

VISITOR CENTER

FREE TOUR & STEM ACTIVITIES

Join us for a fun and educational field trip! FREE for pre-k to high school students with a certified teacher during school hours.



Educational Tour

Adjusted to be educationally appropriate for your group

 Free Educational Tour (no activity) — Cheese Theater movie, cow lesson, hands-on exhibits & cheese samples

Ice Cream Activity

Pre-Kindergarten & older

- Each student makes (and eats) his/her own ice cream sample
- Lesson integrates science, reading, rhythm, listening & direction-following skills
- Food safety & nutrition

4th Grade & older

Cheesemaking Activity

- Student teams follow the scientific method to make cheese
- Lesson integrates reading, writing, critical thinking & measurements
- Food safety & nutrition



Students see the Cheese Theater show and watch employees package "the Big Cheese," 640-pound blocks of cheese. Interactive exhibits use multiple senses and activities to learn about the technology on today's dairy farms, how farmers care for cows, careers in agriculture, recycling and the health benefits of dairy products. All guests receive complimentary samples of Hilmar cheese.

School Tour Start Time: 9:30 am or earlier, 11:00 am, or 12:30 pm. Afterschool times available with a \$4 per student fee for an activity.

Tour Length: 45 minutes for the Educational Tour and 45 minutes more for Ice Cream or Cheesemaking Activity. Maximum total: 90 minutes.

School Tour Months: January through early November.

Group Size: Maximum of 120 students + chaperones per start time. Minimum group of 10 students. Groups fewer than 60 students may be combined with other small groups.

Teachers and Chaperones: We appreciate 1 adult for every 5 students.

Shaded Picnic Area On-Site: Plenty of picnic tables for large groups.

Food Available: School meals, a Café and Deli in our Visitor Center.

Schedule Today!

Online tour reservation form: www.hilmar.com/tours

E-mail: tours@hilmarcheese.com

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ONLY Place in the World to...



See the "Big Cheese" 640 Lb. Block



See the largest dairy mural

NEW!

Escape Game Challenge

"Secret Agents" use critical thinking and teamwork to progress

through challenges using skills in reading, math, measurement, analysis, maps and directions to unlock the secret answer. Note: this is a fun group game experience. Students are not in a fully immersive escape room.



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- Players: Designed for 4th grade and older; 6 teams of 4-6 students (classes of 36 or fewer). All groups will complete during the same 30 minutes.
- Cost: \$4/student. The challenge kits can be done in any of our spaces. Also a fun staff team building activity.
- Time: 30-60 minutes based on group size, maximum group of 36 players.

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Common Core & Standards

Our "intra-curricular" field trip and activities support both common core and NGSS.

Interactive exhibits reinforce reading, math and science skills; nutrition concepts; and career options. All students receive a hairnet, Hilmar cheese samples, "Daisy's Dairy ABCs" standards-correlated booklet, cow ear tag and a souvenir pencil.

Middle & High School Career Technical Education

Hilmar Cheese has many career opportunities. Entry level hands-on positions offer on-the-job learning and opportunities to advance through on-site training. Professional positions in many STEM areas like science, engineering and business require degrees.

CTE Areas include:

- · Agriculture & Natural Resources
- · Business & Finance
- · Information & Communication Technologies
- Engineering & Architecture
- Building and Construction Trades
- · Marketing, Sales & Services
- · Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- · Food Science, Dietetics & Nutrition



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