

# Pooley's Pumpkin Patch

Where the Kids and Pumpkins are Farm Fresh!

Join us on our real working farm, not  
only fun for the kids,  
but educational as well!

Tuesday - Sunday

10am - 8pm

144th & Bennington Road

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Opening Day

Last Friday in September

Closed for the Season

Halloween at 3pm

## Today At Pooley's Pumpkin Patch ...

Pooley's Pumpkin Patch is locally owned and operated by the Pooley Family. The Farm Fresh family of four include dad Jeff, mom Elizabeth and two children Madison and Jack. Madison is relied upon for a kids perspective to brainstorming sessions. She is always thinking of great activities for children and enjoys finding ways to add the "unexpected" to the farm. She will be taking over the books in no time. Jack is the chicken man. His vast knowledge (for an eight yr. old) of chickens and his fearlessness is both refreshing and a comfort to customers. Parents and their children have commented more than once on his ability to "Run the Coop". If there is a particular chicken you would like to pet, just ask Jack. If your little ones don't know how to hold a chick, Jack will show them. Sometimes you can catch Jack walking around with his favorite chicken, "Road Runner". He will even show you how he can put the chicken to sleep. Come let this farm lovin' family show you a great time!

### Entrance Fee

Adults & Kids over 2: \$6

No charge for kids under 2

Group Discounts Available with Reservations

Details Available at [www.PooleysPumpkinPatch.com](http://www.PooleysPumpkinPatch.com)

**RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## The History of Pooley's Pumpkin Patch ...

The 130 acre working farm has been in the Pooley family for over 80 years. Jeff Pooley and his brother Greg have farmed this land under the watchful eye of their father Paul Pooley and Grandfather Hans Neumeyer. Until 2001, Pooley Farms raised corn and soybean crops in addition to their purebred Limosin cattle operation. (Notice the spelling, the car ends with an "E", the cattle breed drops the "E".) As with all farms, change is inevitable. Jeff, Greg and their father decided to cash rent the farm ground and keep the cattle and hay operation. Pooley Farms won Limosin Commercial Cattle Producer of the Year in 2003.

As Elizabeth watched the farming operation change, she knew that she and her husband Jeff were headed for regular 8-5 jobs in the city. Wanting to continue her life on the farm, Elizabeth proposed opening a pumpkin patch to her husband in 2001. Jeff was hesitant and said no. One year later she told her husband she would like to open a cafe'. When her husband realized how many hours were involved off the farm to run a restaurant, he decided to say yes to the pumpkin patch idea instead.

After 3 years of contemplating, Jeff said yes in February 2004 and Pooley's Pumpkin Patch was open for business by September 28, of that same year. Today they still raise the purebred Limosin cattle in addition to pigs, ducks, horses, chickens, kittens and kids, and of course, PUMPKINS. Pooley's Pumpkin Patch is the authentic farm experience that many seek today. You might catch the combines harvesting crops, or a bottle fed calf in the barn.

Madison and Jack still have their chores to do after school and sometimes the dog "Fly" will bark at the kittens until your ears hurt. They love their farm and hope you'll join them for some shared laughter and down right good cocoa. It's not fancy, but it's FUN!

Relax in the wide open spaces, take in the smells of cool air and campfires. Sip some cider and watch your children laugh and play.

We invite you to come out and enjoy a day on our farm.



### **Pick your own pumpkin**

Catch the hayrack for a ride up to the pumpkin fields. We grow acres and acres of pumpkins from which you can choose. One of the farm hands will drive you up and bring you back. Stop in at the Merchant Barn with your pumpkins before you leave to get them weighed.

Pumpkins are .35 cents /lb.

### **The Merchant Barn**

Our Merchant Barn is reminiscent of an old General Store. Enjoy coffee and lots of conversation like the good ole days. This is the place to purchase just about anything you need or want during your visit to the farm including tickets for face painting, pony rides and the corn cannon. Homemade jams, honey, hand-poured soybean candles, gourds, Indian corn, hot coffee, cider and cocoa, souvenirs, crafts, and don't forget the cornstalks, mums and straw bales for your autumn decorating needs.

### **Pony Rides**

On our pony rides, your little ones will have a chance to get to know our ponies and horses. See first hand the care that goes into these special animals, then saddle up for a hand-lead walk. Our families' favorite horse "Lacey" will even get the adults excited about sitting up high and taking in the view. Tickets are purchased inside the Merchant Barn.

100lb Weight Limit Please

Pony Rides \$3.50

### **Pedal Track**

Let the little ones go for a spin on this track. Whether it's the trike or the tractor they choose, they never tire of going around and around and around.

Please observe the weight limit posted.

### **Petting Zoo**

Our petting zoo is a hit with kids and adults alike. Every year we have adorable piglets that you can pet and feed. Goats, sheep, calves and sometimes a surprise animal or two will delight the hearts of all.

### **Face Painting**

The kids will love getting their faces painted by our young artist! Let them be the 'star', 'princess', or 'king' of the day. They may also want to go home with an image of their favorite pumpkin patch activity right on their darling little cheeks. Tickets are purchased inside the Merchant Barn.

Face Painting \$1

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### **Chicken Coop**

Hands down, the most popular place on our farm! Why, the peacefulness of the baby chicks "peeps" to the fearless call of the Rooster and all the hens in between make this place the most memorable attraction for the children. Learn about the many different varieties of poultry and how farmers rely on every aspect of the chicken from the egg, to the meat, to the feet.

**Adult supervision is required for handling baby chicks!**

### **Cornyville**

We've filled our corn bin with 6-8 inches of corn and threw in a few buckets, scoops, and toy tractors to create our version of a sand box. Parents will enjoy a break while the little ones play.

Good luck getting them out...

### **Magician & Storyteller**

Every weekend we invite our magician and storyteller to the farm to add an extra dose of laughter to your experience. Between the amazing magic and the thrilling stories by a dusk campfire, you will want to stay all night...Sorry, we don't have enough beds for everyone.

### **Birthday Shack**

By reservation only. FREE for up to 2 hours. Optional campfire is \$20. Catering available or bring your own munchies. We do have a no alcohol policy. B-day child receives one free pumpkin up to 8 lbs. and one FREE activity bag. Consider pony rides or face painting for B-day guests. Please check in at the admissions window of the Merchant Barn. Payment will be accepted there before going to designated areas. If you are paying for your guests admission, please wait for your entire party to arrive or make up prepaid tickets for them to present at the window. Call to make your reservation or just to ask for more information.

**Will Accomodate Up To 30 People.**

### **Campfires**

By reservation only. You can relax by one of our campfires and enjoy the fantastic view of the entire farm! The cool autumn evenings filled with the smell of campfires, cocoa and smores is too much to resist. Toasting stick available with refundable deposit. Book early because they go FAST! Our campfires are \$40.00 for 4 hours. This includes enough wood for a 4 hr. burn, straw bale seating for up to 40 people, picnic table, large wooden spool table, trash can and nearby portable bathrooms with hand washing stations. We can cater meals, drinks, and smore packages or bring your own munchies. We do have a no alcohol policy. Deposit required. Call for details.

**Don't forget your Flashlights & Warm Clothing!**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

#### **From Omaha:**

5 miles north of 156th & Maple St. At the 4-way stop in Bennington, turn right on Bennington Rd, go 1 mile, Pooley's Pumpkin Patch is on the left.

#### **From Blair:**

Take Hwy 133, turn right onto Hwy 36, turn left on 138th Street, turn right on Bennington Rd. and follow signs.

#### **From Fremont:**

Take Hwy 36, turn right onto 156th St, go to 4-way stop in Bennington, turn left on Bennington Rd, go 1 mile, Pooley's Pumpkin Patch is on the left.

#### **From Lincoln:**

Take I 80 East to the Irvington/Blair exit, Turn left onto Hwy. 133 Follow this to Hwy. 36 and take a left Turn left onto 138th Street, Turn right onto Bennington Road, Pooley's Pumpkin Patch is on 144th Plaza, turn right