



Old McDonald's Farm, Inc.

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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 indoors 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. This is for students as well as "Grey Shirt" staff please. 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.

* **Taking 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 nor Fridays afternoons. Please bring your kids out Monday mornings to our Farm Program in Corbett and then please come out on Fridays at 2:00 sharp. Join us in Corbett at our Farm Program from 2.00-3.00 on Fridays for the kid's presentations. Friends and family are welcome. No pets allowed please!**

NEW THIS YEAR! Students are not allowed to have mobile phones or devices at our Farm Program. Cell phones are a huge disruption and are not allowed! Only Grey Shirt staff may have them out and use them and we will use them in case of emergency, also. If, however, you have a health concern with your student, let us know in advance please. Otherwise, no cell phones!

Below are items your student must have:

* **EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE A COVID RELEASE OF CLAIMS FORM.** Please bring the hard copy with you or send with the driver. Do no email it to us. Students may not participate without this form filled out and signed.

* Given what we know right now about Covid, kids will only need to wear masks when they are on the bus and when they are inside the Schoolhouse. If they are outside, we won't require them to wear masks. **Please send your kids with masks.** We do not have extra masks to give to students. Please send two masks for each student, to be safe. The mask requirement could change depending on the State recommendations. To be safe, send them with two masks (kids lose masks, so send with two please).

* Please bring a **bike helmet** or a horse riding helmet to ride the horses Each Day!

* Please bring well-fitted, **work gloves** Each Day! The gloves must fit the kid's hands and fingers. No ski gloves; they need work gloves please. Garden gloves are fine. Get at Fred Meyer, garden stores, Bi-Mart, etc.



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- * 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 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 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. Please do their hair before you arrive. It will take too long for us to do 15 kids' hair and it will cut into the time spent with animals and horses. **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?

We are doing our Friday Wrap Up Party as usual. Friends and family are most welcome to join us on Friday afternoons at 2.00 sharp please. **We will end at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays so please join us at the Farm Program in Corbett at 2:00 on Fridays only. The students will have a presentation for you so come join us. We will not transport students back to Portland on Friday afternoons!** Friends and family are most welcome but sorry, no pets at all. A snack and ice water will be provided.

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 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 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 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 school supplies.
- We will have assigned and separated seating. We will also open up the windows and the "garage type" 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 to not share food.
- We will clean and sanitize after each week of students.

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

- **Do not let the bus wait for you. If you are not joining us, then call 503.695.3316.**
- We will only transport 20-passengers on the bus. The bus windows will be open for good airflow also.
- 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.
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- 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 but they can sit near one another.
- Students must hand sanitize before they board the bus.
- We will clean and sanitize the bus after each week.

What we are doing on really hot days at OMF:

- 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 pretty 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 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 or an animal.

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 please get it now on the top right of our Home Page, www.OldMcDonaldsFarm.org and print it, fill it out and sign it now. Please do not mail or email it to us. Bring the hard copy please. Every student (participant student or Grey Shirt student) must have one of those hard copy forms given to us upon arrival. If you are not driving your own student out Monday morning, then make sure that the driver or your student has this Covid 19 Release Form. No exceptions! Each student and Grey Shirt staff must have one this year. They cannot stay and participate at our program without the Covid Release Form. Our insurance company insists on that.

GREY SHIRTS! If you are a parent of a Student Summer Helper or a Student Camp Counselor (Grey Shirt), please send them with a filled out and signed **Covid form AND a SSH/SCC Contract** that you have read in advance, filled out and signed also. They need to wear belts, watches, boots, etc. See the contract for more on what they need to bring. Please print out and read the contract and bring the SSH/SCC contract with you or your student. We thank you.

Please plan to join us for an Open House, 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 Day at Christmastime and more.

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

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

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