

# Bill's Berry Farm

## Party Rental Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I make a reservation?

Call or email us at 509-882-3200 or [info@billsberryfarm.com](mailto:info@billsberryfarm.com) to reserve a date, time and location on the farm for your party. At the time of your reservation we require complete payment in the form of a credit or debit card. You will then print the Small Group and Party rental form from our website, fill it out, and mail it to us: Bill's Berry Farm 3674 N County Line Rd. Grandview, WA 98930

### 2. When are party rentals offered?

Our Berry Park venue is now available every Saturday from June through October and also on 'Festival' Fridays.\*(see question 3)

Our fire pits are available during our Apple and Pumpkin Festival days in the fall- The last two Saturdays in September and all Friday/Saturday weekends in October.

### 3. \*Do you do parties on Blueberry Daze Festival?

No. Because our park is full of vendors we do not offer or allow parties during Blueberry Daze, which is the first Friday and Saturday in July

### 4. What times are parties scheduled?

On the hour starting at 10:00am

The last scheduled rental is always an hour before closing

### 5. Where are the party areas located on the farm?

We have two locations on the farm for parties and groups.

- 1) The Berry Park - this area is in our nice grass lawn, not far from our two playgrounds, the animal farm, the barnyard train, the apple slingshots, and on 'festival' days only, the pony rides. It is ideal for groups that include younger children who are attracted to these activities.
- 2) The Fire Pits - this area is in our fall area and includes several size and price options. It is close to our FarmLand and Corn Maze, Squeeze-your-own apple cider, pumpkin patch and our 'Little Farmers' area for children age 5 and under. This location has a little something for all ages, but is especially great for groups that include older children, teens and adults.

### 6. What does a party rental cost at Bill's Berry Farm?

Our party rentals vary by location and size, and are as follows:

- 1) The Berry Park- \$30/hour and fits 25-30 people
- 2) The Fire Pits- Small, \$20/hour and fits 5-10 people, Medium, \$25/hour and fits 10-15 people, Large, \$35/hour and fits 15-25 people, Extra Large \$45/hour and fits up to 40 people.

### 7. When is payment required?

Payment in full is required at the time of your reservation. We use credit and debit processing to do all our party reservation payments over the phone. The only exception to

this is in the event that your organization needs to be invoiced. Please inquire about this at the time of your reservation.

**8. Is there an admission to the farm?**

We do not charge a general gate admission. However due to county regulations that limit the amount of parking we are allowed, please be aware that on festival Saturdays we now charge a \$5 parking fee. We encourage you to carpool with other members of your group and split the fee and help save a parking space for another family!

**9. How do we check in?**

If you are renting the Berry Park you will check in at the red Farm Store and Gift Shop. If you are renting a Fire Pit you will check in at the Concessions trailer in our fall corn maze area and get your fire pit assignment.

**10. What is included with a party rental?**

A party rental includes the following:

A private party area for the number of hours you have requested

Table(s) for your group

A canopy or umbrella

A completely maintained and tended fire pit (if you rent the fire pit area) with roasting sticks

The ability to bring your own party or fire pit food for your group

**11. What kind of food are we allowed to bring?**

While we allow you to bring in some food for your party there are some limitations. Please read and follow these rules! We allow:

1) Party Food: this would include birthday cakes, cupcakes, cookies or similar treats

2) Campfire Food: if you are renting a fire pit we also allow s'mores makings, hot dogs and fixings, and similar foods

3) Picnic/Potluck Foods: such as sandwiches, veggies and dips, chips or similar foods

We DO NOT ever allow take out in any form- such as pizza, Subway, fast food or the like. We also do not allow you to bring in BBQ's and the like

**12. Can we get food from you?**

On regular (non-festival) Saturdays the only hot food we offer is donuts.

On 'festival' Friday and Saturdays we offer hot donuts and a full bbq. You are welcome to purchase food from us on those days, but be aware that both donut and bbq lines can get long so planning ahead will help you get food to your party on time.

For your convenience, you can make arrangements at the time of your reservation for the delivery of hot cocoa (fall only -\$15/30 cup pot that serves 20-30) or fresh hot donuts (all seasons - \$8/dozen) to your party area so you do not have to wait in line to purchase these.

**13. Is there somewhere to keep our food cold?**

No. If your food requires hot or cold keeping you will need to bring your own thermal containers

**14. What about a child with allergies?**

A child with allergies is under the sole care of the parent/party host. We bear no responsibility in regard to food or environmental allergies. There is dairy, wheat, peanuts, soy and gluten in some of our concession items.

**15. Can we bring decorations?**

Yes you are welcome to use decorations. We do ask that refrain from using tape to adhere decorations to our tables, benches or canopies (clothespins and string work well for banners, balloons, etc). We would also ask that you do not bring scary or ghoulish decorations that may scare children (skeletons, goblins, witches, monsters, mummies, etc.). We promote our farm as family friendly and fun with the focus on the fall harvest not Halloween. Our customers greatly appreciate the fact that there are no disturbing images to scare their children.

PLEASE BE AWARE that decoration set up and clean up must all happen within your rented time slot. Other groups may be scheduled before and/or after yours. If you plan extensive decorating please book an additional hour to all time for this.

**16. Are there restrooms?**

Porta-potties and wash stations are available at both the Berry Park and Fall areas.

**17. What clothing is appropriate for the farm?**

Please wear comfortable, temperature appropriate clothing with practical shoes for walking on uneven ground and getting around the farm. Summer can be hot and sun hats and sunscreen may be needed. Late fall days can be quite cool at times, so jackets may be appropriate.

**18. Who is responsible for cleaning up our area?**

You are responsible to leave your area in the same orderly condition as you found it. We especially ask that you take care of ALL your own garbage by disposing of it in the trash cans available in each area. We will wipe the tables between groups but be considerate of those coming after you and leave things cleaner than you found them!

**19. What if my party goes longer than I thought?**

While the farm is open all day and you are welcome to enjoy it with your group until closing, we ask that you are out of your reserved party area ON TIME. This consideration of those who have reserved it after you is greatly appreciated!

**20. What if it rains?**

Because weather can be unpredictable we provide canopies or umbrellas for our group party areas. The Berry Park canopy is 10x20 and amply covers the table area. The Fire Pit canopy/umbrella amply covers the picnic table, but does not cover the fire area. Please be aware that if wind is severe we cannot use the canopies/umbrellas. If the weather is very severe you are given the option of rescheduling your party (if there is an open slot on the calendar) or a full refund.

**21. What if we have to cancel our party?**

Before you book your party please check your schedule and make sure that day is available. If you have to cancel you may forfeit all or a portion of your payment depending on how close to the date of the party it is. If you cancel two weeks in advance you will receive a full refund. Any cancellation with less than two week's notice will forfeit their payment.

**22. Are pets allowed at the farm?**

Due to the Food Safety Modernization Act, no PETS are allowed at the farm.  
EXCEPTION: properly identified, trained service animals on a leash are allowed.

**23. Where do we park and unload our supplies?**

On a regular Saturday or a festival Friday, parking is not as crowded and you should easily be able to park in the parking lot near your party area and unload your party items. On busy festival Saturdays the parking attendant will tell you where there is room to park. If the Berry Park lot is full, you may tell the attendant you have a party there and you would like to unload your party items. You may then proceed to the loading zone near the gate of the park and unload your items and then return to park in the overflow parking where the attendant first directed you. This will necessitate a hayride shuttle from the parking area back to the party area so please allow time for this.

**24. Where do our guests park?**

Please be sure that you tell your guests in advance where your party is going to take place on the farm (either the berry park or the fire pits). On regular Saturdays and festival Fridays they should be easily be able to go directly to that parking area and find a space. On busy festival Saturdays they will have to park wherever the parking attendant says. This may be in an overflow lot that is not near the party and they will have to take a hayride shuttle to the party area. Please tell them to allow time for this by arriving at least 20-30 minutes early.

**25. Do you provide table covering?**

Our tables are in good condition (sturdy new plastic) and therefore we do not provide table coverings, but you are welcome to bring your own. We do ask that you refrain from taping table coverings to our tables, but use tablecloth weights or clips instead.

**26. Will there be any other parties during our party?**

Possibly. We have several party areas so that we can host several groups or parties at one time if need be, so it is likely that there will be others having a party near you.

**If we happened to miss your question, please call Julie at 509-882-3200**