

# Oregon Country Fair GUIDELINES

JULY 12, 13 & 14, 2024



PLEASE POST THIS BOOKLET  
WHERE YOUR CREW AND  
BOOTHMATES WILL SEE IT.



# Who We Are

**The Oregon Country Fair** (OCF) creates events and experiences that nourish the spirit, explore living artfully and authentically on Earth, and transform culture in magical, joyous and healthy ways.

The OCF is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation overseen by a Board of Directors elected by the membership. The OCF depends on hundreds of dedicated volunteers whose work is supported by eleven employees.

You are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Directors. Please check the Calendar for the schedule. We encourage you to read the monthly *Fair Family News*, which includes the Board minutes. The *Fair Family News* is available on our website, [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net).



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# Thank You for Participating

**The Fair brings us together** from all over the world in a reunion that affirms our sense of community. It assembles artists and entertainers for a celebration of the arts and a marketplace where the value of our labor is appreciated.

The Fair is a small, temporary village with roads, bridges, traffic control and water. We provide recycling and a waste disposal system, fire protection, security, public health care, childcare,

and governance. We have rules by which order is maintained and peace is kept in our village. This is a drug-free event. Alcohol or marijuana consumption is not allowed in public places. We must remember that we are not isolated. We affect the lives of many people who have no direct connection with the Fair. Be courteous, be fair, be cooperative – for the sake of a joyous and memorable Fair.



## Our Code of Conduct

**We are an association of equals.** Each member of our community is entitled to respectful and equitable treatment by all other participants.

The Guidelines apply whenever and wherever we gather for OCF sponsored activities.

The OCF is committed to the principles of non-violence and non-discrimination.

Hate speech, verbal, or written threats, physical, sexual, mental, verbal, or emotional abuse will not be tolerated and can be grounds for suspension or removal from OCF property, volunteer positions, committees, or other OCF activities. We share reverence for the land.

Stewardship is everyone's responsibility. Please help protect the plant and animal life whose space we share and work to extend this practice beyond the OCF and into daily life.

As Bill Wooten, one of our founders, wrote:

*This is a community of choice of reason rather than by the chance of birth.*

*Reason is found more each day on the side of cooperation, conservation, and community.*

*Reason stands with those who reduce their wants and simplify their needs, which lessens demands upon the world's resources. Reason stands with those who do not ask the world to do for them what they can do for themselves. Reason stands with those who treat neighbors as friends, friends as family, and this earth, as our one and only home.*

*Let us so stand together. It stands to reason, to endure is to prevail.*



COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. There is an inherent and elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 wherever people gather, and there is no guarantee, express or implied, that those attending the Oregon Country Fair will not be exposed to COVID-19.

The Oregon Country Fair event will operate in accordance with all applicable public health guidelines as of the date of the event. Those guidelines, which may change at any time, as determined by federal, state, or local government agencies and may include, without limitation: changes to capacity; attendance procedures and entry requirements, such as proof of vaccination; and other protective measures such as requiring attendees to wear face coverings. If a volunteer does not comply with the laws, mandates, health orders or directives, or event terms, conditions or rules, the Oregon Country Fair may deny participation at the event and require the volunteer to leave, without a refund.

# GOALS

To be reviewed and revised on a regular basis.

- i. The Oregon Country Fair shall increase the diversity of all aspects of the Oregon Country Fair community.
- ii. The Oregon Country Fair shall maintain and improve our land and facilities.
- iii. The Oregon Country Fair shall steward our lands in accordance with ecological standards.
- iv. The Oregon Country Fair shall support artists and entertainers.
- v. The Oregon Country Fair shall create participatory events and experiences that attract and include more youth and elders.
- vi. The Oregon Country Fair shall support a healthy and dynamic culture for participation by volunteers and members.
- vii. The Oregon Country Fair shall foster better communication and information exchange.
- viii. The Oregon Country Fair shall clarify its priorities and systems for community outreach and philanthropy.
- ix. The Oregon Country Fair shall improve its organizational effectiveness.





# Community Agreement

**All of us at the OCF** want to have a safe and wonderful experience at the Fair. As the Fair has grown, we no longer all know each other, and unfortunately, there are people who come to the Fair who take advantage of our open and loving community. Even though the Fair tries hard to prevent problems, inappropriate behaviors sometimes occur. These can include crimes such as theft and physical and sexual assault.

The OCF Guidelines exist to help us protect the health and safety of all. By signing for your wristband, you acknowledge that you have read and agreed to abide by the OCF Guidelines, Code of Conduct, and the following statement:

- 1.) I agree to be responsible for ensuring the safety of all minors in my care. I will not leave children unattended at any time while at the Fair.
- 2.) I agree not to sneak people into the Fair or allow people who do not have wristbands to stay after public hours, as doing so strains our capacity to take care of one another and our land.
- 3.) I agree to cooperate fully with the volunteers who “sweep” the Fair of visitors without overnight credentials at closing time, including permitting my tent, vehicle, or other camping facility to be swept if requested.

Failure to abide by the Oregon Country Fair Code of Conduct, the Guidelines, Federal, Oregon, or Lane County laws may result in expulsion from the Fair, booth penalties, removal from staff position, termination of membership, or being turned over to the proper authorities, as the situation requires. If you are involved in a confrontation, please remember the following:

1.) all parties must identify themselves when asked; 2.) Although decisions made by authorized staff must be followed at the time, disagreements may be reviewed through proper procedure. Reports of situations that cannot be fully resolved during the Fair should emphasize verifiable facts rather than assumptions or hearsay.

Diversity of artistic and cultural expression is an essential part of the OCF aesthetic. Being open and welcoming to people of all cultures is core to our mission and vision. These two statements complement each other, but they are also in tension at times. This guideline aims to create appropriate and respectful balance between these two complementary goals. The actions people take in public hold special significance and reflect on the OCF as a whole.

Please treat all sacred traditions with dignity and reverence. Please be mindful when participating in traditions that belong to a culture with which you are not intimately familiar. Even well-intentioned actions can be hurtful. Although you may feel that what you are doing is honoring another culture, it could be seen as disrespectful. This makes the OCF feel less safe and less welcoming.

Everyone has freedom of expression. We ask that everyone pause to listen to others and to think about who they may be hurting if they exploit, misrepresent, or desecrate someone else's tradition. If someone is raising a question about whether you are engaging in cultural appropriation, that is a strong indicator of the need to do some courageous inner listening.

If you need support or guidance in resolving some unrest, please check with QuarterMaster pre- and post-Fair, or a White Bird Medical station or Information Booth during the Fair for a process appropriate to your situation. Feedback forms are available at Information Booths.

Working together we will constantly rediscover the imagination, creativity, and magic that are the essence of the Oregon Country Fair.

# Calendar

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND LETTERS TO THE FAIR FAMILY NEWS IS ALWAYS 2 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.

## March

- 22** Deadline for craft application submissions, including logo items

## April

- 1** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
First half of booth/cart/stroller fee due
- 3** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*
- 14** Community Village General Meeting, 7pm
- 15** Deadline to submit Teen Crew application
- 30** All new craft applicants notified of approval status

## May

- 1** Second half of booth/cart/stroller fee due
- 4** **SPRING FLING** WOW Hall, Eugene
- 6** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm
- 8** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*
- 10** Community Village General Meeting, 7pm

## June

- 1** **NO DOGS ALLOWED ON OCF PROPERTY**
- 3** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm
- 5** **Mandatory Food Booth Meeting,**  
Proof of insurance for food booths must be received by OCF office. Bring to Food Booth Meeting  
Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*
- 8** **Main Camp opens**  
Booth registration on-site office opens (See Booth Registration section for hours)  
No work on booths permitted prior to this date
- 12** **Community Village General Meeting, 7pm**  
Last day for total refund of booth fees

- 20** Last day for partial refund of booth fees

- 22** Last day to submit plans for major booth work

- 25** No check payments after this date

- 30** **Board of Directors Meeting, OCF Site, 4pm**  
Last day to submit plans to CONSTRUCTION CREW for repairs

## July

- 10-14** Pick up passes at Registration
- 5** All construction requiring inspection must be completed!
- 6** All construction completed (tools down!)
- 11** Annual meeting of booth participants, Shady Grove, 7 to 9pm

## JULY 12, 13 + 14

### OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

- 15** **NO CAMPING ON OCF PROPERTY.**  
No one on property after 6pm except post-Fair work crews.
- 19** Main Camp closes
- 31** **Food voucher redemption expires**

Deadline to submit advisory petitions to be placed on the October ballot, 8 pm PDT

Last day for booths to request refunds for unused camping passes and vehicle stickers. (DAY PASSES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.)

Deadline to submit advisory petitions

## August

### 1-8 CULTURE JAM

- 5** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm
- 7** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*
- 10** Last day to donate food vouchers to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund
- 18** Deadline to submit candidate statements for publication in the voter pamphlet and voter info section in the *Fair Family News*. (Please see **OCF Board Candidate**







**Eligibility and Application Info at**  
[oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2/.](https://oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2/))

**Teddy Bears Picnic,**  
Fair Site, 2pm-dusk

- 31** Last day to remove all temporary booth/loft structures, personal property, ground covers  
Booth refunds mailed

## September

- 4** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**9** Board of Directors Meeting  
**11** Candidate Forum (tentative), Location TBA  
**14** Last day to register to vote for this year's OCF election  
**18** Last day to sign up as a voting member to vote in the 2024 election. (See **Voting Member Eligibility and Responsibilities** and all election information at [oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2/.](https://oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2/))  
**25** If you have not received your ballot by this date, we may not have your correct address or you may not be on the voting member list. Contact [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org) as soon as possible to check on your ballot.  
TBA - Get Out the Vote Candidates' Forum

## October

- 7** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**9** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**12 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** The agenda will include the State of the Peach, the Treasurer's report, and the Board candidate statements, 6:30 pm

- 13** Community Village General Meeting, 7pm  
**19** **Ballots are due by 8 pm** at the Fair office. Ballots received after this time will not be counted.  
**20** Ballots counted; results will be posted upon completion

## November

- 4** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**6** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**15** Applications to perform at 2025 Fair available

## December

- 2** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**4** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*

## January 2025

- 6** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**8** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**15** Applications to sell a new craft at 2025 Fair available

## February

- 1** Deadline to apply for elder status  
**3** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**5** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**15** Deadline to submit application to perform at 2025 Fair

## March

- 1** Virtual claim deadline for booths/carts/strollers  
Teen Crew applications available  
**3** Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm  
**5** Deadline for submissions to *Fair Family News*  
**22** Deadline for craft jury application submissions, including logo items



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## in case of an EMERGENCY

During the Fair, go to the nearest Information Booth, White Bird medical station, or person with a radio, and follow instructions. Pre- and post-Fair, go to QuarterMaster.

If evacuation of the site becomes necessary, staff will guide you to marked exits located throughout the Fair.

If you have become separated from a small child, follow the instructions in [Section 27, Lost Children](#).

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# General Information



**1. Preamble.** These Guidelines are to ensure the smooth operation of our event and the safety and protection of our Fair Family, our guests, and our site. Adherence to the Guidelines is essential. They apply to everyone, regardless of age, affiliation, or seniority. Please read and know your Guidelines and help ensure everyone follows them.

The Oregon Country Fair hosts a three-day event for everyone and a week-long summer camp for teens. The rest of the year the land is natural habitat. Please treat the land with respect and practice the “Leave No Trace” ethic. Minimize your impact and restore the land to its original condition when you leave. Adherence to the Guidelines helps us all to be responsible stewards of our land, our family, and our event. This is our time to play and work together as a family—cooperation will enhance the experience for everyone.

**2. Daily Admission.** The Fair is open to guests with paid admission from 11am to 7pm July 12, 13 and 14, 2024. Tickets cost \$50 each day, if purchased before June 16. After June 15, tickets are \$60 each day. No tickets will be sold on site. Discount tickets are available for folks who are alter-abled and/or age 65 or better. All tickets are subject to a ticket agency handling fee. Children 12 years old and younger are admitted free with a paying adult.

**3. Site Conditions.** One of the many reasons our village is unique and magical is its natural setting. The site includes waterways, wetlands, uplands, forests, and prairies. Naturally, dangers and hazards exist. These hazards include, but are not limited to, dirt, grass, and gravel pathways, uneven ground, tripping hazards, low branches, brush, stinging insects, dust, poison oak, and more. Pathways are not lit at night. Site conditions can change rapidly depending on the weather. Surfaces may become extremely slippery when wet. Please come prepared with adequate footwear, lighting, and gear. Please exercise caution and understand these dangers.

**4. Overnight Credentials.** Everyone over age 12 at the Fair before 6am or after 7pm must wear a 2024 OCF-issued wristband or photo ID. To receive your wristband, you must present a valid form of ID that confirms your legal name and date of birth upon check-in. An email address is also strongly encouraged.

Wristbands cost \$60 each for teens age 13 through 18. All persons under the age of 18, whether on Teen Crew or not, must have a parent or responsible adult on site. Teen wristbands must be purchased through the crew or booth of their responsible adult. Teens (not on Teen Crew) need a photo ID to receive their wristband. If they do not have a photo ID, the crew person who purchased that Teen Pass may vouch for the teen’s identification.

You must present your OCF-issued overnight credentials for inspection when requested by a staff member. Inspection of wristbands may include, but is not limited to, touching and/or tugging the wristband to ensure it is secure, visual confirmation of registration number, and visual inspection of the wristband for other security elements. Inspection of a photo ID may include, but is not limited to, touching the ID to view the photograph, comparison of the photograph to the person presenting the photo ID, and inspection of the back of the identification to view the registration number and other security elements. If you choose to get an OCF-issued photo ID, please be sure your photograph is not so “artistic” that it cannot be readily matched to you. Unfortunately, the inspection of overnight credentials takes a little time, so please be tolerant and cooperative as you pass through checkpoints—remember that OCF Security staff are volunteers. Failure to cooperate with a request for inspection of your credentials may result in forfeiture of those credentials and your removal from OCF property. All persons asked to leave the property by Security or Management must surrender Fair-issued credentials.

Everyone with an OCF wristband/photo ID must abide by the Code of Conduct and Guidelines of the OCF community.



**NEW:** Overnight credentials for significant others (S.O.) of crew members are available for purchase by volunteers through their coordinator. The price for an S.O. Pass for the 2024 Fair is \$125. No person may be charged more than the actual cost of a teen or S.O. pass. Checks returned because of insufficient funds will be assessed a \$35 fee. If a check is not made good by the time of the Fair, the S.O. will not receive their wristband or the crew person their vehicle sticker.

Refunds are NOT available for unused passes.

Resale of OCF inventory (any type of pass, wristband, or vehicle sticker) for personal profit is a violation of the Guidelines and Oregon Country Fair policy, and will result in probation or suspension.

Trade passes are available to coordinators to use in exchange for goods or services, necessary for crew operations, as per the crew budget. Trade passes and crew passes are not to be sold. People receiving trade passes are not eligible to buy S.O. passes.

No one under the age of 18 during the three-day event is eligible to purchase or receive an S.O. pass.



## WRISTBAND BOOTH HOURS

### July 10 – July 14

Wednesday, July 10 • 9am-10pm  
 Thursday, July 11 • 9am-10pm  
 Friday, July 12 • 9am-9pm  
 Saturday, July 13 • 9am-9pm  
 Sunday, July 14 • 10am-2pm

## PHOTO ID BOOTH HOURS

### July 10 – July 14

Wednesday, July 10 • 8am-8pm  
 Thursday, July 11 • 8am-8pm  
 Friday, July 12 • 8am-8pm  
 Saturday, July 13 • 8am-8pm  
 Sunday, July 14 • closed



**5. Alter-Abled Access.** Wheelchairs, helpers, sign language interpreters, rest areas, maps, and information are available at the Alter-Abled Access Advocates (4A/Access Advocates) booths located in Community Village and at the Dragon Plaza near Admissions. There is a

battery recharging system for electric wheelchairs and portable medical devices at the 4A Dragon Plaza booth.

Alter-abled staff and booth members will be directed to a designated parking area starting the day Main Camp opens. Vehicles requiring access to alter-abled parking should display a DMV placard. Vehicle camping for alter-abled staff, entertainers, and booth members will be available beginning Wednesday, July 10. Non-placarded vehicles may be subject to towing from accessible spaces in public parking areas beginning Wednesday. Alter-abled access vehicle parking is not guaranteed.

There are two crews that work with alter-abled folks. One crew is on duty before and after the event, and one is on duty during the event.



**NEW: 6. Volunteer Staff.** Oregon Country Fair staff wristbands are offered to volunteers who serve in an authorized Fair position for a minimum number of hours to help put on the Fair. Volunteers must be: 1) at least 18 years old by the Wednesday of the week of Fair in order to be placed on a crew; 2) between 14 and 18 to serve on Teen Crew by the Wednesday of the week of Fair. The general requirement is 20 hours during the event, or fifty hours during Main Camp, or ten hours/month August–May, or some combination of the above. The Fair recognizes that each crew has its own criteria for determining qualifications for crew status and those criteria can extend beyond the listed minimum hours. Volunteers during the event must attend Human Intervention Training.



**NEW:** Those interested in volunteering for the Fair are encouraged to send an email to [volunteering@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:volunteering@oregoncountryfair.org). A Fair volunteer will provide a survey to collect contact information, experience, and areas of interest to aid in matching the applicant with a volunteer crew. Please note, crews often do not know their recruitment needs until the spring before the Fair. If a volunteer is placed on a crew, their shifts may start immediately.

**TEEN CREW.** The OCF has a volunteer program for Fair Family teens aged 14 to 18; 19-year-olds may be considered under certain circumstances. If you or someone you know would like to apply for Teen Crew, please get



an application at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net), starting March 1. It is OCF policy to give graduating teens priority when filling vacant staff positions. See [Section 25](#) for guidelines regarding all youth on site.

**T-SHIRTS.** Staff members get crew t-shirts from crew coordinators. Wear your t-shirt visibly when on shift. You may also wear your t-shirt at other times, but you are considered to be working if your t-shirt is visible, so people may ask you Fair-related questions or ask for help. A staff t-shirt is not a camping credential. All those wearing staff t-shirts during public hours must attend Human Intervention Training at the Fair Site in June. Talk with your coordinator or crew leader about attending the training.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEERS.** To facilitate the wellbeing of volunteers during the Fair, the OCF provides a variety of services, including hospitality and showers. Hospitality serves warm drinks and small nibbles in the Flowin' Notes shower area by the WareBarn (Friday through Sunday nights, 7pm to 10pm). Hospitality is also located in Main Camp (Friday through Sunday, 10am to 5pm; access is through the gate to the left of the Youth Stage), serving drinks, fresh baked goodies, and a light buffet. Free showers for staff and performers are located at Dahinda's Acres, Flowin' Notes, the Far Side, and South Miss Piggy's. Hours vary but most open early and stay open until around 10pm. Bring your own towel and shower supplies.

**PRE-FAIR MEALS.** The Oregon Country Fair is grateful for the time volunteers give to help build our event. In this spirit of gratitude, the Staff Kitchen serves meals to **working crews only**. It does not provide snacks, nor does it provide meals for crew members who are on site for meetings, trainings, camp setup, or personal walk-arounds.

Coordinators of pre-Fair working crews must turn in a meal count to Main Camp QuarterMaster, no later than 8am for lunch, 2pm for dinner, and 8pm for breakfast the next morning.

Teens will receive a meal if they are on site working and have a meal ticket or they must wait for seconds to be called. Children 12 and under will receive a meal only if they go through the line with their supervising adult.

**VOLUNTEER CREW COORDINATORS.** Each crew has at least one coordinator who organizes the work that crew is entrusted with. Most crews have more than one coordinator to share responsibilities that include, but are not limited to: taking on and training new volunteers; scheduling volunteer shifts; developing, submitting and monitoring the crew's budget; organizing crew members' requests for S.O. passes and vehicle stickers; purchasing crew supplies; distributing food vouchers among the crew; interacting with staff; attending coordinator meetings; updating the Guidelines that are relevant to their crew; and informing crew members of current and new OCF policies.

New coordinators are appointed by the event managers, staff liaisons, and back-up managers. Prospective coordinator candidates are nominated by the current coordinator(s) and/or crew members with a letter of recommendation from the coordinators and a letter of intent from the candidate to the OCF Management Team. The Event Managers make the final decisions on coordinator appointments.

All crew coordinators are strongly encouraged to train at least one of their crew as a successor and emergency fill-in, even if they have no plans to retire any time soon. Coordinators are also asked to delegate responsibilities throughout their crew as much as possible to build a broad base of operational knowledge.

**7. Main Camp** is the time period that runs the month before the Fair through the week after the event. It is also the central staging area during our annual put-up and take-down of the Fair's infrastructure. Most essential systems of the Fair's operation are in Main Camp. Access to the site during this time is facilitated by greeters on Aero Road. When you arrive on site during Main Camp, check in with the greeter and either QuarterMaster (crew members) or Registration (booth members). During Main Camp the entire site is considered a work zone—please exercise caution.

All youth/minors on site during Main Camp must be registered with QuarterMaster by a parent or adult who is responsible for the minor/youth. That adult must complete and submit an OCF Minor on Site form. Forms are available online at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net). Upon arrival, you can get this form from the greeter,



Junk Yard Dog, or at QM. We prefer the form is filled out for each minor in your company prior to arrival. All vehicles with minors will be stopped to ensure this form is completed and on file before accessing the site.

Please report lost children or any other emergencies to QM.

See [Section 67](#) for Booth Registration hours at Main Camp.


Talk to the folks at the Construction desk before doing repairs or new construction on your booth.

Pre-Fair, the Staff Kitchen serves meals for actively working crews only. See [Section 6](#).

No smoking or vaping in Main Camp. See [Section 13](#).

only with the OCF organization. The Oregon Country Fair will redeem food vouchers by issuing checks payable to the business or booth representative only. The last day for food vendors and the Ritz Sauna to redeem food vouchers is July 31.

Food voucher recipients are invited to donate their vouchers to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund. Donations made by Fair Family will be matched by the OCF up to an amount designated by the Board via the budget process and donated to non-profit groups focusing on an issue chosen by the membership.

 **NEW: 9. No Dogs, Cats, or Other Domestic Animals.** The prohibition of dogs on site, except service dogs, is in effect from June 1 through August 31. Anyone considering bringing a service dog to the event should refer to information in the [Documents](#) section at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net). Exotic birds (e.g., macaws, parrots) and certain types of reptiles will be considered on a case-by-case basis by management. Bringing any other animals to site, unless officially approved as a service animal or otherwise arranged by management, is prohibited at all times of the year. Anyone who refuses to comply will be told to leave and may be placed on probation. The OCF accepts no liability associated with bringing any animal to site. For more information, write to [info@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:info@oregoncountryfair.org).



**8. Food Vouchers** are one way we feed our volunteers during the event. They are non-transferable and valid only during Fair at all food booths and at the Ritz Sauna showers. It is a violation of the Guidelines to redeem food vouchers for cash, in any circumstances other than:

- 1.) Booth representatives returning food vouchers to the Fair for redemption.
- 2.) An individual receiving change (under the value of one food voucher) for a purchase.

If an individual redeems food vouchers for cash, both the party receiving money and the party paying money are violating the Guidelines and may face consequences.

Craft booths are not permitted to accept food vouchers.

Food vouchers may not be used at Eugene or Portland Saturday Market. Only food booths and the Ritz may redeem food vouchers and

## **10. Photography and Video Cameras.**

Still photography is allowed at the Fair. To protect privacy, please ask for permission before taking photographs of youth (ask their parents) and people who are not fully clothed. You have the right to not be photographed. If you feel you are being inappropriately photographed, please report the incident to Fair Central or the nearest Info Booth.

Due to our agreement with performers, no video cameras are allowed on site from Wednesday, July 10, through Monday, July 15, except those belonging to credentialed media representatives or those who have made prior arrangements with the Video Crew. Do not take video footage from a cell phone or similar device without permission from the subject. Failure to follow this guideline may result in removal from the Fair.



**11. Entertaining at the Fair.** Entertainment is scheduled throughout the Fair. No battery-powered amplifiers, radios, tape recorders, or recorded music are allowed on paths, stages, or in stage areas unless provided or approved by OCF Entertainment Crew coordinators or Fair Management. Unscheduled performers are expected to comply with the Wandering Performer Guidelines, available at the Check Inn booth at Entertainment Camp or on the [oregoncountryfair.org](http://oregoncountryfair.org) and [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) websites. Please contact the nearest Information Booth if a performer is blocking a path.

Friday through Sunday of the Fair, battery carts devoted to stages will be used only for acts coordinated and scheduled by Entertainment coordinators. Late-night acoustical venues respectful of the camphoods and needs of the Fair Family are encouraged. Tolerance of those who want to dance and celebrate is also appreciated. See [Section 51](#) for additional Sound Amplification and Sound Permit information.

**12. Alcohol and Marijuana.** Selling alcohol or marijuana at the Fair is illegal. Such sales risk closing of the Fair, as well as criminal charges. Please notify the nearest Information Booth if you see anyone doing so. Alcohol and marijuana consumption is not allowed in public places during public hours. Please ask others to cooperate.

### **13. Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Including Vape/E-cigarettes.**


**SMOKING AND VAPING ARE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.** No-smoking areas include but are not limited to dining, stage, audience, drinking fountains, Child Care areas, and Community Village—including their camping areas anywhere there is hay or straw, and all paths. Smoking is not allowed in Main Camp areas designated as QuarterMaster, Construction Desk, fire pit, and dining areas. If there is no can nearby for butt disposal, you are in a no-smoking area. Please help enforce this guideline by directing smokers to the nearest designated smoking area.

The no-smoking areas are always in effect.

### **14. Controlled Substances & Drug**

**Paraphernalia.** No illegal drug paraphernalia may be displayed or sold on Fair property

at any time.

 **NEW: 15. Firearms.** No firearms of any kind may be brought onto Fair property.

**16. Information, Health, and Safety.** Pre- or post-Fair, go to QuarterMaster at Main Camp for information and emergencies. During the event there are six Information Booths (some open 24 hours) located through-out the Fair. Each Information Booth, as well as White Bird Medical, has a radio and a telephone. All staff should know the location and services provided at each Information Booth and direct requests for information or assistance to the nearest one. (See map for Information Booth locations.)

Fair Central, located above Odyssey Information, coordinates all communications from Wednesday before the Fair through Monday after the Fair. QuarterMaster at Main Camp coordinates communications outside these times. Report all emergencies to Fair Central or QuarterMaster.

The Long Tom River runs through the Fair Site. It may be very polluted. Do not drink the water or swim in it.

Pit toilets (holes dug in the ground for disposal of human or animal waste), personal camp toilets or porta-potties, and private showers are not allowed. Violation of this guideline may result in probation or suspension.

White Bird Clinic provides **FIRST AID AND INTERVENTION SERVICES** at its two locations: across the path from the Main Stage Information Booth (#253), and in Xavanadu. Doctors, nurses, EMTs, and ambulances are available. Hours of operation are from Wednesday, 12pm, through Monday, 6pm, staffed continuously. Each Information Booth has minor first-aid supplies (band-aids, aspirin, etc.).

If you are allergic to bee stings, please inform QuarterMaster when you are on site pre- or post-Fair. Please carry your own Epi kit. Please be aware that bees, hornets, and wasps are very common on the Fair Site.

**HUMAN INTERVENTION TRAINING** is required for all shirted volunteers. It will be held Sunday in June at the Fair Site. Watch the *Fair Family News* calendar for the specific date.

**OCF CONSENT POLICY.** Sexual misconduct has no place at the Fair. We are dedicated to following up on all reports. Persons found to

have violated OCF policies may face disciplinary action, which may include immediate removal from OCF properties and other appropriate consequences.

Survivor safety and privacy is our priority. Fair staff and volunteers receiving reports of sexual misconduct are instructed to not share identifying personal information related to such misconduct with anyone outside our Management Team, including law enforcement, without survivor consent, a court mandate, or a mandatory reporter requirement if the victim is a member of a protected class, including minors, elderly, or people with certain disabilities. *However, all reports of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, including those made to OCF Management, may be subject to subpoena or other compelled disclosure if required by law.*

If a survivor does not wish to report to law enforcement, they will not be required to unless a mandatory report is triggered. If a survivor chooses to report to law enforcement, Fair Management will support, and if requested, help the survivor in making that report and will cooperate in any resulting criminal investigation.

During the Fair event, survivors who wish to report a sexual assault to law enforcement can either coordinate with Fair Management to allow law enforcement to access OCF property and meet with the survivor on site, or request that Fair Management escort the survivor to the gates to meet with responding officers outside the Fair.

In addition to helping report to law enforcement, we offer the following options for reporting sexual misconduct to OCF staff.

During Main Camp and the Fair event:

- 1.) If you or someone you know is the victim of a sexual assault (unwanted sexual contact) and wants to report to OCF staff, you may seek help in the following ways:
  - a. Report the incident to White Bird, who can be reached by phone from any Info Booth; or
  - b. Report the incident to Fair Management, who can be contacted by any security volunteer, Info Booth, or volunteer with a radio.
- 2.) If you want to report other acts of sexual misconduct such as sexual harassment,

bullying, or other inappropriate treatment based on gender identity you may do so by:

- a. Contacting White Bird, who can be reached by phone from any Info Booth;
- b. Reporting the incident(s) to Fair Management, who can be contacted by any security volunteer, Info Booth, or volunteer with a radio; or
- c. Submitting a written report to Quarter-Master.

If you want to report an incident after the event, please call the Fair office at (541) 343-4298 and ask to speak to Fair Management or email [consent@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:consent@oregoncountryfair.org).

**17. Public Facilities.** Toilets and hand-washing stands are located throughout the Fair. See map for locations. Urinals for all genders are in several locations. Showers are available at Energy Park and the Ritz Sauna. Private and open-air showers at the Ritz are available 24 hours a day from Wednesday at 6pm until Monday at 12pm. The Ritz has alter-abled accessible showers (both private and open-air) and an alter-abled accessible toilet.

Use of Ritz shower facilities is half-price from 11am to 7pm daily for children 12 years of age and under who are accompanied by a paying adult. The Ritz is located at 334 Sesame Street, beyond Child Care.

ATMs are in front of the Fair in Dragon Plaza and at Main Stage.

**18. Note from the Fire Crew.** Like much of the West Coast, the land the Fair sits on has faced persistent drought and high summer temperatures in recent years. These conditions turn the site's vegetation into potential fuel for wildfires. The Fire Crew, in part of their work to protect our site, have written the new [Fire Safety Protocol \(Section 94\)](#) found at the end of these Guidelines. Please read it carefully. Thank you.

Bringing externally sourced firewood or wooden pallets to OCF property is prohibited, unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager. Site sourced firewood is available at Wood World and can be requested via QuarterMaster or site employees. Burning painted or treated wood is prohibited at all times everywhere on OCF property.

Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread





of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood.

**19. Water.** The Fair provides an ample potable water supply. We have an underground pipe system throughout the site that delivers water to drinking fountains and water bottle filling spigots. Do not brush your teeth or wash anything at these water stations.

Water for food booths is delivered twice daily from Thursday through Sunday between 7 and 11am and between 7 and 11pm. *We strongly suggest you plan your storage capacity to last until the next scheduled delivery.* Non-public water storage containers must be accessible, adequately braced, and on a platform no higher than six feet from the ground. Portable containers must have two-inch or larger openings. If you miss your delivery, please go to the nearest Information Booth for instructions. Water containers left behind after the Fair are likely to float away; do not build water storage without consulting a Construction coordinator. Fair-system water outlets are to be accessed only by the appropriate crews (Water, Fire, and Main Camp). If there is a problem with a water outlet, report it immediately to the nearest Information Booth or Fair Central.

**20. Grid Electricity.** Grid power delivered to the Fair by Emerald People's Utility District is for designated uses only. Unauthorized connections to booths, camps, and RVs are not permitted.

**21. Security.** The Fair keeps order through our own Security Crew. These are your Fair family, here to keep peace in our village. The first responsibility of the Security Crew is safety. Security Crew is on duty from Tuesday before the Fair through Monday after the Fair. Report security-related problems to the nearest Information Booth or staff person with a radio. Outside these times, contact QuarterMaster if you observe or are involved in a troublesome situation. It is OCF policy not to interfere with County sheriffs if they are present. Any situation that requires attention from the sheriffs will already involve Security and the



Management Team.

All Security outposts with lanterns will have fire extinguishers and radios.

**NEW: 22. Nudity.** In accordance with Oregon law, genitals must be covered. Photographing anyone who is nude without their knowledge and permission is strictly prohibited and could result in consequences for the photographer.

**23. No Glass Containers.** Glass containers are not allowed through public Admissions gates.

**24. Recycling.** The OCF Board of Directors has set the goal of a waste-free Fair. It is the mission of the OCF Recycling Crew to work toward this goal, first by reducing the amount of waste generated by our event, and then by minimizing our impact on the land by removing all extraneous materials from it. You can help us in this mission by adhering to the “Pack It In, Pack It Out” policy outlined in [Section 43](#) of the Guidelines. “Leave No Trace” of your visit upon your departure.

All participants are required to use compostable, reusable, or durable food service containers and durable flatware. The use of styrofoam or disposable plastic cups, plates, bowls, and flatware is strictly prohibited.

Recycling kiosks are located throughout the Fair and in camping and operational areas. In general, they are maintained and serviced Thursday Pre-Fair through Sunday. Collection

runs during the Fair begin very early in the morning, so material generated by booth and camping areas should be deposited the night before. For the convenience of our guests and to avoid unsightly buildup or overflow of material, please avoid depositing large amounts of material in public area recycling kiosks during Fair hours.

On Monday morning post-Fair, Recycling Crew will do an early collection run when many recycling kiosks will be removed. The crew will create several strategically placed “Super Kiosks” for material generated on Monday. Super Kiosks will be open and staffed by Recycling personnel throughout the day. Super Kiosks will be located at Main Stage, The Junction, Wally’s Way, Blue Moon, and Xavanadu, as well as in some outlying and camping areas, including the Ware Barn and South Miss Piggy’s.


**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE LEFT AT**

**RECYCLING KIOSKS:** beverage containers of all kinds; glass of all kinds; food cans (please rinse and flatten) and other metals; cardboard (please flatten and stack); compost, including biodegradable food service ware; cooking oil (please contain in appropriate closed plastic containers); clean mixed paper (please contain in a cardboard box); clear plastic bags and sheeting (leave clean and folded or bagged); and landfill material.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY NOT BE LEFT AT**

**RECYCLING KIOSKS:** camping supplies and equipment; carpets or furniture; coolers; construction materials, including dimensional lumber; paint or other hazardous chemicals; batteries; and bio-hazardous materials, including sharps. (Take sharps to White Bird for proper disposal.)

We know of no other event of any size that disposes of their waste more responsibly than the Oregon Country Fair. This is consistent with OCF’s Seven Generation pledge, and we take great pride in the work we do. Please help set an example that will inspire future generations of Oregon Country Fair Family to reach even greater success.

 **NEW: 25. Youth On Site.** All persons under the age of 18 by the Wednesday of the week of the Fair must have a parent or responsible adult on site during the Fair. All minors must be registered through the staff

database even if they are not required to have a wristband. Teens aged 13 and above by the Wednesday of the week of Fair, will be required to have a teen wristband; children under the age of 13 by the Wednesday of the week of Fair, will not be required to have a wristband. Registering a minor through the staff database gives consent for the minor to be on site and releases the OCF from liability. If the minor is deemed by Fair Management to be in violation of the OCF Guidelines, the responsible adult will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from the Fair for one year. Further incidents may result in permanent expulsion from the OCF.

Pre- and post-Fair childcare services are provided on a limited basis for working crews only as designated by the Management Team. Please instruct your children and non-working teens not to rely on Main Camp kitchen for meals. Bring adequate food and water for kids.

Pre-Fair, parents or guardians must complete a “Minor-on Site” form upon arrival. These are available from the Greeter, at QuarterMaster, or online at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net). Parents or guardians must be reachable by staff at all times while on site with a minor.

For safety reasons, scooters, bikes, tricycles, and other riding toys are not allowed from June 1 through August 31. Only service bikes are allowed on paths, conditions permitting.

**26. Child Care During the Fair.** The Oregon Country Fair operates Child Care facilities, which are available during the Fair at no charge. They are in several locations across Fair property. The Child Care Crew’s chief goal is to create safe and pleasant places for children and families to play and to create their own personal Fair experience.

**SESAME STREET CHILD CARE** can be found at booth #333 near the top of the Fair across from the Ritz Sauna. Here, you will find a kids-only “formal” childcare wonderland for interested and potty-trained children (no bare butts, diapers, or training pants!), with a professional staff, entertainment, arts & crafts, sensory, imagination, and gross motor play areas. Background checks have been made on all staff.

Please limit the duration of your child’s stay to two hours. The time limit may be flexible, as





long as a responsible adult checks in with the children hourly. If there is no waiting list and the child is doing well, the parent can extend the child's time. Please consider the comfort of the children and the demands made on Child Care staff. Hungry, angry, or unwilling children may not be left with Child Care. Before children enter the secure area, the child's responsible adult must complete a registration form for each child, which includes the adult's full name, cell phone number, home address, and booth number and location or crew and shift locations.

**WALLY'S WAY** is near the front of the Fair between the Front Porch and Caravan Stages. This family-oriented, parent-supervised area is a safe and quiet(er) zone somewhat off the beaten path, where you will find a full entertainment lineup, a library, rotating demonstrations, climbing structures, and a playground. We encourage families to spread out a blanket and stay awhile!

**MELLOW PLACES** are quiet, semi-private areas for the youngest among us to find some respite from the crowds, along with diaper-changing facilities, shade, limited seating, and a few activities geared for toddlers. There are three locations across Fair: adjacent to Sesame Street Child Care, on Wally's Way, and in Xavanadu. Adults must be in the company of a child, and children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Bring your own diapers and supplies and pack everything out when you leave!

**PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Child Care is not a surrogate parent. Aside from kids checked in at Sesame Street Child Care, a responsible adult must supervise the children in their care at all times. We reserve the right to ask those who do not honor the protocol to not bring their children back to any Child Care area for the duration of the Fair.

**SORRY, NO DIAPERS.** We cannot change diapers or care for children who are not toilet trained. Sanitation facilities are extremely limited.

**SPECIAL NEEDS.** Child Care Crew is equipped to offer one-to-one care for children with special needs, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, deaf and hard of hearing, sensory processing disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. We also have many multilingual staff members and offer first-language care in several languages, including ASL. Please note any special needs at pre-registration so we can attempt to have appropriate staff on hand.

**27. Lost Children.** Pre- and post-Fair, lost children must be reported to, and found children must be taken to QuarterMaster at Main Camp.

Fair weekend, from noon, Thursday, through noon, Monday, the Child Care Crew provides 24-hour service for lost kids. Found children should be taken to the nearest Child Care location. Fair Central will be notified of lost or found children. Parents/guardians should go



to any Info Booth to report a lost child.



During the Sweep, parents/guardians with or without a wristband who become separated from children in their care should be directed to the Child Care Information Booth on Wally's Way. The Child Care Crew will work with Fair Central and Security to arrange the reunion of parents/guardians with children at that location. Found children will be taken to the closest Child Care area, either Wally's Way or Sesame Street.

After the Sweep, all found children should be taken to the Wally's Way Child Care Info Booth. Security, Child Care, and Fair Central will work to reunite parents/guardians and children as quickly as possible.

**28. Lost and Found.** The Fair is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen property anywhere on site, including the parking lots. During Fair, Lost and Found is in the Odyssey Information Booth. Found items can be turned in at any Information Booth and from there will be transferred to Odyssey Information. After the Fair, lost items may be reported by emailing [lostandfound@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:lostandfound@oregoncountryfair.org). If we have your item, we will return it to you at your expense. Please contact the office if you wish to place a lost and found ad in the *Fair Family News*. Please consider putting an identification label on your valuables so they can be returned to you promptly. We will keep found items with a value of under \$250 until September 1, when all unclaimed, usable property will be donated

to a charitable organization. We will keep found items with a value of \$250 or more until at least October 1, before unclaimed, usable property will be donated to a charitable organization.

All OCF pass recipients, including hired booth participants, entertainers, volunteers, and staff, must agree to turn in all property found on OCF property to the OCF Lost and Found, and must sign an acknowledgement of this when receiving their pass or as part of any contract.

**29. Personal Property.** All personal property left anywhere on the Fair Site, including in or behind booths, must be removed by August 31 each year, unless prior written permission is obtained from the Site Manager. Copies of that permission will be given to the property owner and the OCF office. The original will remain with the Site Manager. Remaining "unpermitted" personal property will be deemed abandoned and may be removed by the OCF.

**30. Package Storage.** Backpacks and camping and sleeping gear brought by visitors without wristbands may be checked at the Backpack Check In near Dragon Admissions, which will be staffed by Security from 10:30am to 7:30pm. A package check is available for visitors at the WOW Hall booth near Main Stage.

**31. Bulletin Boards.** Posting of flyers and notices is allowed only at the bulletin boards located near the small dragon at Admissions, between Community Village and Shady Grove, or Upper River Loop near Pike Place. Postings outside these areas will be removed. Portable toilets are not bulletin boards.

**32. Feedback.** The OCF appreciates your input regarding all aspects of our organization and events. Written suggestions, compliments, complaints, recounting of specific incidents, and philosophical ramblings are accepted throughout the year. These are reviewed by the Feedback Coordinator and the staff, forwarded to relevant coordinators and committees, and compiled for an annual report each fall. The report is posted at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net). You are encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings (usually the first Monday of the month in Eugene), Board work sessions, the Spring Fling, the annual Evaluation Meeting, and the



Annual Meeting. (Please see the Calendar for dates.) You can submit Feedback online via the link at [oregoncountryfair.org](https://oregoncountryfair.org) or [oregoncountryfair.net](https://oregoncountryfair.net). Paper forms are available Pre-Fair at QuarterMaster or at any Info Booth during the Fair.

### **NEW: 33. Support, Resolution, and**

**Mediation.** When people work together, there are sometimes disputes and disagreements that come up. The OCF strives to be supportive of the expression of our alternative ideals in conflict resolution. As a diverse family, we offer many techniques for resolving disputes, including mediation, counseling, restorative justice, and, if needed, arbitration.

There are several groups whose work includes conflict resolution services. See below for their contact information. The Oregon Country Fair Support Process is a formal procedure established specifically for situations in which the OCF written guidelines or policies are alleged to have been violated during OCF sponsored activities and you have been adversely impacted. The first step in any request for support is to try to work directly with the individual or group with the assistance of a Fair Leader. If the conflict can be addressed through mediation, it is with the assistance of the Mediation Crew. When help with conflict is requested, the team who assists is determined by the circumstances of the conflict. For example, if a conflict is between Fair Family and a neighboring property owner, the Neighborhood Response Team (NRTs) are called into action. Conflicts involving camping, booth space, or other placement issues are handled by the Mediation Crew. Other teams that assist with conflicts include White Bird (which provides crisis intervention, counseling, etc.), Security, Back-Up Managers (BUMs), and Fair staff. All support processes and time limits at any step of this procedure are suspended from June 1 through July 31— unless all parties agree otherwise. During this period, contact QuarterMaster, Fair Central, Fair management, or email [faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org), to connect with the correct Conflict Resolution Resources.

**MEDIATORS.** Issues concerning neighbors, territory, boundaries within or adjacent to

your campsite or booth space, or interpersonal conflicts.

- *Pre-Fair:* Go to QuarterMaster
- *During the Fair:* Contact Mediators on site at the Empathy Booth at the Dragon or email [faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org).
- *The Rest of the Year:* via email at [mediationcrew.ocf@gmail.com](mailto:mediationcrew.ocf@gmail.com) or via our book (at QuarterMaster in Main Camp, or in Odyssey after Thursday afternoon).

**WHITE BIRD'S ROCK MEDICINE.** Professional counselors and social workers are on shift 24/7 offering crisis counseling for all issues. This includes, but is not limited to, interpersonal conflict and mediation, couple and family disputes, consent, and sexual assault.

- *During the Fair:* Any OCF staff can request a White Bird team to respond to your location. Or you can go in person to White Bird at Big Bird by the Main Stage meadow, or Little Wing in Xavanadu. White Bird services are available during the Fair only.

- *During the rest of the year,* call the White Bird Community Crisis Hotline, available 24/7, at 541-687-4000 or toll free at 1-800-422-7558.

**EMPATHY BOOTH:** The CeDaR Empathy Booth is located in the Dragon Plaza near the tail of the Dragon (next to the Photo ID Booth). Qualified listeners staff the booth 10am-5pm, Friday-Sunday during the Fair. The Empathy Booth is open to anyone who is wanting to be heard without judgment, evaluation, diagnosis, or unsolicited advice.

The CeDaR Mediation team merged with the Camping Mediation Crew and are now the OCF Mediation Crew. Our intention is to create a more efficient process for our Fair community members to connect with the support needed to resolve Fair related conflicts. Members of the Mediation Crew can be located at the Empathy Booth Pre-Fair starting at the first weekend in June to help mediate campsite or booth boundary and territory issues, interpersonal conflicts, offer conflict coaching, and empathy listening. Please reach out to us via the QM "Mediation" notebook, in person at the Empathy Booth, or email [faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:faircommunitysupport@oregoncountryfair.org) if you are interested in requesting support for resolving Fair-related conflicts/issues. Pre-Fair hours of operation: 10am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday.



# Membership & Publications

**34. Members.** An Oregon Country Fair member is defined as a person who 1.) has received a wristband, other Fair camping pass, or verifiable worker day pass in one of the previous three Fairs or who is a verified Fair elder, 2.) has submitted a signed and verified membership application, 3.) agrees to act in accordance with Fair policies, and 4.) has voted in the Fair's annual Board election at least once every three years. Members are also responsible for ensuring that the Fair has their current mailing address. Voting member applications are available at [oregoncountryfair.net](https://oregoncountryfair.net), QuarterMaster (pre-Fair), Information Booths (during the Fair), and the Fair office (other times). *Coordinators, booth reps, and crew leaders: Please encourage your crews to become voting members and turn in crew lists after the Fair to guarantee that members of your crew remain on the Fair voting member list.*

**35. Privacy Policy.** *The Oregon Country Fair collects information only for its own use. The OCF will not require you to provide information that is not necessary either for membership in the Fair organization or participation in events put on by the organization. If you are a Fair member, information you provide will be used to verify membership and to track eligibility for member benefits. The Fair may also use membership information to contact you for Fair-related purposes. We will also disclose any information that we are required to by law. The Fair will not intentionally disclose, nor will we sell your information to third-party marketers, vendors, or other parties. In the future, there will be additional opportunities to sign up for information, notifications, and other mailing lists. These will be opt-in lists and will be covered by their own terms and conditions.*

## **36. Publications.**

**FAIR FAMILY NEWS.** *The Fair Family News (FFN) is published eleven times a year by and for Fair staff, entertainers, booth members, and Fairgoers. The FFN welcomes your Fair-related contributions of articles, letters, photos, print-ready art, and/or poetry. Write to [ffn@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:ffn@oregoncountryfair.org) to submit an item.*

All Fair participants are encouraged to receive the FFN. The FFN is published on-line at [oregoncountryfair.net](https://oregoncountryfair.net). You can also receive the FFN via email.

**PEACH PIT.** *The Peach Pit is published once a year for the three-day event. It contains information for Fairgoers regarding on-site services and entertainment schedules for all of the Fair's stages. It is distributed at ticket outlets and other locations in the greater Eugene/Springfield area prior to the Fair and on site during Fair. The Peach Pit does not accept or publish advertising.*

**WEBSITE.** The OCF maintains two websites. One is [oregoncountryfair.org](https://oregoncountryfair.org), which posts information about tickets, accommodations, entertainment schedules, and other information for Fair visitors. OCF staff, booth participants, and entertainers are also invited to visit [oregoncountryfair.net](https://oregoncountryfair.net) for information for the Fair community. This includes the *Fair Family News*, Board minutes, these Guidelines, and a calendar of events.

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT PLAN.** *The Land Use Management Plan, available at the Fair Site office and [oregoncountryfair.net](https://oregoncountryfair.net), includes Board-adopted land use policies, implementation guidelines, and zone maps and descriptions.*

**37. Budget Authority.** The OCF manages its finances with the use of budgets adopted by the Board of Directors. Crew coordinators are authorized to spend amounts included in the annual budget. Coordinators are urged to comply with instructions for spending and/or reimbursements in the Budget Handbook and on the reimbursement request form. Only coordinators can submit reimbursement requests on behalf of themselves or their crew members. Coordinators must get prior approval from Fair Management to spend or be reimbursed for any amount exceeding the budget. Fair Management will assess potential budget overruns on a case-by-case basis.



# Transportation

## 38. Transportation and Parking.

### PLEASE, TAKE THE BUS OR CARPOOL.

**OCF-CHARTERED BUSES.** Please check [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) for the latest information regarding buses departing for the Fair.

**WORKER SHUTTLE BUSES** leave Eugene daily between 7am and 9:30am, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Fair from the Valley River Center shuttle site. There is absolutely no overnight parking at the shuttle site.

**PUBLIC PARKING AT THE FAIR.** Fair-going public arriving in any vehicle other than human-powered (including motorcycles) will be charged for parking. Parking passes may be purchased for \$15 per vehicle, either in advance or at the gate. Each patron over the age of 12 must have an admission ticket to come on site no matter what form of transportation is chosen. Visitors' cars are not allowed to enter the Fair Site after 6pm on Fair days.

**NEW: TRAFFIC FLOW.** Traffic Crews work in the hot sun and eat dust all day. Please say "Hi" and be cooperative. They know how to squeeze a lot of cars into limited space, and they know areas that need protecting. The public will use both the Maple Gate and Bus Road entrances on days of the event. Beginning Tuesday Pre-Fair, staff, performers, and booth members will use the Bus Road entrance on Suttle Road. No vehicles, except those with emergency stickers, can enter any gate between 6pm and 8pm on event days. All vehicles, except those with emergency stickers, must go with the flow of traffic.

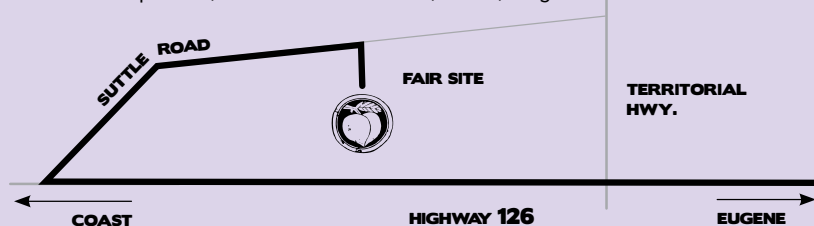


The OCF is not responsible for theft of, or damage to vehicles, motorcycles, bikes, or their contents while on OCF property, or damage caused by tow companies while moving vehicles parked illegally on OCF property.

**FAIR-OWNED VEHICLES.** Every year the OCF insures a limited number of volunteers and staff as drivers for Fair-owned vehicles. Only those on the insured drivers list may operate such vehicles. The OCF's insurance carrier must approve drivers. Coordinators must talk to office staff about getting drivers on the insured drivers list.

**Driving to the Fair?** If you are driving to the Fair Site on **WEDNESDAY** before the Fair, please follow Hwy. 126 to Suttle Road. Enter from the west to alleviate traffic on Suttle Road.

If you are driving to the Fair Site on **THURSDAY** before the Fair, please follow Hwy. 126 and enter at Maple Gate, located at 24207 OR-126, Veneta, Oregon.







**PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES USED FOR FAIR PURPOSES.** Some operational activities are performed thanks to the generously donated use of privately owned vehicles. Vehicles that are not street legal and/or do not carry standard liability insurance must be approved by OCF Management. Approval will include a signed agreement defining the terms of use.

**ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION.** Vehicles such as, but not limited to, off-highway vehicles, ATVs, gators, golf carts, motorcycles, mini-bikes, scooters, mopeds, are prohibited on OCF property without prior approval. Each vehicle will be considered on a case-by-case basis; however, only those serving approved operational functions or other critical needs will be considered. Personal use vehicles will not be approved and should not be brought to the property. We will ask you to remove them. This guideline is not intended to limit the reasonable accommodation of alter-abled individuals.

**39. Vehicle Stickers.** By 9pm Wednesday of Fair week, each vehicle on the premises must have a vehicle sticker affixed to its lower-left front windshield—no exceptions other than motorcycles, which are not required to have vehicle stickers. Parking is limited, and so are vehicle stickers. Vehicle stickers are available through your booth rep or coordinator. Vehicle stickers are not transferable. People with Worker Day passes are not eligible to receive vehicle stickers and must pay the public parking

fee. After 9pm vehicles without stickers will be towed.

*Vehicles are not allowed in path and meadow areas Fair weekend, from 6am, Friday, until 6am, Monday.*

Staff and booth members must park in designated lots only. No Fair Family vehicles can park in areas designated as public parking. Public parking includes Kermit's, Trotter's, the Dead Lot, and North Miss Piggy's Lot (except Medallion Row). Absolutely no camping is allowed in public, Outta Site, or Outer Limits parking lots.

**RVS (OVERSIZED VEHICLES).** Drivers of all vehicles longer than 22 feet, including trailers, need to purchase a size-based vehicle sticker along with a regular vehicle sticker. This sticker costs \$125 in addition to the cost of your regular vehicle sticker. The type of regular vehicle sticker you receive will determine when and where you may park.

**TOWING.** Public lots may be used pre-Fair and Wednesday and Thursday for short-term, temporary parking for wristbanding or load-in purposes. Vehicles left in public parking areas are towed prior to Fair to make room for the public. After getting wristbanded or loading in, promptly move your vehicle to a designated lot. Vehicle-stickered cars that are parked in areas designated as public parking, or blocking traffic, fire roads, or any Emergency Vehicle Sticker Zone, will be towed. A towing/impound fee will be charged to retrieve a towed vehicle. Repeat offenders may lose the privilege of purchasing a vehicle sticker at subsequent Fairs. If you believe your vehicle has been towed, check with Troubleshooters at the Check Inn/Sticker Booth during booth hours. On Monday after the Fair, check at Quartermaster. The OCF is not responsible for damage to vehicles caused during towing. Contact the towing company. Towing services are contracted through an off-site towing provider and your vehicle may be towed to an off-site impound facility.

**CITATIONS BY LANE COUNTY SHERIFFS.** All vehicles parked along the shoulder of the highways or side roads may be cited and/or towed by the Lane County sheriff.



# Stewardship<sup>of</sup> the Land

**40. Environment.** No cutting of any vegetation, living or dead, is permitted except by VegManEcs, Site Crew, Tree Crew, or their designees. See the Main Camp QuarterMaster if you have questions. Violations may result in disciplinary action that may include probation, suspension, or expulsion. Much of the Fair's natural ground cover has been removed in recent years; no additional clearing is permitted. Consult with Main Camp QuarterMaster if you need help tying up vegetation in your booth. Please be sure to remove your tiebacks by July 31. Use of all gas-powered tools is prohibited except during Main Camp when they must be checked in with QuarterMaster and receive a permit tag and fire extinguisher.

**GREEN ZONES.** These are the land parcels or islands within or surrounding camping spaces and booth spaces as well as the river and creek banks. Green zones are habitats that need to be undisturbed. The OCF is actively involved in wetland and riparian restoration projects. Do not cross or camp in these designated areas. Use existing campsites and encourage the growth of natural barriers between camps and elsewhere.

**NATIVE PLANTS.** To preserve the natural setting of the Fair environment, only native plants are allowed to be planted on OCF property. The Site Manager must approve planting directly into the ground. The Site Manager or designees will remove non-natives. Please check with the Site Manager if you are unsure if a plant is native.

**INVASIVE SPECIES** threaten our natural ecosystem and must never be brought on site. Clean camping gear, vehicles, and footwear before coming to the site to prevent spreading seeds of invasive plants. Non-native plants should not be introduced without permission of the Site Manager. To help prevent the invasion of the tree-killing beetle known as the emerald ash borer, and other harmful insects, fungi, and blights (e.g. sudden oak death), ash wood is prohibited, unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager. Crafters or booth representatives who utilize wood or plants in their products should contact the Site Manager for discussion of environmental safety protocols and best practices.

Firewood, plants, soils, woodchips, wooden booth construction materials and decoration materials (excluding de-barked, kiln-dried professionally milled lumber) can be vectors for disease and invasive species. To obtain firewood

for burning on site, please contact QuarterMaster or site employees. Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood.

With regard to invasive species and harmful fungi and blights, please inspect materials, products, clothing, shoes, and vehicles for potential invasive insects and seeds and remove any potential vectors from relevant items before coming to the Fair.

Wooden pallets may also carry invasive species or be heavily treated with chemicals. Thereby, wood pallets are not to be brought to site for use in campgrounds, other personal uses, or for firewood. Operations will coordinate the removal of wooden pallets brought to site via product delivery as they arrive.

**GROUND COVER.** Hay, straw, and wood shavings are detrimental to native ground cover and are a fire hazard. They are also large contributors to dust and are allergenic for some people. Cedar shavings and boughs, coconut fiber mats, and burlap are not allowed because they inhibit growth and are difficult to compost. Because all commercially available lawn sod is grown with plastic netting that is not compostable and is difficult to remove, grass sod is not an appropriate ground cover. Use of lawn sod in campsites or on paths is prohibited. If you wish to use sod in a booth, you must sign a site stewardship agreement at the Registration Booth or QuarterMaster. All hay, straw, and wood shavings must be removed from the Fair Site or taken to an OCF-designated compost pile by July 31. Any carpet, cardboard, plastic, plywood, or sod used as ground cover must be removed from the Fair Site by July 31.

**DUFF** is the native ground cover composed of organic materials and seeds that are necessary for regeneration of the ecosystem. Moving of duff should be kept to a minimum and you must replace it before you leave. More detailed information can be found in the OCF [Land Use Management Plan](#).

**LUMPY CAMPSITES.** Campsites may be leveled by the addition of approved materials. Removal/digging/scraping of surface soil is not allowed. Approved materials for filling low spots include sand or other materials specifically approved by the Site Manager. Straw, hay, or bark mulch

may not be used in campsites. Do not take straw purchased by the OCF.

**41. Tree Inspection and Maintenance.** To keep the forest natural, OCF minimizes interference with nature's processes, including tree growth and decline. All tree and forestry concerns must be brought to the attention of the Site and Facilities Manager for evaluation. The Site and Facilities Manager, along with OCF-approved consulting arborists, will evaluate the situation, determine options, and create a plan to address the issue. Treatment for an affected tree may include, but is not limited to, pruning, cabling, or removal. Only OCF Management may approve the planting of any tree, shrub, or other plant in any location on OCF property. Only OCF Management may approve active measures meant to improve or impact the ecology and natural landscape of the property. No outside arborists will be consulted to assess trees on OCF property without prior approval from the Site and Facilities Manager.

**42. Archaeology.** The OCF property is the home of many important archaeological sites protected by state law. Ground disturbance on these sites requires a state-issued permit. *All ground disturbing activities, including digging, as well as replacement of existing in-ground structures, must be approved by archaeology and construction crews.* Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including probation, suspension, and expulsion from OCF property. Email Archaeology Crew at [info@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:info@oregoncountryfair.org) or visit their booth at Main Camp.

**43. Cleanup. PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.**

The Oregon Country Fair strictly adheres to a "Pack It In, Pack It Out" policy. All plastic sheeting, tarps, carpets, bedding, buckets, milk crates, coolers, removable signage, furniture, cinder blocks, wire spools, building materials, and other bulky items must be removed from the Fair Site. The recycling kiosks throughout the Fair do not have the capacity for bulky waste. You must pack out the gear you bring to the site. Clean your camp and booth site to remove all evidence of human activity. **LEAVE NO TRACE.**

To meet the Fair's waste-free goals, all participants are required to use compostable or reusable food service containers at all Fair events. The use of disposable plastic cups, plates, or bowls is strictly prohibited.

The deadline for booth and campsite cleanup is August 31. After such time, any items on site will be considered abandoned and will be

removed at the expense of the booth or campsite user. The Fair site is often flooded during the winter and water moves our debris downstream. All moveable benches, tables, dimensional lumber, firewood, pallets, and other loose materials must be at least four feet off the ground and secured to a booth or other existing structure—not to trees!—or taken off site.

The Site Manager and/or the Caretaker have Board authority to interpret and ensure OCF cleanup guidelines compliance.

**44. Paths. PLEASE KEEP VEHICLE USE ON FAIR PATHS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.** All paths are closed to vehicle access for the season effective July 31 to facilitate path rehabilitation. Call the Fair office if you need access.

**PEACH CARTS.** Please be prepared to cart and carry your stuff in. Peach Carts are available for free at Cart Central beginning three weeks before the Fair. Check with your coordinator or Cart Central before Friday of Fair if you need a cart during the Fair. Carts are for community use and serve thousands of people each year; treating them with care is appreciated and expected. If you check out a Peach Cart, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Announce your presence when in a crowd.
- Promptly return carts after you are done with them.
- Return carts clean and report any needed repairs.
- Carts are not safe rides for children, service animals, adults, or other creatures. Pleasure rides are not allowed.
- Carts are designed for walking speeds only and should not be towed by vehicles.
- Carts are for single-day use only unless your booth or crew has arranged for dedicated, long-term use.

**DO NOT PUT STRAW OR HAY ON THE PATHS.**

It is an extreme fire hazard, is highly allergenic, and inhibits the growth of ground cover. Straw is one of the biggest contributors of dust. No straw is available for camping areas.

**ONLY SERVICE BIKES ARE ALLOWED ON PATHS, CONDITIONS PERMITTING.**

Cover all open holes in the path.

Fair policy states, "All Fair Family members shall work together to do whatever possible to insure a grass-covered, barefoot-safe path during the Fair."



# Camping at the Fair Site

## 45. Camping Before and After the Fair

Camping Before and After the Fair is limited to working crews and booth participants, subject to operational approval. Booth people intending to camp while working on their booth must sign in with QuarterMaster at Main Camp. The OCF does not provide meals for booth workers. You can camp at the Fair starting Wednesday, July 10, only with possession of a wristband or photo ID. Miss Piggy camping will be open at 9am, Wednesday, July 10, for those who must be on site and have traditionally camped there. Vehicles in the Miss Piggy lot are for camping only and may not be removed from 7am, Friday, to 9pm, Sunday.

All campers and their belongings must be packed up, packed out and off site *no later than 6pm, Monday, July 15*.

All campers must observe the fire regulations in [Fire Safety Protocol \(Section 94\)](#). Campfires require a new inspection and permit each year. Only the Site Manager and the Fire Crew can issue permits.

**CAMPFIRES.** Only fires that receive permits from OCF Fire Crew are allowed on OCF property. No other campfires are permitted. Additionally, no other sources of open flames or tiki torches are permitted on the property. No unattended candles are allowed. To prevent the spread of invasive species, bringing firewood or wooden pallets from offsite is prohibited (unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager). Site sourced firewood is available at Wood World and can be requested via QuarterMaster or site employees. Burning painted or treated wood is prohibited at all times everywhere on OCF property.

Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood.

**46. Camping During the Fair.** Public camping is not permitted anywhere on site. Everyone over 12 years of age must wear an OCF-issued



wristband or photo ID to be on site before or after public hours. Please see [Overnight Credentials \(Section 4\)](#). Wristbands or photo IDs must be worn from 9am, Wednesday, July 10, through 9pm, Monday, July 15. Violators will be escorted off site.

## 47. Camping Neighborhoods and Camp Hosts.

The OCF site is divided into camping neighborhoods with a camp host for each. Camp hosts work to facilitate a fun, safe, mutually respectful camping experience at the Fair. Camp hosts are available to help prevent and help mediate disputes over campsites and to promote respect for the OCF Code of Conduct and Guidelines. They also serve to help enhance the beauty and creative design of their camping neighborhoods. *Check with your coordinator, camp host, Main Camp QuarterMaster, or the Camping Crew before setting up camp.*

**48. Mediation Crew.** Mediation services are available for issues concerning neighbors, territory, or boundaries within or adjacent to your campsite or booth space. You can find us on site during pre-Fair and during the Fair, off-site by email at [mediationcrew.ocf@gmail.com](mailto:mediationcrew.ocf@gmail.com), or via our book at QuarterMaster in Main Camp until Thursday afternoon before Fair. We move to Odyssey from Thursday afternoon until the end of Fair. For more information on mediation and conflict resolution options at the Fair, please see [Section 33](#).





**49. Tent Tags.** An OCF-issued tent tag must be affixed to each tent or camping structure on the OCF site during Main Camp until closing post-Fair. We use tent tags to ensure that only OCF booth members, entertainers, volunteers, and other Fair Family members are camping on the Fair Site. Tent tags are available from the Camping Crew at Main Camp QuarterMaster Pre-Fair. They are also available starting Wednesday, July 10, from camp hosts or other volunteers designated by the Camping Crew.

**50. Campsites.** Only approved crews working during Main Camp can set up camp before Wednesday, July 10.

Everyone must camp in designated areas. Camping Crew is available to help locate camps. They can be reached through QuarterMaster. Please check with your coordinator, camp host, booth representative, or the Camping Crew before setting up camp. Campsites must not be claimed or altered without an OK from the Camping Crew.

**NO BRUSH CUTTING OR DIGGING IS ALLOWED.** See [Environment \(Section 40\)](#). Please do not use rope or flagging tape to claim your campsite. Do not alter the land or the natural surroundings. All camps must be clean when you leave. No benches, tables, camp furniture, etc., may be left or stored—they will be confiscated. All OCF camping areas are pack it in, pack it out, leave no trace areas.

*Pit toilets (holes dug in the ground for disposal of human or animal waste), personal camp toilets*

*or porta-potties, and private showers are not allowed. Violation of this guideline may result in probation or suspension.*

**NO VISIBLE CAMPSITES.** Camping within the Fair must not be visible to the visiting public and must be in designated camping areas only.

**FAR SIDE CAMPING.** The Far Side campground is primarily for volunteer staff. All OCF camping and environmental guidelines apply. The Site Manager or Far Side coordinator must approve all camp locations. Campsites must not be visible from the Fair side. Please identify your camp with a name and sign.

All Far Side campers must have regular and Far Side wristbands to access the campsite before noon, Thursday, July 11. All vehicles must have Far Side vehicle stickers affixed to the lower left-hand side of the front windshield. Failure to affix your Far Side vehicle sticker will result in your vehicle getting towed.

Vehicle access is through a road entrance off Territorial Highway, which opens at noon on Wednesday before the Fair. The gate is closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until 6pm, when it opens to exiting traffic. Exiting vehicles will not be permitted to re-enter. Incoming traffic is limited to service and emergency vehicles. If you camp on the Far Side and need to use your vehicle during Fair days, you must have a regular Fair vehicle sticker and park in an approved staff parking lot on the Fair side.

**ZENN ACRES, MARSHALL'S LANDING, AND ALICE'S WONDERLAND CAMPING.** All OCF camping and environmental guidelines apply. No parking is available.

To camp in **SOUTH MISS PIGGY'S**, you must have a wristband, vehicle sticker, and South Miss Piggy's sticker before entering.

## **51. Sound Amplification.**

**COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS.** Because we camp so closely together, amplified sound, whether live or recorded, projected beyond the intended audience creates problems for other Fair Family. Please consider others before you turn it up. Please be respectful of your impact on acoustic musicians, exhausted kids and parents, and Fair Family with early morning shifts. Camp hosts, coordinators, booth representatives, and campers are asked to develop and negotiate neighborhood agreements before the Fair regarding sound levels and noise guidelines



and to collectively coexist in a peaceful manner. If conflict develops, the Management Team will intervene as needed. Conflict resolution decisions made at that time by the Management Team must be honored by all involved parties and will be reviewed post-Fair.

**AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMITS.** If you are planning an event involving amplified sound on the Fair site outside of the event season, you must obtain a permit from the Site Manager. During OCF Main Camp through post-Fair you can pick up a permit application at QuarterMaster. Return the application to QM or Fair Central for review by the Management Team who will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. Sound Amplification Permits may be determined, in part, using some or all the following criteria: sound sheds, decibel levels, respectful interactions, and other permitted amplified events in proximity or on consecutive nights in the same location.

**TIMING.** All Sound Permit requests and timing issues are subject to Management approval all year long. Amplified sound will comply with Lane County ordinances per our agreement with the County. All amplified sound taking place on OCF stages during the weekend of the event are subject to Stage Coordinator approval, Community Agreement, and final OCF Management review and approval.

**TYPES OF AMPLIFIED SOUND.** Amplified sound allowed at the OCF is that which is sung, played, or mixed by the musician or DJ and respectfully broadcast to the immediate area and audience with the understanding that sound circles overlap and not always to the benefit of others. Pre-recorded music is not in line with our emphasis on the handcrafted—whether art, food, or music. You are encouraged to turn off pre-recorded music, unless it is part of a live mix performance, dance, or stage act.

**FUTURE.** There are ongoing efforts among the Board, Management, and other Fair volunteers to understand and design our soundscape to meet the needs of our intergenerational family and our neighbors in Veneta. By working together and understanding that there is a wide range of requests, requirements, and desires, we can come to agreements across campsites and camphoods that meet the needs of most people much of the time. Therefore, this guideline is an

evolving process and will be subject to annual review by the Board of Directors.

**52. Sweep.** Each night we require our guests to leave. All staff who are not already on duty during this time, as well as significant others, are asked to help with the sweep. We need your understanding and cooperation in this process. People at Fair at night without credentials pose a myriad of potential problems and constitute an unwarranted and unexpected drain of limited resources (water, toilets, patience, etc.). From Wednesday, Pre-Fair, through Monday, Post-Fair, no one may stay after 7pm without a 2024 wristband or official OCF photo ID. See [Overnight Credentials \(Section 4\)](#).

*We are particularly concerned with unauthorized overnight guests in booths and camping areas. Their presence at the Fair after it has officially closed for the day is a breach of contract. Failure to cooperate may result in probation, suspension, or expulsion from the Fair.*



# Craft Jurying

THE OREGON COUNTRY FAIR  
FEATURES HANDMADE,  
HANDCRAFTED, OR SIGNIFICANTLY  
HAND-ALTERED ITEMS FOR SALE  
BY THE CRAFTER.



**53. Prohibited Items.** *Imported or manufactured items. Illegal drug paraphernalia.* Questions? Contact Craft Inventory Crew at [craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org).

**54. No Food or Drink** may be sold or served in craft booths. Herbal tinctures and herbal extracts are the only ingestible items allowed for sale in craft booths. These items must comply with all applicable state and federal laws. Crafters must supply copies of valid Health Department licenses and proof of insurance to the Registration Crew.

**55. Early Approved Crafts.** In 1989, the Board of Directors confirmed that crafts listed in Craft Inventory records for the Fair of 1982 may continue to be sold as long as the original crafter is present and selling that craft and complies with the provisions of [Returning Crafters \(Section 56\)](#).

**56. Returning Crafters.** For the purpose of jurying a craft, a returning crafter is defined as a crafter who has been at one of the three previous years' Fairs selling their approved craft. A crafter may be absent from the Fair (on Leave of Absence) for up to two consecutive years. A crafter absent from the Fair for more than two consecutive years will be dropped from the records of approved crafters. *Any craft for which a crafter is approved as of the 2024 Fair will remain on their list of approved crafts for as long as that crafter remains active at the Fair.* Crafters are required to have items in their inventory that they have made within the previous

twelve months. Returning crafters who wish to sell crafts made using different techniques and materials than those previously approved must submit a craft application and the non-refundable application fee by the application deadline.

**57. New Crafters.** Each year new crafters are approved through the jury process. New and returning crafter applicants with the highest jury scores for that year will be placed in One-Year-Only booths and will be required to share these booths with other approved crafters.

For the purpose of jurying a craft, a new crafter is defined as a crafter who has not been at any of the three previous Fairs selling their approved craft. Crafts are identified by the techniques and materials used in their production. New crafters who wish to have crafts approved for sale at the Fair must submit three images with a craft application and a non-refundable application fee of \$15 by the deadline. Crafters who submit multiple applications must remit a \$10 fee for each application beyond the first one. The link for applications can be found at [oregoncountryfair.org](http://oregoncountryfair.org) starting in January of each year. If you have questions, you may email [craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org) or call the Fair office at (541) 343-4298 and leave a message for Craft Inventory.

Sales space is not guaranteed to all approved crafters; there is simply not enough booth space. Crafters who are approved by the jury but whose scores do not guarantee them placement in One-Year-Only booths, as well as crafters who have been displaced from a booth,





are encouraged to do the following:

- 1.) Network with booth representatives to find available sales space; this can be done during the Fair or during the off-season.
- 2.) Contact Registration Crew in the spring to be placed on the Wait/Share list. Booth representatives are encouraged to use this list to contact crafters if space becomes available in their booth. The Wait/Share list is published in the *Fair Family News* for greater exposure.
- 3.) Place an individual ad in the *Fair Family News* stating needs and requesting sales space. Ads are limited to 30 words maximum and cost \$5 per ad, per month.

**58. Wait/Share List.** Each year, crafters are ranked by jury score to create the Wait/Share list of crafters looking for space. Crafters with the same jury score are ranked randomly within their range. Any approved crafter looking for space may be included on the Wait/Share list. Crafters who want to be on the Wait/Share list should notify the Registration Crew at [boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org) in April or May.

**59. One-Year-Only Booths.** Registration Crew will maintain at least 10 full-size One-Year-Only booths. One-Year-Only booths are awarded to the top-ranked crafters (by jury score in the current year). Top juried crafters have two styles of booth to choose from: full booths and single booths. Full booths are large enough for two crafters. Top juried crafters who choose these booths are required to find a booth partner to share with. Registration Crew will provide information on how to find a booth partner. Single booths, which are typically half the size of a full booth, do not require sharing with another crafter. Crafters who have submitted applications to sell at the Oregon Country Fair will receive their jury results from Craft Inventory. Registration Crew will then award booths to the top juried crafters in the order of jury rank. At minimum, one booth in the one-year-only inventory will be awarded to an Esoteric Crafter (providing services such as tarot or astrology readings) if an applicant is juried in.

**60. Awarding Booth Space on a Permanent Basis.** Permanent placement will be determined annually based on availability of booth space and the evaluation of qualified applicants. If

space is available, it will be awarded to crafters who have:

- 1.) Five years verifiable presence at the Fair as an active crafter;
- 2.) Presence at the Fair as an active crafter in at least two of the previous three Fairs;
- 3.) Top scores from the Craft Inventory jury in the current year of application.

Crafters who have met the above requirements and wish to apply for permanent placement should submit a letter of interest between May 1 and September 30, after completion of the jury process. The letter should indicate which booths the crafter has been in at the Fair, when, and what the jury scores have been—in other words, the crafter's history with the Fair. Letters may be submitted to [boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org). Craft Inventory, Registration Crew, and the Craft Committee will work together to confirm booth history and jury scores before any decision is made. Decisions will be made by December 31 and will be applied at the following Fair if there is booth availability.

The opportunity to be placed in an available booth will be guaranteed as soon as possible after September 30. Returning crafters who are interested in (and eligible for) booth space on a permanent basis must submit a new application (with digital images and fee) to Craft Inventory by the annual application deadline to be considered for placement the following year. Permanent booth awards result from agreement among Registration Crew, Craft Committee, Craft Inventory, and Fair Management.

**61. Logo Items.** Each year, a few returning crafters are awarded the privilege of using the Oregon Country Fair logo on their craft, for that year only. March 22 is the deadline for applying for this privilege. Unlike regular new craft applications for which only digital images are accepted, a sample of the proposed logo item is required. Please contact the Fair office for more specific information. *The Board of Directors must approve use of the logo (the Peach and/or the words Oregon Country Fair) for sale, trade, or display during public hours.* All logo items successfully juried five times will be given approval without the need to be re-juried. An application and application fee must still be submitted annually for such crafts.



# Craft Booths

**62. Craft Inventory.** All crafts sold at the Fair must be handcrafted, handmade, homegrown, hand-gathered, or significantly altered by the person(s) who had that craft approved by the OCF. What are approved (juried) are the craft and the crafter. Approved crafters are those who have been granted Early Approval by being present in 1982, or who have successfully juried since then and sold regularly at the Fair thereafter. The craft must be made, displayed, and sold by the crafter who juried that craft. If the approved crafter cannot be present at the Fair, their crafts may not be displayed. A crafter may request a copy of their Craft Inventory record by sending a request to [craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org).

A crafter must be actively selling their crafts in their booth at the Fair for all three days of the event. A crafter may be absent from the Fair (on Leave of Absence) for up to two consecutive years. A crafter absent from the Fair for more than two consecutive years will be dropped from the record of approved crafters. *Absence by any crafter, craft booth, or food booth from the 2024 Oregon Country Fair will not be counted as a leave.* A crafter who elects to obtain their wristband through the Elders program may not remain actively selling their crafts in any craft booth during the public hours of the Fair.

Sale of unapproved crafts is not allowed. Imported or manufactured items are explicitly prohibited. Craft Inventory staff will stop by each booth daily to ensure that the crafts in the booth are the approved crafts for that booth. There is no on-site jurying. Crafters may request to meet with a Craft Inventory Coordinator to help resolve disputes.

Recently approved crafters: To avoid disputes, please have a copy of your craft jury acceptance letter with you at the Fair. A Craft Inventory coordinator will be available in Booth #52 during public Fair hours to help resolve disputes.

If you observe any violations of these guidelines, please inform a member of the Craft Inventory Crew located in booth #52. Concerns about craft guidelines violations may also be sent before or after the event to

[craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org).

Before or after public hours, sale of handcrafted goods is allowed in craft booths by the maker, if they are present with a valid wristband.

*After-hours sales at the Main Stage area or outside established booths are limited to approved strolling crafters displaying a valid strolling permit.* Report unauthorized sellers to the nearest Information Booth.

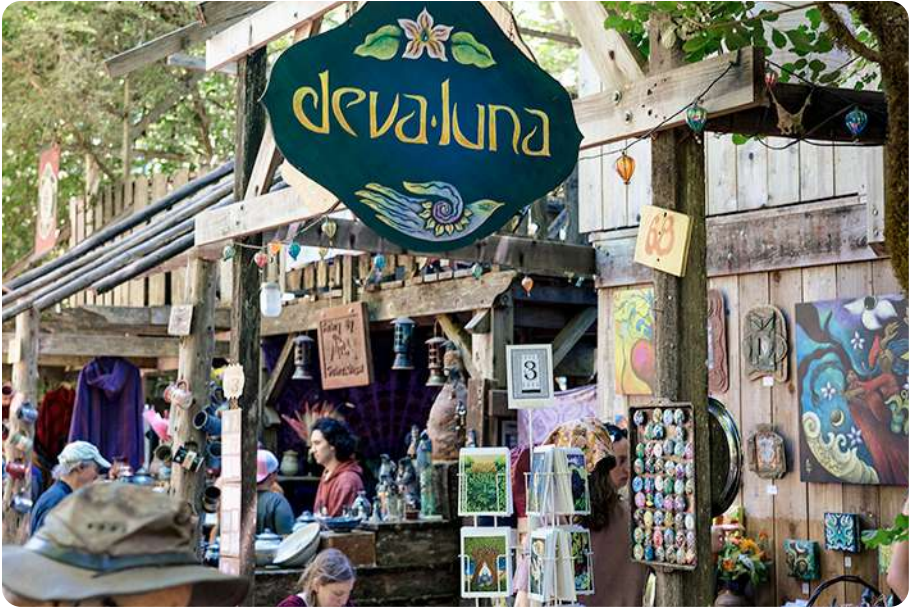
If staff believes that an unapproved craft is being sold, the crafter and the booth representative will be asked to remove that craft from display. Failure to pull the craft immediately will put the crafter and booth at risk of probation. In extreme cases of continued offenses, a crafter may be expelled from the Fair. If there is doubt about a craft being approved for sale at this year's Fair, check with Craft Inventory or submit a craft application for the craft in question by the annual application deadline. Successful jurying will guarantee approved status of the craft for subsequent years.

*All booths are expected to be set up and open for business during the hours the Fair is open to the public.* Please have sufficient products available for sale for all three days of the Fair. If you do not have sufficient goods for sale for the whole Fair, please consider taking crafters from the Wait/Share list into your booth. Registration Crew will facilitate contact with crafters from the Wait/Share list.

**63. Strolling Crafters** are expected to be able to stroll easily along the path and provide the Fair with a continually changing atmosphere. Approved strolling crafters must be registered with the Registration Crew. Strolling crafters who do not regularly move may face sanctions. Strolling crafters are required to check in with the Craft Inventory Crew in Booth #52 at least once a day during the Fair, between 11am and 5pm, with their complete path display.

**CRAFT CARTS** are reduced-size craft booths, occupied by a single crafter, that may be relocated from year to year. This booth model is intended to stay in one location during the event. Craft carts will be sited by Registration Crew, working in cooperation with Craft





Inventory and the operations team. Craft carts must be no larger than 4'x 6', with a total footprint not to exceed 8'x8'. Craft carts and any extending area must adhere to the aesthetic guidelines of the Oregon Country Fair. Cart placement must be such that it does not interfere with traffic, visibility, or with other booths. Craft Inventory will visit each cart to verify attendance and compliance of crafts.

#### **64. Youth Crafters and Aging Crafters.**

**YOUTH CRAFTERS.** Youth aged 18 and younger may sell non-juried crafts in their registered booth or in the official Youth Crafts booth. All items must be handcrafted, handmade, homegrown, hand gathered, or significantly altered by the youth selling the craft. When youth are not present selling their crafts, their crafts should not be on display.

Booth reps are expected to inform the Craft Inventory path walkers if there are youth crafters participating in their booth. Youth who will be 19 years old by the Wednesday before the Fair must jury their crafts. They will receive the benefit of a lower acceptance score

threshold if they were listed by Craft Inventory as active crafters, selling their crafts each day for two of the previous four years. Applicants who wish to receive this benefit must indicate that they are active crafters in the appropriate place on their application materials. This benefit is available only to youth crafters who will be either 18 or 19 years old by the Wednesday before the Fair.

**AGING CRAFTERS.** When the crafter retires, no other person may continue to sell the retired crafter's work. Apprentices of the retired crafter who wish to sell their own version of the craft must be approved through the annual craft application process.

#### **65. Craft-Related Customer Complaints.**

Written complaints will be forwarded to the Craft Committee for consideration. The OCF may deny crafter status to vendors or prohibit the sale of items or services if the Fair receives substantial customer complaints. The Oregon Country Fair reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling at the OCF and to prohibit any product from being sold at the OCF.



# Food & Craft Registration


boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org  
541-868-8903



## 66. Booth, Cart, and Strolling

**Representatives.** The Oregon Country Fair owns all booth spaces at the Fair. The OCF requires each craft and food booth to have an approved booth representative. Booth spaces and booth representative status may be transferred according to these Guidelines but cannot be sold or traded for compensation. The OCF reserves the right, when necessary, to appoint booth representatives, to reject the transfer of booth representative status, or to revoke booth representative status.

The booth representative may delegate specific responsibilities to other members of their teams by emailing the Registration Crew at [boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org) and indicating which booth members are authorized to do which tasks. If there is not sufficient time to email the Registration Crew in advance, the booth representative should provide the delegated booth member with a note of authorization.

 **NEW:** The booth representative is the contact between the booth and the rest of the Fair organization. It is the booth representative's responsibility to see that all booth members read and comply with these Guidelines. The Oregon Country Fair can revoke booth representative status and/or participant status for violations of the Guidelines. Please feel free to make copies to distribute to booth members. Additional copies of the Guidelines are also available from the OCF office, on site, and at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net).



## 67. Registration.

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### MAIN CAMP BOOTH REGISTRATION HUT HOURS

#### June 8 – July 5

Monday & Tuesday • closed  
Wednesday & Thursday • 11am – 4pm  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday • 10am – 6pm

#### July 6 – July 8

Daily • 10am – 8pm

#### July 9 • closed

### BOOTH REGISTRATION CHECK IN/STICKER BOOTH HOURS

#### July 10 – July 14

Wednesday, July 10 • 9am – 10pm  
Thursday, July 11 • 9am – 10pm  
Friday, July 12 • 9am – 9pm  
Saturday, July 13 • 9am – 9pm  
Sunday, July 14 • 10am – 2p

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**68. Booth, Cart, and Strolling Fees** must be paid in full by May 1, or the booth is forfeited. A half-fee payment is due by April 1. *No post-dated checks will be accepted. Only the booth representative's credit card, check, or money order will be accepted. No other booth member may submit fees. Checks returned because of insufficient funds will be assessed a \$35 fee. Please write your booth, cart, or stroller number on the memo line of the check. Please send one check to cover both the initial booth fee and passes. Electronic payments are also accepted; this is the preferred payment method for all booth expenses. Supplemental passes can be paid for after approval.*

Resale of OCF inventory (any type of pass, wristband, or vehicle sticker) for personal profit is a violation of the Guidelines and Oregon Country Fair policy.

Nobody can be charged more than the actual cost of a wristband.

Booth, cart, and strolling fees are separate from wristband purchases. Please see below for details on booth, cart, and strolling fees as well





as wristband pricing.

Vehicle stickers are \$20. Booth, cart, and strolling representatives are allowed to purchase half as many vehicle stickers as approved adult passes.

**CRAFT BOOTHS.** The craft booth fee is \$200. Wristbands are \$125 each.

**STROLLING CRAFTERS.** The strolling crafter fee is \$100. Wristbands are \$125 each.

**FOOD BOOTHS.** The Food Booth fee is \$350. Wristbands are \$125 each.

**FOOD CARTS.** The food cart vendor fee is \$115. Wristbands are \$125 each.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPING PASSES.** Requests for more wristbands will be considered based on the following criteria approved by the Board of Directors: On-site food preparation and hours of operation. A food cart or strolling food vendor must be open at least 15 hours per day and any food booth, including drinks-only booths, must be open 20 or more hours per day, including Sunday. Be sure to request your additional wristbands by the May 1 deadline. (This deadline is extended for new food booths accepted after the May 1 registration deadline.) There is no limit to purchasing Worker Day Passes.

**NONPROFIT CRAFT BOOTHS.** To be eligible, submit copies of 501(c)(3) status or nonprofit papers with your packet or at least 30 days before the Fair. The nonprofit craft booth fee is \$75. Wristbands are \$125 each, based on approval, for up to eight (8) passes.

**NONPROFIT FOOD BOOTHS.** To be eligible, submit copies of 501(c)(3) status or nonprofit papers with your packet or at least 30 days before the Fair. The nonprofit food booth fee is \$75. Wristbands are \$125 each. Nonprofit organizations may also participate through Community Village (although no sales are

allowed). Visit the Community Village website [communityvillageocf.org](http://communityvillageocf.org) for more information.

### **69. Booth, Cart, and Strolling Fee Refunds.**

If an emergency prevents your participation in the Fair, the total booth, cart, or strolling fee may be refunded if the Registration crew is notified by June 12. Send this request via email with "Booth Fee Refund Request" in the subject line. *Participant fees are nonrefundable if the Fair is canceled because of events beyond the control of the Fair.* Requests for pass refunds must be submitted in writing to Registration by July 31. No requests will be accepted after July 31.

**70. Passes for Booth, Cart, and Strolling Participants.** Only a booth, cart, or strolling representative or a delegate with written authorization from the representative may order or purchase wristbands, worker day passes, or vehicle stickers. The representative must be an approved crafter with at least five years' crafting at OCF, except in the case of holders of One-Year-Only booths, and must have a vendor, i.e., not staff, wristband.

**OVERNIGHT CREDENTIALS (WRISTBANDS OR OCF-ISSUED PHOTO ID)** are required for everyone over 12 years old who will be at the Fair before 6am or after 7pm, July 10–15. Overnight credentials are not to be transferred or sold. Lost credentials must be immediately reported to the booth, cart, or strolling food representative. Please list booth, cart, or strolling members who will receive overnight credentials on the registration form. Fees paid by representatives will be allocated first to the booth, cart, or strolling fee, and then to passes and vehicle stickers.

**TEEN PASSES** are \$60 for ages 13–18. When providing teen credentials, please indicate the teen's name and date of birth, and the name and emergency contact information for the adult responsible for the teen. All persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or responsible adult on site who is reachable by staff during the Fair. If the minor is deemed by Fair Management to be in violation of the OCF Guidelines, the responsible adult will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from the Fair for one year. Further incidents may result in permanent expulsion from the



OCF. The number of teen overnight credentials requested cannot exceed half the number of approved adult credentials.

Everyone with overnight credentials must abide by the Code of Conduct and Guidelines of the OCF community.

**WORKER DAY PASSES** are available to daytime booth workers, including those working Wednesday and Thursday. Worker day passes for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday are \$25 each. Worker day passes allow booth and cart workers to be on OCF property between 7am and 7pm only. There is no limit to purchasing Worker Day Passes. Unused worker day passes are not refundable.

**VEHICLE STICKERS.** Each vehicle, except motorcycles, on Fair property after 9pm, Wednesday, July 10, must have a vehicle sticker affixed to the lower-left front windshield. There are no exceptions. Vehicle stickers cost \$20 and are non-transferable. When registering, please indicate who is to receive each vehicle sticker. The total number of vehicle stickers sold to a booth cannot exceed half the number of passes. Because of limited parking, we strongly urge carpooling. Oversized vehicle stickers are required for vehicles longer than 22 feet. Stickers for oversized vehicles are \$125 each and must be purchased in addition to a regular vehicle sticker. Please see [Transportation and Parking \(Section 38\)](#) and [Vehicle Stickers \(Section 39\)](#).

**DRAGON VOUCHERS.** A dragon voucher facilitates site access during the event. It will get you on the bus and to the Check-in/Sticker Booth so that you can get your credentials if you do not already have them. Booth participants should see their booth representative at least one week before the Fair to get a dragon voucher.

**71. Booth Changes.** Booth representatives are required to notify the Registration Crew of all changes to booth occupants.

**CONTACT INFORMATION.** Registration Crew will collect the name, email and mailing addresses, and phone numbers of folks in each booth. Booth representatives should provide this information in the registration packet and update it if there are changes.

**BOOTH SHARING.** Craft booths may share space with any active juried crafter. Booth

representatives must notify Registration Crew as soon as possible to ensure the added crafter gets credit for participating.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE.** A food booth, food cart, crafter, or booth representative may take a leave of absence for no more than two consecutive years with written notification to Registration before the May 1 deadline.

**DISPLACED ACTIVE CRAFTER.** If a crafter is displaced from a booth that has been shared with a booth rep, the crafter should notify [boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org). Registration Crew will add the crafter's name to the Wait/Share list and do its best to work with the displaced crafter to find them a booth to share. Registration Crew does not guarantee a booth for displaced crafters while seeking a sharing solution.

If a booth rep wishes to remove a crafter who has participated in the booth for two years or more, they must give the crafter one-year written notice by July 1 so the displaced crafter can network at Fair for a new location for the following year.

**NEW CRAFT BOOTH REPRESENTATIVES.** Booth representatives may request approval for a temporary, one-year-only, or new permanent booth representative. A new crafts booth representative must have been an approved crafter for a total of five years, and must have been present as an active crafter in the booth they will represent for the two previous consecutive Fairs.

Contact Booth Registration by emailing [boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org), calling 541-868-8903, or writing to: Registration Crew, Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401.

**72. Booth Site Selection.** Current booth representatives have the option of moving from their current booth to a different vacant booth and should notify the Registration Crew of their interest in moving by the virtual claim deadline of March 1.

**73. Opening and Closing.** All booths, carts, and strolling food vendors must be closed by 1pm Monday after Fair. There is no camping Monday night. Everyone must vacate the property by 6pm.



# Booth Construction

## 74. Construction Calendar.

### June 8

Main camp opens

**No work permitted prior to this date**

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### June 30

Last day to submit plans to Construction for repairs

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### July 10

All construction requiring inspection must be done!

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### July 11

All construction completed – tools down!

## 75. General Booth Construction Requirements.

Booth representatives must check in at the Construction Desk in Main Camp if they have a red tag, yellow tag, new construction projects, structural alterations, and/or any booth-related construction questions. All booths will be inspected. Unsafe booths must be repaired before use. Lane County building permits may be required—see [Permits \(Section 79\)](#). *Absolutely no booth demolition or construction is allowed prior to Main Camp opening without permission of the Site Manager and the Construction Coordinator. Booth construction requiring Inspection must be completed by the last Wednesday before the Fair. All booth construction must be completed by Thursday before the Fair. Booths not completed by this date may lose the right to participate and their booth fees will not be refunded.*

Booths must be built with adequate structural support but must be temporary in character. No poured concrete is permitted. Pier pads may be used to hold posts off the ground.

Wood used for booth construction may not be painted or stained. Contact Construction Crew for approved non-petroleum-based sealer options. Decorative painting, including signs, is allowed if removed after the Fair. Do not use pressure-treated lumber or lumber treated with Penta or creosote—both substances are highly toxic. We suggest the use of cedar or redwood where rot might be a problem.

Avoid starting fires. Generators and chain-saws must have U.S. Forest Service-approved spark arrestors. *You must have a fire extinguisher more than three feet, but not more than ten feet, from any gasoline-powered equipment, and in plain sight to anyone in the booth or on the path.*

During the setup/repair process, materials inside a booth space belong to the booth. Stack all excess construction material in front of your booth for recycling. Anything placed in front of a booth will be removed, recycled, or scrounged.

### **NO NAILING INTO TREES.**

**NO BRUSH CUTTING.** *Violations may result in disciplinary action that may include probation, suspension, or expulsion. The explanation for this policy is given in [Environment \(Section 40\)](#).*


During Main Camp, call QuarterMaster and Archaeology before digging holes in the ground. See [Archaeology \(Section 42\)](#). Do not cut any wiring! QuarterMaster has maps that identify where underground wiring and water systems are located. All open holes must be covered at all times.

Floors in booths are strongly discouraged. They add an extra burden on the land and on the Red Tag Crew, who must inspect and test them. We recognize that floors are often important though. Fully removable floors (platform style) are allowed. Floors with removable decks on joists will be approved on a case-by-case basis. Construction will work with you to resolve your situation. Our goal is to guide the Fair toward less wood being left on site.

All booth dismantling, storage, and removal must be done on or before August 31. Staff may remove hazardous or abandoned booths, lumber, and materials. The OCF will not accept responsibility for materials left at the Fair site. All booths and lofts must have floors and walls dismantled and removed or properly stored (see the Booth Construction Manual), and tied down for the flood season per FEMA flood-plain codes. All ground platforms in temporary structures must be removed or dismantled and stored at least four feet off the ground.





 **NEW:** The OCF may remove unapproved structures or equipment left on site and a fee may be charged. See also [Cleanup \(Section 43\)](#). *The OCF grounds, booths, and lofts are not general storage facilities! Please store only elements of your booth such as walls, floors, ladders, water tanks, and sinks. These must be tied down. Items such as camping gear, chairs, tables, coolers, display racks, and spare wood are not to be left on site. Contact Construction Crew if you are not sure what booth elements can stay.*


The Fair Site floods most winters; please consider this important reality in your booth construction. Fences, walls, and booth fronts impede and channel flood waters and cause path erosion. Remove and secure, or hinge and fold up, these vertical surfaces. Converting your booth to a temporary structure and removing it from the flood plain each year is the most site-friendly option.

**CAR BATTERIES FOR BOOTH LIGHTING.** All car batteries used for booth power should be properly fused to prevent fires. Shorted wiring connected to car batteries can start a fire that cannot be easily extinguished. Contact QuarterMaster for instructions on how to protect your booth and the environment.

**76. General Considerations for Wheelchairs.** All new booth construction and all booth reconstruction will be done such that all public booth areas must be accessible to an individual

using a wheelchair. If the constraints of the configuration and size of the space available for a booth make meeting this requirement impractical, Construction Coordinators may, at their discretion, issue a waiver. The minimum width for one wheelchair is 36" of clear space. Clear floor space needed for a single wheelchair is 30" by 48". A high forward reach of a maximum 48" from the floor, and a side reach of a maximum 54" from the floor are also required. Turning space for a wheelchair is 60" in diameter. Two wheelchairs passing each other need a minimum 60" width. The proper incline for a wheelchair ramp is a 1" x 12" rise.

**77. Aesthetics.** Booth construction should be simple, yet imaginative and attractive. Organic, asymmetrical, and non-rectangular designs are encouraged. Please strive to maintain the Fair's ambience of a small, temporary village. Booths that are fully removable are strongly encouraged as they impact the land the least. Whether fully removable or not, booth walls, roofs, counter skirts, and such must be substantially removable to allow light and rain to reach the ground.

 **NEW:** Booth construction and decorative materials should include wood (poles and old weathered wood are best) or fabric (canvas, parachutes, tie dyes). The OCF does not permit visible pressure-treated materials, plywood, lattice, chipboard, or pallets as building materials for new or rebuilt construction. However, covered plywood countertops in booths, removable plywood signs, and removable wheelchair ramps are acceptable. Plastic, including woven plastic, must be covered and out of sight during the Fair unless it is actively raining. Automobiles, trailers, camping tents, or converted trucks may not be used as booths. Personal camping tents must be well hidden from public view. The OCF has the right to reject a booth not in keeping with the aesthetic standards of the Fair.

 **NEW: POP-UP AND PATIO GAZEBO STRUCTURES AS CRAFT/FOOD BOOTHS.** Due to the aesthetics of typical pop-ups, these have been discouraged in the past, but now because of Lane County and environmental demands, they are becoming more common. Some guides to make them blend in follow.

Pop-up aesthetics are critical. Any such structure must be covered/decorated in a way



that blends with the Fair's aesthetics. Metal poles and plastic must be covered or hidden. Cloth, sticks, bamboo, wood, and organic items are all good for this. Roofs must be covered with canvas, tie-dye, or similar material. No blue or white plastic covers. Creative home-made pop-ups are encouraged!

**Size:** Any booth space may have a 200 square feet or smaller pop-up or patio gazebo. Pop-ups may not have lofts.

**Safety:** Pop-ups and gazebos must be secured against wind and meet all other safety standards of the Guidelines.

**Removal:** Pop-ups and gazebos must be removed by Monday after the Fair.

**SIGNS** should be easily interpreted, attractive, and in character with the organic aesthetic of the Fair. Booth name signs may be no larger than 16 square feet, but not necessarily square in shape. Booth menu signs may be no larger than 8 square feet and must also follow the organic aesthetic of the Fair. No signs are allowed in the paths. Signs may not be made of plastic or vinyl laminated signboard material commercial printing process. Hand-painted signs and menus are recommended. Excessive signage is not permitted.

Booth signage must be on the booth itself. Signs, including sandwich signs, in other areas directing folks to your booth are not allowed. If a crafter has moved, the Fair will place a small sign at the old location for the first Fair of the move.

**78. Lofts** may not be used as commercial selling space and may not be used by the public. Lane County Building Department and OCF policy prohibit new lofts larger than 40 square feet. To reduce hazards, simplify construction, and avoid the potential for commercial building permits, Lane County and OCF Construction strongly urge that new booths be built without lofts.

The County and the OCF also require that all lofts have safety rails and removable ladders. All loft areas will have approved guardrails at least 42 inches high, with openings and ladder access areas similarly protected before occupancy approval will be granted. Ladders should be securely mounted but removable to inhibit loft access during the off-season. *All ladders or*

*stairs must be removed from the site or fastened to the loft floor after the Fair. Stairs are discouraged.*

All posts for lofts must be on pier pads with straps. All posts must be of an approved species: fir, redwood, cedar, yew, or locust. Do not use creosote-treated posts. Loft structures must have adequate diagonal bracing. No tree structures are allowed.




**79. Building Permits.** Lane County building permits may be required for structural alterations, additions, and/or new construction of booths with lofts, structures higher than ten feet, and public structures and facilities. Permits are not required for non-structural work such as shelves, counters, and storage bins. Permit applications should be given to OCF Construction coordinators, who will be your liaison with the County. Information on fees and permit requirements will be available at the Construction Crew office in Main Camp. Checks for fees should be made out to Lane County Building Department.

Whether or not permits are required, please inform the Construction Coordinators of your building plans before you begin. Construction Coordinators will provide permit and design information. Get more information by writing to: OCF Construction, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or emailing [office@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:office@oregoncountryfair.org). When in doubt, ask.



# Food Booths


**80. Food Committee.** The Oregon Country Fair has a Food Committee, which is responsible for the selection of new food booths and the coordination of food policies. The committee aspires to maintain quality food service to the public while serving as a representative body for the food booths by making recommendations and proposals to the OCF Board concerning food booth policies. The Food Committee appreciates your feedback and is available for problem solving.

 **NEW: 81. Menu.** Each year returning vendors are required to fill out a “Blue Sheet” (a digital form) that lists all approved menu items and allergens used in the booth. Any changes to your menu must be proposed on your Blue Sheet Form and approved by the Food Committee. All new menu items must be juried by the Food Committee at their last meeting in May. Food vendors at the Fair are required to make a significant contribution to the menu items they serve. Prepare as many items as possible from scratch. Some element of your principal items must be made from scratch. Mere assembly does not constitute a significant contribution. We encourage you to use fresh ingredients, sourced locally, and organic whenever possible. Food vendors must list all food allergens (milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, sesame) on their public menu display when applicable.

No craft item (e.g., t-shirts) may be sold at food booths during public hours.

**82. Insurance.** The Oregon Country Fair requires each food vendor to carry a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy that names the Oregon Country Fair as an additional insured. A copy of the liability certificate must be provided to the Fair by June 8.


Vendors must purchase insurance from their carrier of choice. Food vendors who have not provided insurance certificates will not be allowed to open their booths.

 **NEW: 83. Mandatory Food Booth Meeting.** All food booth representatives are required to attend a meeting with the Food Committee and the county sanitarian on the first Wednesday

in June. No exceptions! A primary or secondary booth representative must attend this meeting or have prior consent for their replacement from the Food Committee. Any food booth vendor failing to be represented at this meeting will be put on probation.


Upon conclusion of the meeting, booth reps may pay registration fees and request more passes for the current year.

**84. County Regulations.** The rules for the preparation and handling of food are those established by Lane County and the Food Committee. There will be no exceptions. On the first day of the Fair, a Lane County sanitarian will inspect your food booth before issuing a temporary restaurant license. The OCF will not permit booths that fail this inspection to open. Booths in violation of these regulations will be closed. Lane County sanitarians will make random inspections throughout the duration of the Fair.

 **NEW:** By at least one week before the Fair, each food booth must apply for a temporary restaurant license from the Lane County Environmental Health Office. (Not necessary for licensed food carts or exempt menus.)

At least one person with a Food Handler’s card must always be in each booth or cart. These cards can be obtained at the Lane County Environmental Health Office.

The Lane County Environmental Health Office requires each food booth to use a specific “name” at the time of application and on the booth during the Fair.


 **NEW:** Keep your menu simple and do not add menu items during the Fair. Remove all unused food and chemicals from the site within one week after the end of our event. Main Camp Kitchen accepts donations of certain foodstuffs, at the Kitchen Crew’s discretion.


All food booths are required to be open at minimum from 11am to 7pm, Friday, July 12, through Sunday, July 14. Food sales may begin no earlier than noon, Thursday, July 11, and must end by 1pm, Monday, July 15. All county regulations regarding food handling and service apply to OCF kitchens as well.

**85. Food Booth Representative.** In addition to the guidelines for all booth representatives




defined in [Section 66](#), the following apply specifically to food booth representatives. All food booths at the OCF must have a primary food booth representative responsible for all things related to that booth. The primary representative may assign up to two secondary representatives to manage the booth during the primary representative's absence.

 **NEW:** All primary and secondary representatives must have a valid email address and working phone and respond within 10 days to official communications from the OCF and Food Committee unless otherwise instructed. The Food Committee must confirm all primary booth representative changes. Primary and secondary food booth representatives must be aware of all food allergens used in the booth and must be prepared to present this list to anyone who asks. Current FDA common food allergens include: milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, and sesame. When applicable, allergen information must be posted in a clear and visible space for the public.

 **NEW:** A new primary representative for an existing booth must have five years' experience participating in the booth within the last ten years, including the prior three consecutive calendar years. A secondary representative must have at least two years' experience working in the food booth they represent, within the last five years. Primary and secondary representatives must have Food Handler's cards and a good understanding of health codes.


In the case of a primary booth representative change, the booth will be subject to a two-year guidance period. Final approval of the transfer of primary booth representative status will be pending successful completion of the guidance period. Potential new food booth representatives need to be vetted by the Food Committee by the first Wednesday in May.


 **NEW:** A primary or secondary booth representative is required to be in the booth during all public hours of operation. A primary or secondary representative must be present during Lane County Health inspections and must be able to remedy any noted health code violations.

The primary booth representative must be on Fair property for at least half the hours the booth is open and must be reachable by phone throughout the entirety of the Fair.

Only primary and secondary booth represen-


tatives are permitted to do booth business with Registration.

 **NEW: 86. New Food Guidance and Probation Policy.** New food booths will be placed on standard probation for a period of two years. After each of those two years, the Food Committee will review the booth's performance and share the evaluation with the booth representative. After the booth passes the probationary period and has been invited back the third year, the food booth is considered permanent.

 **NEW: 87. Food Carts.** Strolling food vendors and food carts are reduced-size food booths that must have the ability to move when asked to do so. Typically, their menus are limited to accommodate food preparation in a small space. Food carts must be no larger than 4'x 6'. Storage must extend no further than three feet behind the cart and must adhere to the aesthetic guidelines of the Food Committee. Strolling food vendors and food carts must follow the Health Department's sanitation guidelines. Cart placement must not interfere with traffic or visibility of booths. Fair operations will work to site carts that are not expected to move during public hours of the Fair.

All food carts must have a hand-washing station, as described in [Section 90](#), unless serving exclusively prepackaged items in single servings, or granted an exception by the Food Committee.


No food vendor is permitted to set up after the Fair has begun without prior approval from the Food Committee and site staff.

 **NEW: 88. Refrigeration.** The OCF provides food vendors with refrigeration facilities to store perishable food products. The Refrigeration Crew will not accept items that do not need refrigeration to maintain quality or healthfulness. Food entering refrigeration facilities must be at or below 41°F and stored in stackable containers that will not collapse from weight stacked on top. Examples of good, strong, durable containers include milk crates (either size) and plastic or metal buckets with lids. Containers that are not food grade must be lined with food grade plastic bags to maintain sanitation standards.

Punch cards for ice in 20-pound bags may be purchased during the registration process. Seven-pound blocks are also available but must

be pre-ordered. Ice sales will also occur during refrigeration sites' operating hours, which will be announced at the Mandatory Food Booth Meeting.

All refrigerators, coolers, and cooler boxes must be removed from OCF property no later than July 31. Those not removed by vendors will be removed by the OCF, and booths will be assessed \$100 per unit.

 **NEW:** All food items must be removed from booths and OCF property by Friday after the Fair to avoid public health hazards and infestation from surrounding animals.

**89. Food Issues.** All food must be from an approved source—for example, government-inspected meat, approved ice, approved milk, etc. *No home-canned or home-prepared items are permitted.*

Off-site food preparation must be done in a licensed kitchen. Booths using off-site kitchen facilities must record the name, address, and phone number of the facility on their “Blue Sheets Forms.”


If you rent a commercial kitchen to prepare food for the Fair, you must have receipts to verify the number of hours you used the commercial kitchen. Copies of receipts should be sent to [ocf.food@gmail.com](mailto:ocf.food@gmail.com) or snail mailed to Food Committee, c/o Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401, no later than August 31.

Raw foods must be properly protected during transport to the Fair, i.e., dust-tight containers, refrigerated, etc.

Perishable foods must be kept refrigerated at 41°F. All cooling units must have thermometers, must be sanitized, and must not have interior damage such as rust or exposed insulation.

Food must be stored above ground in covered containers, protected from dust, flies, etc. All foods, including pastries, must be kept covered. Plastic bags, plastic wrap, and plastic boxes with lids are fine. Oil used for deep-frying must be changed or filtered daily. *Do not dump oil on the ground.*

No electric-powered appliances are allowed. Blenders, if used, are to be powered by bicycle or some other form of appropriate technology. No generators or amplified music are allowed.

 **NEW: 90. Water and Sanitation.** Provide adequate, cleanable, nonabsorbent, fly-tight

garbage and refuse containers for use inside each booth. Garbage containers outside the booth must comply with the recycling guidelines outlined in Section 92.

Water containers must be accessible and adequately braced, and the storage platform base must be no higher than six feet. Safe access must be provided to any storage platforms. Do not build water storage platforms without consulting a Construction coordinator. Water delivery will be more efficient if containers have at least a five-gallon capacity for booths and an opening of two inches or more in diameter. Small containers slow down the delivery service and wastewater. Place all water containers that you cannot carry no further than five feet from the front of your booth or make sure there is adequate plumbing at the front of your booth to help with water tank filling. This will enable water delivery to be faster and easier. Water will be delivered twice daily: 7am to 11am, and 7pm to 11pm (except Sunday evening). If you miss your delivery, please go to the nearest Information Booth for instructions. Do not leave unsecured water containers after the Fair. Large water tanks must be tied down.

All food booths must have an approved method of wastewater disposal. Please check the condition of the dry well in your booth. Inadequate or failed dry wells create unpleasant and unsanitary conditions. Private showers are not permitted. The Construction desk at Main Camp has several designs for approved greywater disposal and an approved methodology for renewal of disposal sumps. Approved gravel fill for sumps will be provided by the OCF. Check with Archaeology and QuarterMaster before you dig or renew a gray water well.

All food booths must be constructed to allow as little dust as possible into the booth. Booths must be enclosed except as necessary for safe ventilation and serving and have limited access to the serving/preparation area. All food booths must have a covered kitchen area. If it rains, booths must have waterproof roofing over their kitchen area. All booth countertops must be constructed of hard, nonabsorbent, cleanable, smooth material. Wooden counters must be covered with vinyl, contact paper, oilcloth, etc. Use sneeze guards where needed to protect food preparation and serving areas from the public.

Each food booth and food cart must be equipped with a hand-washing system that provides warm, flowing water at all times. This



system must, at a minimum, include a five-gallon food-grade container for water storage. The container must have a dispensing valve that provides a constant flow of water when opened. A catch basin must be provided to collect wastewater from the hand-washing system in a sanitary manner. There must be two separate containers: one with soapy wash water and the other with a sanitizing rinse of at least 100 ppm chlorine (1 tablespoon per gallon of water). Use only paper towels to dry hands.

Food carts must dispose of greywater in an approved manner that meets local health and environmental regulations.

All food handlers must wash their hands after handling any nonfood items and before rehandling food.

Each booth must be equipped with adequate dishwashing facilities, separate from handwashing. The required three-step dishwashing procedure consists of:

- 1.) soapy wash,
- 2.) clean rinse,
- 3.) sanitizing rinse (100 ppm chlorine).

Make sure your dishwashing containers are large enough to accommodate your largest utensil.


Food booth workers are required to wear aprons over their street clothes. Hair coverings are strongly suggested, and long hair must be pulled back or braided. No nudity in food booths, please.

No person affected with a communicable disease or open sores on the hands may work in any food booth.

*No smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco in food preparation or serving areas.* No form of tobacco may be used where food is prepared or served.

Only approved service animals are allowed at the Fair, and they are not allowed in food booths.

All food booths should have hand sanitizer available on their booth counters.

 **NEW:** All food items must be removed from the site by Friday after the Fair.

**91. Food Voucher Redemption.** The Oregon Country Fair will redeem food vouchers from food booths and the Ritz by issuing checks payable to the business or booth representative only. The last day for food vendors and the Ritz Sauna to redeem food vouchers is July 31. Food vouchers can be mailed to or dropped off at the OCF office. We will also give you supplies (rubber bands, plastic bags) for organizing your

vouchers. The packet will list available dates for food voucher redemption.

Please bundle vouchers in five packs of 20, to make 100 vouchers per bundle.

**92. Food Booth Recycling.** To meet the Fair's waste-free goals, the use of plastic and styrofoam disposable service ware and utensils is strictly prohibited. All service ware and utensils, including cold and hot cup lids, straws, and coffee stirrers, must be compostable! Use only durable cutlery that has been obtained through the OCF. Used durables may not be collected, washed, or re-used by a food booth.

Durable cutlery must be rented from the OCF via the Food Committee for a small fee that covers cleaning and replacement costs. Durable cutlery orders may be picked up at scheduled times and locations announced at the mandatory Food Booth Meeting. Durable cutlery orders should be placed no later than May 15 and payment received no later than the Food Booth Meeting.

Recyclable materials produced by food booths should be placed in front of your booth for daily pick up, Friday through Monday, prior to 6am each day. The following production-related items may be left in front of your booth for pickup by the Recycling Crew:

- Aluminum cans, rinsed and flattened, commingled with flattened or balled aluminum, contained in a box or bag;
- Food-grade and paper compost, in barrels provided by the Recycling Crew (leave inside booth);
- Plastic jugs, rinsed and strung together with twine;
- Cardboard, flattened and stacked;
- Used cooking oil, in an appropriate closed container;
- Clean, dry sheet plastic contained in a bag.

All landfill, nonproduction related recycling, and all other materials should be taken to a recycling kiosk for proper disposal, before 6am daily. Please do not provide "stand alone" cans in front of your booth as these accumulate a commingled assortment of compost and recyclables that, due to contamination, must become landfill.

**93. Fire Suppression.** Fire extinguishers are required for all booths, camps, and self-contained camping vehicles or structures. See [Fire Safety Protocol \(Section 94\)](#).



# Fire Safety Protocol

**94. Fire Safety Protocol.** In case of fire, notify the nearest Info Booth or person with a Fair Radio, (e.g., Path Rove or Security Crew).

**ALL BOOTHS, CAMPS, AND CAMPING VEHICLES** (e.g., trailer, RV, or motorhome) must have at least one 2A 10BC fire extinguisher (such as a common 5-lb. dry chemical extinguisher), regardless of whether your camp will use any open flames or not. Fire extinguishers must be recertified each year or have the current year's receipt taped to the extinguisher. This rule applies at all times on the Fair Site. Please be prepared to show firefighting equipment to Fire Crew, who may stop by to verify compliance.

#### **NEVER ALLOWED**

- Unattended flames of any kind, including candles, cooking devices, and campfires.
- Tiki torches.
- Open flames inside tents.
- Unpermitted campfires.

#### **ALLOWED UNDER THE SPECIFIED CONDITIONS:**

- With a working 2A 10BC fire extinguisher present (such as a common 5-lb. dry chemical extinguisher), the following be may used:
  - ~ Covered candles.
  - ~ Gas and kerosene camp stoves.
  - ~ Propane stoves.
  - ~ Propane fire pits—*require a minimum clearance to mineral soil 3 feet around the perimeter of the burner and 8 feet above the burner.*
- With a current year fire permit issued by the Fire Crew or Site Manager, the following may be permitted:
  - ~ Campfire.
  - ~ Specialized fire applications for crafters and performers.

Separate fire permits will be issued for pre/post-Fair and for during Fair.

Pre/post-Fair campfire permits are limited and determined by the Site Manager.

To obtain a fire permit during the Fair, contact the Fire Crew for an inspection. Be certain you meet the requirements for a permit before requesting an inspection:

- Campfire permits require that the campfire area have a working 2A 10BC fire extinguisher present (such as a common 5-lb. dry chemical extinguisher), two 5-gallon buckets with water and burlap submerged in each, and a shovel.

Fire locations must have a minimum of 15 feet of overhead clearance from branches or other flammable material. All flammable material must be at least 10 feet from the fire location. Fire pits must have at least 3 feet of mineral soil or other non-flammable material around the perimeter of the fire area.

- Requirements for permitting specialized fire applications for crafters and performers is determined on a case-by-case basis by Fire Crew.

*For safety concerns regarding the use of fire, such as whether or not your setup is safe, contact Fire Crew for a free, no-hassle inspection. You can contact Fire Crew using a Fair radio, through QM or Fair Central, or by Tinker Bell from any Info Booth.*

Please see QuarterMaster for dates of fire extinguisher training.

The Site Manager, the Fire Marshal, or Fire Crew coordinators may restrict or prohibit the use of some or all open flames at any time for any reason.

#### **FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**

except for a possible fireworks display once a year. In order for that show to take place there must be appropriate Oregon State and Lane County permits in place as well as approval from Fair Management.

**THE USE OF DEEP-FAT FRYERS** requires a properly certified K-class fire extinguisher. Other cooking practices that involve large volumes of oil may also require a K-class fire extinguisher. Cooking practices that involve unusual fire hazards may be subject to special requirements. If you have any question regarding whether or not you may be subject to special requirements, contact Fire Crew. You can contact Fire Crew using a Fair Radio, through QM or Fair Central, or by Tinker Bell from any Info Booth.

#### **BURNING PAINTED OR TREATED WOOD IS**

**PROHIBITED** at all times everywhere on OCF property. All propane tanks must be secured to a solid structure or tree with straps, ropes, or chains to prevent being knocked over. A 5-gallon propane tank may be secured in a milk crate.

**FIREWOOD.** Bringing externally sourced firewood to OCF property is prohibited. Site sourced firewood is available at Wood World and can be requested via QuarterMaster or site employees.



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