



Old McDonald's Farm, Inc.

A Non-Profit Children's Program • Est. 1994

Six weeks of The Summer Program and The Jr. Vet. Program (Week)!

Parent/Guardian Reminder For The Week! Adults, please always wear masks when you are at the Farm Program. Students must have masks also. Thanks.

Below are things you should know:

* **We do not transport on Monday mornings!** Please meet us out at the Farm Program in Corbett on Monday mornings at 8:30 on the first day. Find directions on the top & right of our Home Page,

www.OldMcDonaldsFarm.org. Do not use Google Map, it is wrong half the time. Use our directions please.

* 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. Use our directions.

* **If we are driving your student on our OMF 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 all those buildings. Look for our 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 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. Fridays are different! **We do not transport on Monday mornings.**

Below are items your student must have:

* Please bring a bike helmet to ride the horses.

* Please bring well-fitted, work gloves Each Day!!! The gloves must fit the kid's hands and fingers. Garden gloves are fine. Get at Fred Meyer, garden stores, Bi-Mart, etc.

* 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!

* 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 bring a healthy lunch and water bottle every day and yes on Fridays too. We do not do food service.

* Please have kids 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, etc. Stretch pants are not good. **Capris pants, skirts, stretch pants or shorts are unsafe and not allowed.**

* Please have child's bangs pinned back **SUPER SECURELY** and 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. Please do their hair before you arrive. It will take too long for us to do 10 kids' hair. Please do their hair before you arrive.

* Please lube up with sunscreen daily and send with the student. We cannot apply but we will remind them.

What is happening on Fridays?

Given the Virus, we are not doing our Friday Wrap Up Party as usual. Friends and family are not welcome to join us on Friday afternoons please, as in the past. Please send a lunch all week and on Fridays too. **We will end at 1:00 on Fridays so please plan to pick up your student at the Farm Program in Corbett at 1:00 on Fridays only. We will not transport students back to Portland on Fridays!**

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What we are doing to keep your kids safe:

- Recall that our Farm Program for children is located on a safe, secure 68-acre farm. We have lots of open space.
- Your kids will be mostly outside during the day.
- We will not simultaneously run Day Visit Programs during the week as we always have in the past.
- We reduced the students served to a maximum of 10 kids each week.
- We will take students' temperature every day if they take our bus or as they arrive at the Farm Program. If they have a temperature or other symptoms, we will ask them to go home. Please wait for this before you leave the property or bus stop until we get the student's checked.
- We will take parents/guardians' temperature on Monday mornings as they bring students in and visit our Farm Program, if they are staying. If just dropping off, then we won't.
- We will go over safety precautions with the students at the start of each week and remind them a lot.
- We have all the contact "tracer" information just in case.
- 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 not play games that have kids hold hands nor marshmallow tag.
- 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.
- We will have assigned and separated seating in the Schoolhouse, one student per bench. We will also open up the windows and the "garage type" door to have an "open air" educational opportunity.
- We will have assigned and separated seating in the Bulb Shed where we will spend some of the day. It is covered but essentially outside.
- We will have separated and assigned seating on the sitting rocks and stumps outside.
- We will ask students to not share food.

What we are doing on our OMF Bus to keep your kids safe:

- The bus will be reduced to only transporting 12 (students and 'Grey Shirt' students that are staff too), it is a 20-passenger bus. The bus windows will all be open also.
- The driver, Mr. Wayne, will wear a mask and sanitize after each trip.
- We will go over bus safety precautions with students at the start of each week.
- ALL STUDENTS ON THE BUS PLEASE NEED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.
- We will have assigned seating on the bus each day, every week.
- If your students "carpool," live together or play together already, then please let Mr. Wayne know so they can sit together on the bus. They still will be required to sit in the assigned seating, wear a mask and be separated out. They can sit near one another though.
- Students must hand sanitize before they board the bus and as they are getting off the bus also.

What we are doing on really hot days at OMF:

- OMF in Corbett is always cooler than in town, 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 for shade.
- We play water tag pretty regularly on hot days.
- We encourage kids to drink lots and lots of water regularly. Please always send them with a water bottle.
- 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.



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- We do not have concrete or black top out at OMF to heat up and hold the heat.
- The heat has always been manageable. In 25 years, we have never had any trouble with too much heat or heat stroke for a student.

PLEASE: All parents/guardians must fill out a Covid 19 Release Form for their student please. We will have hard copies at the Farm Program upon arrival, but you can get it now on the top right of our Home Page, www.OldMcDonaldsFarm.org and print it, fill it out and sign it. Every student under the age of 18 must have one of those hard copy forms given to us upon arrival. If you are not driving your own student, make sure that the driver or your student has this Covid 19 Release Form. No exceptions!

Please plan to join us for a Day Visit Program or stay overnight during the Farmer For A Day Program. Plus, check out the Saturday One-Day Workshops, our fall Pumpkin Pick event, Santa Days at Christmastime and more.

We look forward to having you and your student join us for a Program(s) this season. Questions, please contact us.

Thanks again for your interest and registration. We are grateful.

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