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Parent/Guardian Reminder For The Summer Programs and the Jr. Vet. Program Week!!

Check your dates on the Registration information that was sent to you! It is a bummer when families show up for the wrong week and we have to turn them away. It happens every summer. Triple check your dates. Thanks.

Below are things you should know:

- * **NEW IN 2025. Three of our weeks end on Thursdays and three on Fridays!** Check you dates!
- * Find directions at www.OldMcDonaldsFarm.org. Use our directions please, not Google Map. Google is wrong.
- * We do not transport kids on Monday mornings. Please bring your students out to Corbett on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. "Grey Shirt" teenage staff please join us at 8:15 a.m.
- * Yes, we do transport kids on Monday afternoons.
- * If you are transporting during the week: Please meet us at the Farm Program at 8:30 each morning & 2:50 each afternoon if you are driving your child. Please go to our web site, www.OldMcDonaldsFarm.org and on the top, right of our Home Page, click on Directions. Google Map is wrong half of the time. Use our directions.
- * Taking our OMF, Inc. Bus during the week: On Monday afternoons, please meet our bus for Old McDonald's Farm, Inc. (OMF) at Concorde Career College, 1425 NE Irving St, Portland OR 97232. This is south of Interstate 84. Please do not go to the old Concordia University in north Portland! Enter on NE 15th/Irving where it is paved. Head north under the building and then turn right. Head east to the back of the property away from the buildings. Look for our OMF bus and the really big, old tree in the middle. Concorde Career College has kindly offered this drop off/pick up space to us but please be respectful and do not linger there please because we do not want to take up their student parking. They have asked us to drive slowly and watch out for the young people. Please drive super slowly and be careful as it is tight in under the buildings and there could be pedestrians. **DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE GRAVEL ROAD AT CONCORDE COLLEGE.** There is no access for parents on the gravel road even though our OMF, Inc. bus will drive on it. If parents drive on the gravel road, we may lose this parking privilege at Concorde. (The bus is too tall to fit under the buildings.)
- * Please do not be late! Bus times are 7:50 a.m. (parent drop off) and 3:30 p.m. (parent pick up) for The Summer Programs and Jr. Vet. Program Week. Thursdays or Fridays, respectively, are different! We do not transport on Monday mornings. And if your class ends on Thursdays, then we do not transport on Thursday afternoons. If your class ends on Fridays, then we do not transport on Friday afternoons. Please bring your kids out Monday mornings to our Farm Program in Corbett and then please come Thursdays or Friday at 2:00 sharp, **DEPENDING ON WHICH DAY YOUR CLASS ENDS!** Join us in Corbett at our Farm Program from 2:00-3:00ish on Thursdays or Fridays for the kid's presentations. Students have been working all week to share it with you, so please do not be late. Friends and family are most welcome. No pets allowed please! Please bring a snack to share at the presentations on Thursdays or Fridays, whichever day that your class ends.

*****Students are not allowed to have mobile phones, watches or devices at our Farm Program. Cell phones or other technology are HUGELY disruptive and are not allowed! Only "Grey Shirt" staff may have them out and use them for educational purposes and in case of an emergency, also. If, however, you have a health concern with your student, let us know in advance please. Otherwise, no cell phones and no technology!**

Please Bring:

- * Please bring bike helmets (or horse riding helmets if you have them) to ride horses Tuesday-Thursday for The Summer Programs only. No riding for The Jr. Vet. Program week.
- * Please bring well fitted, garden gloves or leather work gloves to wear each day. (Do not bring bulky ski gloves or dishwashing gloves please.) Get at BiMart or Fred Meyer. They must have well-fitted, hand protection please.
- * Students must wear sturdy, tied-on shoes. No open-toed, open-healed or slotted shoes. They are unsafe on a farm, unsafe with big horses and yucky! Running shoes are not the safest shoes either. Sturdy, hiking boots are best. Wear socks!
- * Wear layers! It is cool in Corbett in the mornings, please have them wear a sweatshirt or jacket each day...trust us, **THEY WILL NEED A SWEATSHIRT EVERY DAY** even when it is hot later. Please send a jacket with your child!

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- * Please bring a healthy lunch and water bottle every day and yes on Thursdays & Fridays, respectively too. OMF does not do food service.
- * Kids please wear LONG PANTS each day! Wear long pants that go all the way down to shoes. Jeans are the best for protection against stinging nettles, getting scraped by a pitchfork, or getting bitten by our snotty donkey, etc. **Capris pants, short pants, skirts, stretch pants or shorts are unsafe and not allowed!**
- * Please have child's bangs pinned back SUPER SECURELY and put hair in a ponytail each day, all week, BOYS AND GIRLS. Kids must be able to see well (all around them) to work with the animals and especially big horses. Kirby horse weighs 1,100 pounds. Kids need to see to move away from him. Plus, they will touch their faces more often if the students have hair flopping in their faces. We do not want bacteria or animals' manure on kids' faces. DO THEIR HAIR PLEASE! Please do their hair before you arrive! Please do not make us be the "bad guys." There is no fight! Their hair must be pinned up with metal barrettes, braided up, hair band or crisscross bobby pins added in the front!!! **Our insurance company and we insist on it for safety for the students.** Students are not welcome to join us if they do not have their hair pinned up at their foreheads and pulled back with a hair tie in the back. We do not want your child getting hurt. Keep in mind, kids need to be able to put a bike or riding helmet over their hair style in order to ride horses. Please, a hair band at the back of the kids' neck is not "pinning" their hair back. Please do something extra with it in front by their foreheads too. PLEASE GET THEIR HAIR OUT OF THEIR FACES, EVERY DAY, ALL WEEK! Thanks in advance on that. This is super important; strap their hair back!
- * Please lube up with sunscreen daily and send with the student. We cannot apply but we will remind them.

What is happening on Thursdays or Fridays? The last day of your class, we have kids' Parent Presentations! Yes, we are doing our Thursday or Friday Parent Presentations! Friends and family are most welcome to join us on Thursdays or Fridays at 2:00 sharp. We will end at 3 or 3:15 p.m. on Thursdays or Fridays, respectively, so please join us at the Farm Program in Corbett at 2:00 sharp. WE DO NOT TRANSPORT KIDS ON THE LAST DAY OF YOUR CLASS! The students will have a presentation for you so come join us and hear all that they have learned during The Summer Programs or The Jr. Vet. Program. We will not transport students back to Portland on the last day of your class. Please do not be late or you will miss it. Sorry, no pets! Please bring a snack to share.

**Please bring something to share on Thursdays or Fridays, respectively, at 2:00 such as fruit, cookies or whatever. Thanks on that.

What we are doing to keep your kids safe:

- Our Farm Program for children is located on a safe, secure 68-acre farm. We have lots of open space.
- Your kids will mostly be outside during the day.
- We serve only 18 kids each week and the same 18 kids all week.
- We will go over safety precautions with the students at the start of each week and remind them a lot.
- We will have numerous hand sanitizing stations throughout the Farm Program and will remind (and insist) that students use them regularly.
- We will make every effort to keep kids separated out.
- We will have kids hand sanitize and/or wash hands before they pet all animals and after.
- We will have kids use only their pens/pencils and clip boards and not share school supplies.
- We will also open up the windows and door to have an "open air" educational opportunity if we teach in the Schoolhouse. Our other teaching spots are essentially outside, just covered.
- We will ask students not to share food.
- We will clean and sanitize after each week of students.

Our OMF, Inc. Bus:

- Do not let the bus wait for you please. If you are not joining us, then call 503.695.3316. **Do not email about this on the day of please.** We are "old school!" LEAVE A MESSAGE. Call please and leave a message; No Texts! Thanks.
- We will only transport 20-passengers on the bus. The bus windows will be open for good airflow also.
- Students must hand sanitizer before they board the bus.
- We will clean and sanitize the bus often.

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What we are doing on really hot days at OMF, Inc.:

- OMF is in Corbett and is always cooler than in Portland, usually 5-10 degrees cooler.
- We end each day at 2.50, long before the hottest part of the day.
- We have lots of big, established trees and buildings for shade.
- We play water tag regularly on hot days.
- We encourage kids to drink lots and lots of water regularly. Please always send them with a water bottle, we can refill them.
- The bus is parked in the cool shade before we head out, always.
- We have squirt bottles on the bus so kids can squirt themselves.
- Kids do better in the heat than adults.
- We do not have concrete or black top out at OMF, Inc. to heat up and hold the heat.
- The heat has always been manageable. In 27 years, we have never had any trouble with too much heat or heat stroke for a student or an animal.

GREY SHIRTS! If you are a parent of a Student Summer Helper (11 & 12) or a Student Camp Counselor (13 & above), called a "Grey Shirt", please send them on Monday morning with a filled out and signed SSH/SCC Contract that you have read in advance, filled out and signed also. Please bring them out at 8.15 a.m. on that first Monday morning. They need to wear belts, watches, boots, etc. See the contract for more on what they need to bring. Please print, fill out and bring the SSH/SCC contract hardcopy with you or your student on Monday. Please do not email it to us...bring it Monday morning with a "wet" signature. We thank you.

*If you are not joining us for the day or the week, please let us know! Do not let us wait and then have to call you please. We will call you! Please help our small non-profit with a small staff and let us know in advance. If your student misses a day, they will miss a lot and then be at a disadvantage both with learned skills and academically also. Please let us know early so we can open it up to another family if you cannot join us for the weeks.

Ask about the Day Visit Program or stay overnight during the Farmer For A Day Program. Plus, check out the Saturday One-Day Workshops or our Open House in May, 'Friday Family Farm Field Night Fun' in June, Movie Night in July, Harvest Festival in September or the Cottage Christmas Tea. See them on our Home Page and sign up that way!

Thanks again for your interest and registration. We look forward to a lovely summer with your family.

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