

## Family Weekend Program Information

Families will arrive throughout the evening on Friday night, after 6:00 p.m. Dinner will not be served that evening, so please eat before you arrive. Hancock staff members will be on hand to give you a tour of the facilities and surrounding area. Activities will be informal, leaving you plenty of time to settle into the cabins. During the first evening, OMSI staff will give an orientation talk for camp and for the weekend and discuss your particular interests. For early risers, an optional 7:30 a.m. morning stroll will be offered prior to breakfast on Saturday. Breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

Some families will be accommodated in small 3- to 4-person cabins, and some in larger 8- and 12-person cabins. Because of limited space availability, you may be asked to share a cabin with another family. If you plan to attend the session with another family and wish to share a cabin with them, please let the HFS Camp Manager know (541) 763-4691 or hancock@omsi.edu. If you would prefer to bring your own sleeping accommodations, e.g. RVs or tents, please contact us in advance so we can plan cabin space accordingly.

Family camps are designed for the family to learn and play together. Please make sure your children are supervised by at least one adult at all times -- including free time, meals, cabin time and during instruction, unless the activity is designed specifically for children. As this is an Astronomy Camp, much of our good telescope time is after 9:30 or 10:00 at night, when young children can be very sleepy. There will be a few times when childcare will be provided so that curious older children and adults can enjoy our beautiful dark skies and smaller children can get some much needed rest.

The John Day River flows only two miles away from camp, providing an opportunity for exploring riparian habitats, as well as great swimming if the weather is warm enough. The bass fishing is quite good so bring your rod and your Oregon State fishing license.

Meals at Hancock are high in quality and generous in quantity, but if you decide to bring snacks, they should be kept in your car or in a cooler to discourage rodents and insects. **Food cannot be taken into the cabins.** If you have any special dietary or medical needs, please let the Hancock Field Station staff know at least two weeks in advance at (541) 763-4691 or hancock@omsi.edu. Meals are served family style and vegetarian options are always available. Everyone takes turns setting the tables, cleaning the tables and washing dishes.

If you feel you might need a prescription or doctor's care for an existing complaint, arrangements can be made at the Asher Clinic in Fossil, (541) 763-2725, the Madras Medical Group (541) 475-3874, or the Madras Hometown Pharmacy for prescriptions (541) 475-2142. Fossil is 18 miles (30 minutes) away, and Madras is 50 miles (one hour) away.

Please remember to top off your fuel tanks prior to arrival.

