

## **FAQ's and information for Verified Elders**

Important emails and Website:

Application process: [elderapplications@gmail.com](mailto:elderapplications@gmail.com)

Wristbands: [elderwristbands@gmail.com](mailto:elderwristbands@gmail.com)

Elder website: <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/>

Phone contact: Jan Royalty 541-517-6472 (leave a message)

### **Wristbands, companion pass, and parking**

Every year, Elders are contacted by the Wristband subcommittee to see if they wish to get a wristband, day pass or parking pass as an Elder. Elders who continue to receive passes through a crew should apply through the respective crew, not through Elders. Likewise, Elders who receive passes through a crew will receive their passes from the crew coordinator at registration, not through Elders.

Q: Once I have Elder Status, when do I request a wristband for the current year?

A: By the end of January each year, the Elders Wristband Subcommittee sends out the LETTER OF INTENT via email or snail mail (however you have opted to communicate with the Elders). This form will allow you to let the Elders Committee know if you will be purchasing an Elders wristband for the upcoming Fair. Elders who have indicated they wish to purchase a wristband from Elders will receive a PASS REQUEST FORM in April.

Q: If I let the Elders know that I will be getting a wristband through the Elders for the upcoming Fair, when do I purchase my Elders' wristband?

A: You will receive a PASS REQUEST FORM in mid-April. The deadline for submitting your payment is usually late May.

Q: What if I haven't received my LETTER OF INTENT by mid-February?

A: Check your SPAM folder. If not there, contact [elderwristbands@gmail.com](mailto:elderwristbands@gmail.com)

Q: What if I haven't received my PASS REQUEST FORM by early May?

A: Check your SPAM folder. If not there, contact [elderwristbands@gmail.com](mailto:elderwristbands@gmail.com)

Q: What kind of information do I get with the PASS REQUEST FORM?

A: This form will have a place for you to request wristbands for yourself and your companion. In 2022 the Elder wristband cost \$50 and the companion wristband \$100. Day pass prices in 2022 were \$15 (3 max). Elders who choose to obtain a wristband are not eligible to purchase day passes and vice versa.

Q: How do I know if the Elders have received my payment for my passes and vehicle stickers?

A: You will receive a receipt either by email or mail.

Q: Where do I pick up my wristband and vehicle sticker?

A: At the Elders line at the registration booth out in the parking lots.

Q: If I ordered day passes, how do I get them?

A: They will be mailed to the address on the PASS REQUEST FORM.

Q: What is an Elder Companion?

A: A Companion Pass is issued upon request. The intent is to allow Elders to bring a companion who can provide support. The option to request a companion pass is provided on the PASS REQUEST FORM. There is a cost associated with the Companion Pass.

Q: What about Teen passes?

A: The Elders do not issue Teen passes.

Q: What about vehicle stickers?

A: The PASS REQUEST FORM has a spot to reserve vehicle stickers. The cost in 2022 was \$20 for vehicle stickers and \$60 for oversized vehicle stickers. Please be advised: on-site vehicle stickers for Elders are in short supply and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q: What about vehicle stickers for FAR SIDE?

A: If you camp in FAR SIDE, please contact your booth rep/crew leader, and ask if they will transfer your parking pass to Elders. Elders have very limited availability of FAR SIDE parking stickers.

Q: How will I get my Vehicle Sticker?

A: If you are getting your pass from Elders, you may request and purchase a vehicle sticker at the same time. You will pick it up with your wristband, but there are a limited number, so vehicle stickers are not guaranteed.

Q: I can't afford the price of the camping passes, but I really want to go!

A: You can apply for a compassion pass when you fill out the PASS REQUEST FORM

Q: I would like to donate to the Elder Compassion Fund.

A: Donations are welcome. You may send money in when you submit your PASS REQUEST FORM.

Q: How do I get the t-shirt I ordered? If I didn't pre-order a shirt, can I get on on-site?

A: Elders t-shirts may or may not be offered. If t-shirts are offered, pre-ordered t-shirts will be available when you pick up your wristband. If you did not pre-order, there may be a few t-shirts available.

### **Camping, Voting, Storytelling and Volunteering**

Q: As an Elder, do I now camp in Elder camp?

A: Maybe. There is no requirement to move your camping location when you become an Elder. In fact, space is very limited in Elder camp and there is a waiting list. For more information check the Elder website or send an email to [eldercamphost@gmail.com](mailto:eldercamphost@gmail.com)

Q: If I receive Elder Status, but do not attend the Fair every year, do I remain a voting member of the OCF?

A: If you are registered as a member to vote in OCF elections, then YES. The Board of Directors approved a change in the OCF By-Laws that permits this circumstance. However, if you have not voted in at least one of the three last annual membership elections, your membership will be purged from the list, and you must re-apply to be eligible to vote.

Q: How can I share my stories of the earlier Fairs?

A: The Elders Website is collecting stories. They can be contacted via [ocfelderwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:ocfelderwebsite@gmail.com). You can also contact <https://fairfamilyradio.com/> to share stories.

Q: Although I'm an Elder, I wish to continue to volunteer. Where can I find out more?

A: Look for information on the Elder website about volunteering and contact the Elder volunteer subcommittee at [eldervolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:eldervolunteers@gmail.com). We are continually looking for volunteers on Elder projects. If you have any questions, contact us!