Restrooms are conveniently located in the building next to the hoophouse.

What are the fees for your field trips?
There is no charge for groups of under 25 for the standard 90-minute program. Please inquire with the Farm Educator about larger groups and expanded programming options.

What time of year does the Food System Lab schedule programs?
The Food System Lab is open year-round. Each season offers something new and exciting so we encourage visitors to come back during different times of the year.

What is the appropriate grade level for educational programs at the Food System Lab?
Our 90-minute educational programs are most appropriate for middle-school, high-school, and college students, as well as adults! Younger student groups are welcome for half hour farm tours.

What if our group is larger than 25?
Groups larger than 25 need to be split into smaller groups. Contact us to discuss options.

What should my class/group bring to a field trip tour?
We suggest bringing pens or pencils and paper for note taking; cameras and recording equipment are also welcome. The Food System Lab is located in a hoophouse, where the conditions, while sheltered from rain, are often similar to the outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather; consider bringing sunscreen, water, hats, jackets and/or umbrellas depending upon the forecast for the day. Our programs operate rain or shine! In the event of extreme weather, we observe Johns Hopkins University closings.

What is the student/teacher ratio for school field trips?
Bring at least 1 adult chaperone for every 10 grade-school students. We appreciate engaged chaperones, but please let the students have the first opportunity to ask questions.

What if our group is running late or has to cancel our visit?
We plan our day around your visit so please notify the Farm Educator by cell phone (number provided upon scheduling) of any last minute changes in plans, anticipated tardiness, etc.

How can I share feedback about our visit?
We welcome your feedback! We encourage you to fill out the survey you will receive after your visit. For additional comments, please feel free to contact the Farm Educator directly at foodsystemlab@jhu.edu