Just Kidding Farm Stays
FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS
AT ANGELIC ORGANICS LEARNING CENTER
offered exclusively during kidding season in March

We invite your students to experience life on our vibrant working farm.

Just Kidding Farm Stays at Angelic Organics Lodge
Experience life on the farm in a whole new way! Bring your class on an exclusive, overnight field trip package where students can engage with science through fun activities with newborn goats! There is nothing like the excitement of a newborn animal, and we’ll take that opportunity to teach about topics such as genetics, reproductive anatomy, and behavioral science. And if goats are born while your group is here, they will get to name a newborn goat! This field trip is exclusive to kidding season, so inquire now to get your class signed up!

• Choose from 6 exclusive activities that fit your curriculum best
• Stay overnight at the beautiful Angelic Organics Lodge
• Provide your students an engaging way to learn scientific principles
• Immerse students in the rhythms of farm life
• Select from additional farm activities for a totally customized field trip

Kidding Season Activities

• Kidding
Groups might have a chance to see a live birth while at the farm! If a goat goes into labor, students can witness the birth and see the beginning stages of life. This is a unique chance to see behavioral science on display, and observe the life cycle in a way most people don’t get to see.

• Goat Family Tree
Students make family trees to illustrate the genetic lines of our goats and look for visible hereditary traits such as: types of ears, beards, coat color, and presence of wattles.

• Goat Anatomy
Learning Center staff will explain the names and functions of a goat’s reproductive anatomy, and what can be seen during birthing. This activity teaches an overview of reproduction tailored to specific grade level and curriculum.

• Health Checks
A regular part of kidding season, students will do 3 daily checks on pregnant does to look for signs of labor.

• Farm Energy
Track energy on the farm starting with the sun and moving through all of the life forms found on the farm. This activity starts with observations of the farm habitat, and ends with making some energizing treats to feed the pregnant goats.

• Goat Journals
Students will create journals to document their observations. Journals can be focused on scientific observation of social interactions, herd behaviors, and instincts, or they can be a collection of essays or artwork. This activity is designed to adapt to Science Standards or Common Core.

March Farm Stays are eligible for exclusive kidding season programs. All overnight Farm Stays can include any additional activities offered at Angelic Organics Lodge, and can be adapted to suite any curriculum needs.

Ready to schedule your field trip? Email programs@learngrowconnect.org or call 815-389-8455. You can also find all of our programs and offerings at LearnGrowConnect.org.
Grades
Lesson No.
Concept Summary by Grade Range

3-5
LS1.A
Plants and animals have both internal and external structures that serve various functions in growth, survival, behavior, and reproduction. (Boundary: Stress at this grade level is on understanding the macroscale systems and their function, not microscopic processes.)

LS1.B
Reproduction is essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants and animals have unique and diverse life cycles that include being born (sprouting in plants), growing, developing into adults, reproducing, and eventually dying.

LS2.B
Groups can be collections of equal individuals, hierarchies with dominant members, small families, groups of single or mixed gender, or groups composed of individuals similar in age.

LS3.A
Many characteristics of organisms are inherited from their parents. Other characteristics result from individuals’ interactions with the environment, which can range from diet to learning. Many characteristics involve both inheritance and environment.

LS3.B
Different organisms vary in how they look and function because they have different inherited information. In each kind of organism there is variation in the traits themselves, and different kinds of organisms may have different versions of the trait.

LS4.B
Sometimes the differences in characteristics between individuals of the same species provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.

6-8
LS1.B
Organisms reproduce, either sexually or asexually, and transfer their genetic information to their offspring. Animals engage in characteristic behaviors that increase the odds of reproduction.

LS2.D
Groups may form because of genetic relatedness, physical proximity, or other recognition mechanisms (which may be species specific). They engage in a variety of signaling behaviors to maintain the group’s integrity or to warn of threats.

LS4.B
In artificial selection, humans have the capacity to influence certain characteristics of organisms by selective breeding. One can choose desired parental traits determined by genes, which are then passed on to offspring.