

Memorial Day at Hancock 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 review the schedule for the weekend and discuss your particular interests. For early risers, an optional 6:30 a.m. natural history/birding outing will be offered prior to breakfast on Saturday. Breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 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.

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.

Food cannot be taken into the cabins. Our meals 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. 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.

If you feel you might need a prescription or doctor's care while in camp 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) east of camp, and Madras is 50 miles (one hour) southwest of camp.

Please remember to top off your fuel tanks prior to arrival. The nearest gas is 20 miles to the east in Fossil.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE*

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6:30 a.m.	Optional morning walk
7:00 a.m.	General camp wake-up
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Field activities (Lunch included)
1:00 p.m.	Self-guided activities: Rest/Fish/Play
2:00 p.m.	Snack
3:30 p.m.	Interest groups
5:00 p.m.	Recreation and free time
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Evening activity
8:30 p.m.	Campfire
9:15 p.m.	Return to cabins, prepare for bed
9:30 p.m.	Lights out/ optional observational astronomy

*ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **Dietary Needs:** If a participant has any particular health problems or requires a special diet, please notify the Camp Manager or Program Coordinator **2 weeks** before camp.
- **Food:** Please do not send food or snacks to camp. Mice enjoy searching cabins to supplement their diet!
- **Electronics:** We recommend that no electrical equipment be brought to camp, (cell phones, cd or mp3 players, hand-held gaming devices etc.). There is no cell phone service at Hancock and cell phones are very easily lost or damaged. There is no official morning wake-up call, so bringing an alarm clock is recommended. Digital cameras are the one exception.
- **Equipment:** Please check the equipment list carefully. Carrying water, wearing sunscreen, and having the appropriate clothes for all types weather and field excursions is vital to the enjoyment of the weekend!
- **Camp Community Duties:** To provide an opportunity to develop skills in cooperation and teamwork and increase self-esteem, each participant will be asked to serve his/her turn on meal set-up or clean-up.
- **Personal property:** All equipment must be marked to identify the owner. OMSI is not responsible for lost articles. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.
- **Cancellation:** If you are un-able to attend the camp session, please let the Camp Registrars know *as soon as possible* before the session. Most sessions have a waiting list from which we can fill vacancies.

