



## *Evergreen Farms' A Little Bit of Texas Tour Offers Hands-on Lessons About Texas History*

WHO: Evergreen Farms Christmas Trees

WHAT: A Little Bit of Texas Tour offers those interested in Texas history, including fourth grade classes studying Texas History, a hands-on lesson. The tour discusses the pattern of Texas settlement during the time of Stephen F. Austin and includes a copy of the original Spanish land grant.

Students learn how Evergreen Farms was a part of Texas history, as the ghost town of Hogeye was located on the property. A wagon ride around the farm includes urban legends about Hogeye and how the railroad impacted the small town.

Featuring an original working Chuck wagon, the growth of the cattle industry and cattle drives will be addressed. Students will have a hands-on experience by cooking and tasting cobbler in the Dutch oven over an open fire.

Students can also use new-found orienteering skills during the tour to find certain Texas history objects hidden around the farm. After a short lesson on orienteering, maps and compasses are used to maneuver around the farm.

COST: \$5 per child, with a minimum of \$50. Adults are free (teachers, parents and bus drivers).

WHEN: Weekdays from March 17 – April 25

WHERE: 242 Monkey Road Elgin, TX 78621

### ABOUT EVERGREEN FARMS:

Since 1981, Mike and Beth Walterscheidt have grown Christmas trees in Texas – first in Bryan, Texas and now in Elgin, Texas. The Walterscheidt's live on their 40-acre farm in Elgin, which was bought in 1989, with the first harvest in 1996. Beth Walterscheidt is the Immediate Past President of the National Christmas Tree Association.

Evergreen Farms is more than just a Christmas tree farm, it is an experience that you can share and enjoy with family and friends. Besides Christmas tree season, Evergreen Farms hosts the Great Pumpkin Hunt in October and A Little Bit of Texas Tour in the spring. Evergreen Farms was chosen as Distinguished Business of the Year and Agriculturist of the Year by the Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce. It was also selected by American Airlines as one of their top five favorite Christmas tree farms in the nation. For more information about the farm as well as the tours, visit [www.evergreen-farms.com](http://www.evergreen-farms.com).

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