



(your name)

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
11:00-5:00

Thank you for your interest in the 2016 A Peep at the Coops tour. **We are EGGsited to host the 8th annual A Peep at the Coops Tour at Moss Haven Elementary** (9202 Moss Farm Lane in Dallas). Proceeds from this urban coop tour benefit Moss Haven Farm's outdoor enrichment and poultry program. Tour goers come from across the metroplex and further to EGGSplore the unique coops on this tour.

Please complete the following application. Extra pages may be attached if you need extra room to write, and please feel free to include pictures!

This year's tour coops will be selected on merit with a juried selection process after a **scheduled site visit occurring between January 15th, 2017 and February 1st, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact **Elly Weyenberg** at emweyenberg@yahoo.com; or 612-202-8604. **Applications are due Saturday January 15th, 2017.**

How long have you had chickens? Are they primarily raised for eggs/pets/both?

What breeds (and how many of each) do you presently own? What breeds would you recommend (why/why not)?

How did you become interested in having chickens?

Do you feed your chickens any special foods or treats? Are they allowed to free range? Are your chickens raised "organically" and are you an "organic" gardener?

Tell us about your coop. What style is it; site built or pre-fab; was it constructed by you, if not, who built it; its dimensions; is a run connected; does it make use of salvaged/recycled materials; any artistic/creative features; any unusual/homemade nest boxes, feeders/waters, heaters, etc;

Is there anything you would do differently if you were constructing your coop again? Are there features that work particularly well for you?

Any other interesting information about your chickens you might want to include? Stories, tricks, behaviors?

Does your yard have other sustainable features that would be of interest to visitors? Example: Compost piles, worm bins, solar panels, vegetable/herb gardens, beehives, BioPods, rainbarrels, use of WaterWise principles, other interesting birds or animals?

Has your yard been on other tours? If so, which ones.

Would you like to visit the other coops on the tour at a date TBD?

Will you be able to provide at least two people (preferably more) during the entire tour to help answer questions? If not, how many volunteers will you require? Children are welcome and encouraged to help!!

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) **Roosters:** As roosters are illegal in Dallas, they may not be on the tour.
- 2) **Healthy Birds:** All your chickens must be healthy and in “show/tour” shape (ex- a heavily molting hen should not be on the tour.)
- 3) **Coop Housing:** Coops should be clean and well kept for the tour with adequate food and water. During the tour all chickens should be confined to their run and not allowed to free range. This is for the safety of the chickens as well as the visitors. Also, please do not let your other animals (dogs, etc) run free during the tour.
- 4) **Available Parking:** Insure adequate street parking for visitors. Letting the neighbors know about the tour is suggested.
- 5) **Safety Considerations:** If necessary, you may wish to rope off portions of your yard not available to visitors. Do not allow visitors into your house.
- 6) **Hold Harmless Agreement** The Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the A Peep at the Coops – The Urban Coop Tour organizers, Moss Haven Farm, Moss Haven Elementary, RISD, sponsors, volunteers and coop owners from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs or expenses which arise out of any occurrence that happens on the undersigns property during the course of the A Peep at the Coops tour. Undersigned agrees to rectify any hazardous conditions on the property and notify organizers of any hazardous condition that could affect any visitor of the property prior to one week before coop tour date. Undersigned understands it is his responsibility as coop owner to ensure that the coop area is safe for visitors and that the organizers are relying on the homeowner to help ensure the safety of all visitors and volunteers.
- 7) **Photo Release:** Any coop (and yard) on the tour may be photographed by visitors and news outlets. I understand at this event or related activities that I, volunteers and visitors may be photographed. I agree to allow my and others photo, video or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers and or assigns.

*******Note: The tour’s sponsors, Moss Haven Farm, Moss Haven Elementary, and the tour committee are not responsible for any diseases, accidents, acts of God, etc. that take place before, during, or after the tour.**

In completing this application, I agree to have my coop on the tour and agree to all the stated conditions.

Name and Signature:

Address:

Email:

Date:

Send the completed and signed application by Saturday, January 14th, 2017 to:

Elly Weyenberg- Coop Coordinator
Moss Haven Farm
9202 Moss Farm Lane
Dallas, TX 75243

Please Note: The tour committee reserves the right to edit and re-write any submissions in order to fit into our brochure and internet sites. You may be contacted by the media for interviews.

The 2017 Coop Committee THANKS YOU for applying!