

## ATTENTION PARENTS

We are excited to teach your child about our farm animal sanctuary! We are Helpers Of Our Farm! HOOF is a nonprofit organization centered around education and providing a sanctuary for rescued, donated, and in-need farm animals. Our mission is to provide continued care and a sanctuary to farm animals in need, educate children and adults by creating awareness of rescues and their needs, and demonstrate farm animal jobs how a rescue's life can be re-purposed for good. HOOF is a platform for the community to learn, grow, and volunteer.

Helpers Of Our Farm offers in-depth farm tours for the purpose of educating children and adults about a sustainable Homestead Farm, farm animals, and sustainable living. They will meet real farmers, get a behind the scenes view on how our farm operates, meet our rescue animals, and see how we live off our farm. Our tours are tailored to age groups to ensure the highest level of learning is achieved. Read more about our nonprofit at <a href="www.hoofnc.org">www.hoofnc.org</a>.

Please understand we take many safety precautions to keep all our visitors safe. Our petting area is set up to maximize safety yet still give visitors a good hands-on experience. For our younger groups, our visitors are separated from the animals by a long 30" fence on which they can reach over or through to pet the animals. Although we have taken precautions, it is still a farm and animals and surroundings can be unpredictable.

Heightened precautions should be applied to high-risk groups: Children under age five, people with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women fall in the category of high-risk for serious infection, and hence should strictly follow all the precautions enforced in the animal contact area. If you prefer your child to wear the gloves or shoe covers we provide, please inform your child's chaperone to do so for your child.

Please make sure your child's chaperone is aware of special needs and requests. They will be solely responsible for ensuring your child's special needs.