

# Day Camp Format

There is no one correct format for a farm safety day camp. The two most common methods are through a school or as a community event. The pros and cons of each format are outlined in the following table.

School-based Format		Community-based Format	
Day camp is conducted during the school day. Usually takes place on school grounds or children are transported to another location.		Day camp is conducted at public location and is open to the public. Usually occurs on a non-school day.	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large number of students and easier registration</li> <li>• Students can be divided by grade giving a more accurate number to expect</li> <li>• Transportation is arranged by school</li> <li>• Teachers are available for supervision</li> <li>• Teachers can follow up with lessons presented at the day camp through discussions and assignments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling conflicts</li> <li>• Time restrictions</li> <li>• Resistance by school to allow time</li> <li>• Parents at work and can't attend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility in planning</li> <li>• Anyone can attend</li> <li>• Parents may have greater opportunity to attend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsure about number of youth attending</li> <li>• Cost of renting facilities</li> <li>• Competing activities (sports, vacation, farm work)</li> <li>• Finding appropriate location</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Supervision</li> </ul>

## Tip

- It is difficult to have a large range of ages during the same presentation since older children understand more complex concepts than younger students.
- The age of the students will also determine topics, presenters, demonstrations and specific concepts.
- Middle elementary age students are often chosen because students of this age understand and can follow instructions if supervised.