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Thank you all for your feedback.

Kudos

- Everything else was spectacular and an amazing joyous time. Thanks for all you do and being open to feedback!
It was amazing, first and foremost! I always have a fantastic experience, and I am so grateful to have a home at the Oregon Country Fair!
- It is wonderful to be part of this family.
- Always amazing! Thank you! Please sign me up for Fair News. Thank you!
- Awesome: The entire load in-load out process was smooth early Wednesday morning. I LOVE the folks at The Otherside Parking family. External Security 2-7pm rocks, Little Wing/White Bird rocks. The best vibes, performances, crews, staff kitchen! OMG the Dance Pavilion shows on Saturday night were THE BEST EVER. (Glitterfox, Free Creatures). The bathrooms inside the Pre/Post-External Security Tower/Fire Camp area were primo, nice, and clean.
- Hydration stations.
Kudos for what seems like a growing number of water fountains and filler spouts.
- I appreciated the new hand washing stations out in the SCOF lot!
- I saw so many improvements this year and wanted to share that a repeat positive statement I heard is there have been no lines!
- I thought OCF 2025 was wonderful. Very good, kind, happy vibe, and a very well-run Fair overall. A love bomb for a world in need of a love bomb.
- I want to thank Mark M for all his work at OCF.
- I want to thank the BUMs, Tree Crew, Archaeology, Pre-Fair Kitchen, QM and Greeters, Stewardship, Traffic, Internal Security, VegManECS, and Recycling.
- In some ways, the Fair was perfect. At this time, a place where people can really be themselves is so meaningful.
- I really loved my shifts this year and loved working at the sticker booth.
- My entire crew kicked the biggest ass ever and I want them again and again and again!!! They were Bradford, Krista, Michaela H., and AJ M. Great eyes on the ground for me, on the fork, and Bradford in the dump truck -a bonus is how they were loud, yet so freaking amazingly kind about it!!
- Other than that, everyone at Fair was lovely and super accommodating, which is what always makes the bad experiences stick out so much! Thanks for taking the time to read this, I appreciate allowing us to leave feedback to make Fair better for everyone!
- And thank you!!! There are so many things that OCF does so superbly!
- Thank you again for all your hard work creating such an amazing event for so many!
- Thank you for all your hard work to create a magical event! I was really impressed with the delicious food prepared by the Central Kitchen, the delightful decor created by the Ambiance Crew, the fabulous performers, the skill in which the Big Boys de-escalated situations (though they need a new gender neutral name), and the absolute love and dedication I observed from so many volunteers. As I've learned more and more about flooding each year, work to clear the land and create useable Fair space, maintain building structures, logistics and behind the scenes work, I'm astounded by the talent, skills, and dedication of the OCF volunteers. Thank you!!!

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I have a few thoughts for potential improvement, though I recognize that I don't know all of the limitations or reasoning behind some of the current practices.

- The Oregon Country Fair is the most magical place in the world.
Just a few items that should be looked at...
- This year was my first year and it was the most magical place I've ever had the pleasure of taking part in. The inclusivity, the love, the respect was shown in every aspect that I saw. I can't wait for next year as I hope to volunteer and spend 3 days in the best place I've ever been. Thanks to everyone that makes this place happen.
- Well, it was another great Fair, and I cannot express enough how wonderful all the volunteers we met were, from Traffic, Registration, Security, Construction, and Recycling and anyone else I missed. Thank You All!
- Yay to the Bee Crew folks, Lance and Noah, for taking care of some nasty yellow jackets. We learned much about bees.
- You guys could not have done a better job. Every single one of you worked your butts off and deserve all the love and praise. What a beautiful experience.

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- I needed a ride back to my car and the gentleman at the 4A desk was very helpful along with the gentleman who gave me and my adult daughter a bike cart ride to our car in the 300 section. There was one woman who came by in a gator who picked up a couple who was also waiting (much shorter than us) but in visible need of assistance. She told me and my daughter looked like we could run. I agree, I don't look like the typical person who needs 4A assistance, but I often do. I'm a chronic illness sufferer who has disabilities due to my illness. The Fair is such a beautiful place. It works well for my disability because there are so many places to sit and enjoy just being a part of everything. It is just visually and spiritually beautiful. To be shamed on my way out for not looking like I needed 4A services in such an accepting place really stings. I'd like those in charge to encourage others to put their biases aside and resist judging others who need the very generous 4A services you offer. The gentleman who gave us a ride was a dream, so kind, lacked judgment, and even refused a tip despite my insistence. Nobody with a hidden disability should have to explain or feel shame getting the services they need.
- I reached out to Fair a few weeks ahead of time via email asking how to best navigate Fair now that I'm in a chair as I couldn't find much info on the official site, hoping to find out where to charge my chair, where to park with my disabled permit, if there was help available for packing in/out, and never received a response. I found an old version of the *Peach Pit*, and it said to charge my chair at 4A at Community Village. However, every time I stopped by there was no one there so I was never able to charge my chair, even though I checked back every single day. Apparently my booth shift schedule and theirs didn't get along or something. Had a kind gentleman at the Where Barn not allowed me to use their electricity, I would have been shit out of luck and fully unable to navigate Fair. Even then I was only allowed to charge for a short time as there are crews working out of the barn that need access to those plugs, so I was on low power the whole Fair, and almost ran out of battery. So, if next year there could be more clarity on what I'm supposed to do in that situation it would be much appreciated.

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- I think I already put in my feedback, but people keep telling me to do it so maybe it wasn't received. This was my first Fair being handicapped. I experienced a lot of pain trying to get around and having no place to sit. The Fair should look at Lane County Fair to get examples of clean porta potties with adequate toilet paper and hand washing. Also, they provide excellent seating in the shade for eating when purchasing food. We need better accommodation for children who are terrified of the overflowing poop in the porta potties and our staff and elders are subjected to bacterial infections from extremely bad sanitation. I was told that the bus that normally picks up elders at The Hub to get out to the FART bus was not available this year. I had several people call Alter-abled to help and said that they didn't answer and there was nothing they could do. I was actually told by a Traffic person that being disabled wasn't her problem and I needed to find a way to walk. I was told a similar thing by a Camping Coordinator when trying to unload my car in Alice's and her agenda was to remove some brush, so I needed to get out of the way. I explained my problem walking and I was doing my best to go as fast as I could. A member of her crew asked if he could help, which was a godsend and immediately once my stuff was unloaded, she wanted me to get in my car and pull away and leave it all. I had a 2 hour sticker and mentioned that and moved my vehicle into a place where it was up a root stump and hobbled back. Took everything in me to breathe and not wish harm on a person so rude and unkind. I was told Traffic was stressed out because required hours increased, doubled, and people dropped out. My experience is that the Fair is not taking care of their family and only concerned with their image of what they give to the community. Our pass fees went up, and our services went down, and we can still keep our 501c3 while looking out for our elders, our children, and our staff.
- My closest bathrooms are the ones next to DuCaniveaux. There is a disabled stall, but the sinks are too high to access from a chair, meaning those of us who are disabled either have to manage to stand for long enough to wash, or forgo hygiene all together. This is obviously not ideal especially in the era of COVID. If next year there could be some sort of solution, I would really appreciate it, like hand sanitizer in the disabled stall at the very least or something along those lines.
- One other point of feedback is that it is hard to be an alter-abled person at Fair. Alter-abled camping is far from the entrance and limited, it is situated in the middle of vehicles with loud generators, it can be REALLY hard to get a ride from the alter-abled camping to the entrance or to the Hub alter-abled showers, and staff driving carts can be arrogant and dismissive if you ask them for a ride even when they are headed where you need to go and they have room. Also, benches for sitting are often situated right next to the smoking areas so if you need to sit, you are forced to breathe cigarette smoke. Can we please make that a little better?
- Speaking of elders, one of our beloved booth leaders requires a wheelchair to attend Fair and we were disappointed at the ease or lack of, for him and his wife to get in and off site and to the booth. Would love to help work out some of those kinks!
- The older Fair members and those with ADA issues need better assistance. This does not mean more wheelchairs.
- This was my first Fair being handicapped. My situation is temporary, but the experience is permanent. Our Oregon Country Fair does not take care of their family. They MAY be philanthropic and donate to others; however, they do not take care of their family. For staff,

they doubled their workload to receive a pass, so some folks chose not to be slave labor, so we were shorthanded. They increased fees for Elders and their Elder helpers (SOs) and took away the elder shuttle for elders needing help getting to the FART bus so we could get our cars. If you were temporarily handicapped, and had no sticker, you were forced to park way out miles from your camp with very little help to get to your car. They had toilets overflowing with no paper for staff and throughout the Fair, few benches or seating areas especially if you tried to buy food. It doesn't matter how much money you give away when you ignore the basic needs of your family and members who put in over 40 years working to make this organization what it is today. We need to start paying attention to our family. Wake up OCF Board!!

- Without the 4A transport folks, I wouldn't be able to come to Fair. The bike drivers are especially amazing. Hauling us around in the hot sun isn't easy. I also appreciated the bus stops for the Geezer Pleaser.

If you are doing the Elder pick up of wristbands and parking passes again, I suggest having the alphabet broken down in more sections. It took close to 2 hours to get through the line, and it was hot with no water available. I do like the pick-up though and do hope you continue this idea. Kudos to everyone. It was a great Fair.

Admissions

- My partner and I purchase day passes and usually stay in Eugene. We would really like to pay to stay later as it is so hot. I got heat exhaustion. Is there a way to get an evening add on pass and pay for additional evening parking? We would like to leave around midnight.
- I LOVE LOVE LOVE Afton tickets. I've been at Peach Gate since 2017, and crew lead since 2022. Tickets West Will Call tent was always a huge headache with long lines and difficult troubleshooting. When I heard that we were going to use a QR code online ticketing system I was very trepidatious, but I am so glad to be so wrong. They clear Dragon Meadow at opening in no time! Not only are there virtually no will-call lines, but Friday 3-day wrist banding is a breeze. They even had one of their staff out in the sun helping my crew member direct foot traffic. I have had to help patrons who lost tickets or had other problems troubleshoot and it is always easy and friendly. Please, please, please, keep using them.

After Hours

- Communicate the after-hours performances. Even a wipe board that can be updated in real time, at a designated location, indicating the performer, location, and approximate time. I had limited mobility this year and just couldn't wander around all night. I love the element of surprise, but it gave me a different perspective in that Fair family with mobility issues, children, volunteer shifts, etc., probably miss out on most of the after-hours performers due to not knowing where/when.
- Altared Space is one of my favorite places at the nighttime Fair. It is always such a gem in our village! But I have a complaint about the musicians there this year. They had a Peach Cart with a big amplifier in it. The chanting was nice, and the decibel level was not that loud, but the fake reverb was really gross. It was so unnecessary and repellent. Live acoustic music in the woods should sound like it's in the woods, without the artificial cathedral vibe.

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- Also, PLEASE bring back the music at Tooth & Nail, not having the amazing quality of live music they bring to Saturday night left a giant hole in my Fair experience. I am their neighbor, and I am asking for more music from them!
- I would love to see live music back at Tooth and Nail after public hours. The sound and lights at that point of the eight are wonderful and I missed the music there.

Ambiance

- Path Ambiance.
Stephen, who helped build the vertical xylophone near Hospitality, the marimba bench at drum tower, and who tuned the green upright piano before Fair... his efforts helped elevate and calm my walking around experience. Interactive musical art?! Awesome. Clone that guy!
- Thank you!! Thank you for being.
I would love to see Altered Space (with 30+ crew) return to being an independent crew rather than a part of ambiance.

ATMs

- There should be more ATMs on the Fair grounds, and one in our neighborhood (top of the 8) would be extremely helpful. Customers constantly relay to us the inconvenience of the placement of only 2 ATMs at the Fair, which are far away (minimum 30 minutes each way) and have long lines. Why should our customers have to spend their time in long lines, in high temperatures, waiting to get some money to spend at the Fair? They've already paid entry fees and expenses to get in, and their time is limited and valuable. To be caught short without enough cash is indeed a problem. Getting cash and/or credit card access needs to be easier for our customers. This is, after all, a place of commerce for everyone involved, entertainers, food booths, art, and craft vendors, and we all depend on the income from this once a year event. If a customer has to leave our booth because they didn't have enough cash or the credit card connection didn't work, that's a really disappointing memory from our Fair, not to mention their chances of returning are greatly diminished. We may all have only one opportunity to complete our sales and purchases, and it's important that we are able to do so.

Bikes

- I brought my bike to Fair this year so that I could ride to work every day from Piggy's lot. I thought for sure I had seen a bike rack before up by the Reefer near The Ritz. I was disappointed to see bicycles lying all over logs and tree debris. Can we please build a bike rack in that area, it's a perfect place for one and seems to have a lot of room. Thank you!
- More bike racks around the camping areas near the Fair. Many of us who camp get around by bike and it would be helpful to have more bike racks near the entrances. For example, the entrance outside the Ritz and the bridge to the Far Side. Many people stash their bikes on the side of the road/path, and it would be much safer/more secure to have racks around.

Bubbles

- I would like to appeal to the powers that be regarding the Sunday morning "Bubble Party" in N. Miss Piggy lot. This used to occur at Main Stage and was a spiritual and reverent event. Over the

years after migrating to Piggy it has shifted to a predawn rave. Around 5:30 am vehicles with speakers and amplified sound show up and shockingly blast music across S. Piggy camping. Those of us who work so hard all day and then have to wait until after 2am for the Saturday night amplified music to stop before getting any quality sleep are being abused by this party. It's not Fair for a couple of hundred revelers to disturb the thousands of us on the other side of that chain link fence. Please, I beg you, can someone with the authority to do so put an end to this abuse? Who is responsible for enforcing the amplified sound regulations and how do we get them to step up for us? Can this event be quieted or moved further away from us hard working volunteers who want to sleep at least until sunrise? On Sunday afternoon our camp in Piggy was visited by one of the Big Boys who was investigating a sound complaint about our neighbors (not made by us). While I was glad to see follow up, my response to his questions was "are you kidding? We endure the Bubble Party! Why isn't someone investigating that?" Hopefully, this feedback will inspire such action. Much thanks to you.

Budget

- The prices going up are ROUGH. Hippies have always had a hard time making ends meet and OCF has created a HIGH barrier of entry to participate. Fair is no longer for anyone, only for people who can afford it. Disappointing. I'm glad there are early bird ticket options, but it's not cutting it in this economy.
- I know everyone works so hard to make this happen. But we don't really need super fancy bells and whistles, Fair is fun even if it's not perfect! I think everyone would understand if the investments dropped a bit to match what the public/volunteers can afford.

Bus

- Friends of mine came to Fair on Friday. They took the bus from Valley River. It was over 2 hours on the bus to get to Fair. They spent an hour and a half at Fair. They got on the bus to go back. Again, it was over 2 hours on the bus. They do not plan to attend the Fair in the future.
- I saw the piece on TV on July 10, 2025. I'm going to look for a way to come next year I have no car. Maybe there's a bus.

Camping

- The new set up for SCOF camping is confusing. Why mix campers with noisy generators to park with those who don't use generators. Next to our camp was an individual who ran his VERY noisy generator all day Wednesday and Thursday because of a dog left alone in the camper. If there are restrictions, please, place all campers with generators in a specific area.
- Greetings I have been camping at Zenn Achers since 2014. I was on Pre-Post Sweep crew and this year I became an Elder. I first came to Fair in 1972, had a booth in 1976 and 2023, and worked in friend's booths over the decades as well as attending Fair as a day tripper. I've always felt very privileged to be camping at Zenn Achers. My son was able to secure a spot for me in 2014 as his SOP, because he was/is on Construction Crew. I love my camping spot at Zenn Achers even though it's on the path and not tucked away in the trees. When I first started camping at Zenn, we had a huge lawn, and the children would play on it, families would picnic on it. There were tables where kids could draw and make little crafty

items. People played cards. There was a huge tarp coming out from the barn that extended over the space before the barn entry, under the big trees and we used to have picnic tables up there, a permitted fire pit and we called it the Zenn Den. People would gather and play music and smoke tobacco and trade things, eat their meals, and hang out.

It was almost like a coffeehouse or nightclub atmosphere, and it happened day and night. It was really awesome. People would come in from their shifts, or they would be going to their shifts, and they would drop by the tables and check in. It was a real hub of energy; it was really a happening place, and I felt so lucky to have this experience at my campsite! Many beautiful friendships have started at the Zenn Den and campsite.

The porch had electric kettles, propane cook stoves and coffee and tea. People would be constantly making coffee (donated by campers and Cafe Mam), making meals, and hanging out at the Zenn Den tables or taking their coffee back to their tents. It had lights at night; campers used the sinks to brush their teeth, wash dishes etc.

It was the most luxurious camping at Fair or so it seemed because we had colorful strings of lights on the porch at night, our own showers and electrical outlets to charge our phones, coffee in the morning, and we had porta potties and garbage bins and had a big lawn, that is now filled with tents.

There was a conflict, from the beginning, between the Construction Crew and a camp host, and eventually we got shut out from the construction area coffeehouse space and now have devolved down to one table of smoking for the smokers that camp there at Zenn Achers. This year we had an umbrella to shade us.

I understand the Zenn Barn has had security problems and needs to be locked up. And that Construction Crew is mostly finished using it by Thursday. They maintain a refrigerator and freezer and computers and Fair phones throughout the Fair.

They need power to be steady and reliable. Zenn Achers campers, and probably another couple hundred other people who camp nearby need it to be steady and reliable too.

But it's not. And therein lies the point of this feedback. The camp hosts and a Construction crew member are in constant conflict. They do not get along; they seem to despise each other. She resents having to be the one who has to reset the circuit breaker 5-20 times in a 24 hour period. She's banned the camp hosts from entering the barn. They are not very present during the week to help anyways. I wrote another feedback form about Zenn Achers needing new hosts. The good Fair energy is fouled by the animosity between Construction crew campers and camp hosts. There's usually a public display and always an undercurrent of frustration and anger not very Zen at all!

The electrical circuit gets blown by too many phone chargers and electric tea kettles operating at the same time. The refrigerator and construction barn needs are prioritized as they should be. This year there were 3 power strips, one coffee maker and one kettle, a wise attempt to limit usage.

But it didn't work; the circuit blew, and the Construction crew member shut off all power on Saturday morning. This might be a questionable action. That meant our showers were not available. Phones could not be charged, coffee could not be made, no water in the sinks to brush teeth with, etc.

People from Marshall's Landing, the Horse Camp, and probably Piggy's use the showers. Losing

that accessibility on Saturday morning was kind of catastrophic for maybe 1000 volunteers! The Zenn Barn needs a new circuit or electrical panel dedicated to Zenn Achers campers' needs. It may not be a big expense or huge undertaking, and it provides hundreds of volunteers with a safe and comfortable experience the days prior to and during Fair, and after.

I'm guessing Construction could use more power for their tools as well.

I am urging you to take action and create another electric line to service the camp and showers. Please upgrade the electricity in the Zenn Barn!

Thanks for reading this. I hope my other Zenn campers have sent their feedback too. I'm open to speaking with you and I would appreciate some response to this letter.

- Lastly, a compliment. The reservation system for the SCOF lot made arrival so much easier. Kudos to that Camping Crew! And thank you all for processing our kvetching!
- Moving into Piggy's was so easy because of the work of John K & his helpers. They work very hard before move in & during move in, I sincerely appreciate everything they do & appreciate all of them. They are ALWAYS very kind & helpful!

We really need some sort of communal dish washing station in Piggy's. I watched A LOT of people washing their dishes at the H2O barrels then throwing the dirty water into the fire lane; this attracts yellow jackets etc. not good for people especially kids running around barefooted.

- My husband and I are both Elders and were grateful to get a last-minute camping spot at Del Boca, Veneta when we found out we couldn't camp with our old crew a couple weeks before Fair. It was tough to be so very far from the Fair, especially with the overwhelming heat we experienced. We tried to minimize trips back to the tent but had young adult children camping in the South Woods that necessitated some trips back and sometimes we just needed to rest, to put things in the tent etc. The Geezer Pleaser was awesome but the wait for it was not. I couldn't stand waiting in the hot sun so I would just walk. My husband is 71 years with breathing issues, so he'd end up waiting. One time he waited over an hour. I walked almost 11 miles on Saturday and over 20,000 steps every day. I'm a young elder but that was a bit much. The lack of shower facilities in the parking lot on campgrounds is also hard. The ground was so bumpy that we were sleeping on a hill and had to reorganize our tent 4 times trying to find a configuration we could tolerate. There was also no potable water. There seemed to be no special resources for Elders out in the hinterlands. We saw several Elders in leadership roles abandon the Fair because of the heat, and I assume the walk. It also seemed other staff might not understand Elder status. My husband had to seek foot care from all the walking and when we explained to a staff member at White Bird how tough it was to be older and so far away, he suggested we join a crew and work to earn the privilege of camping in a more desirable location.
- SCOF lot. Please park all the motorhomes together on one side of the lot. Sunday was miserable with all the exhaust heat from the generators running AC.

Carts

- Every year I ask the swell folks at Cart Central on Sunday what time Cart Central will be open Monday morning and every year they don't know. This year they were pretty sure it would be 7:00, but it turned out to be 8:00. Is this a decision that isn't made until Monday morning? It's not in What Happens When.

Childcare

- The Fair was amazing! I love working with Childcare Crew and it is so vital in supporting these young Fair goers who will carry on the spirit of Fair as they grow older. I would love more communication to families about what childcare we offer and child friendly spaces. I love having these spaces throughout the Fair as families can rest in multiple locations. The events in Xavandu are great! I love all the support for childcare and want to contribute more to the Fair. Thank you :)

Cigarette Smoking

- I would like to note that the cigarette smoke during night Fair every night was awful.
- The smoking area at Ark Park was slightly improved in that smoke did not blow as far. However, people continue to smoke outside that area. Is it possible to put a swinging gate there to keep people in. Better yet let us get rid of smoking. How many Fair family have died of smoking related cancers or have asthma due to exposure to smoke. This contradicts our goal 6: The Oregon Country Fair shall support a healthy and dynamic culture for participation by volunteers and members.
- With the Upper River Loop closing a few years ago, the smoking section is now at the end of the path before going to camping. While spending time there, I noticed many folks, many with children in strollers, getting to that point and turning around to avoid the smoke (and see more Fair of course). It would be beneficial to post a sign at the entrance to the smoking area, something along the lines of "If you are not planning to camp or smoke, this is the end of the path" Thank you for everything y'all do, see you next year!

Climate Change

- As climate change continues its pattern, our Fair will continue to heat up. Main Stage, Xavandu and Chela Mela could all benefit from increased shade. Shade cloths and sails could help span a larger area and also serve as a great canvas for nighttime light shows. Consider the set up at Pickathon as a good example. Mobile umbrellas could help shade those waiting in line for food, can be adjusted as the sun shifts and pulled in after the sun sets below the tree line. The umbrellas would be most useful in Xavandu.
- Fair is so magical and one of the things that is so special to me is that it is designed to be so inclusive. However, with the world's temperature only increasing, the heat does change the inclusivity of the event. There are so many smart and creative people involved in Fair, I wonder if we can include a water element somewhere? Cooling centers (Energy Park could probably manage this!)? More coverage with Main Stage?
Thanks for considering.
- Is there any possibility of changing the date of Fair? Perhaps to the first weekend in June instead of July? I know it floods during rainy season, but I'd imagine moving it sooner in the year by just a few weeks would be okay from the rain but just less hot. With climate change continuing to make weather more drastic, the past few years of Fair have been miserably hot and so dusty. I love OCF and it is such a magical and amazing experience regardless, but it would be 10x better if the temps weren't 90-100 degrees. I know several Elders that don't even go anymore or only go in the mornings until 1 or 2pm because they can't stand the heat. I'm 27

and in good health and that heat exhausted me. I know July is tradition. But is there any possibility of changing it? Thank you so much for reading!

- Would love for Fair to be at an earlier date sometime in June to help with the heat, every year it gets more difficult. Thanks, and much love!

Commemorative Sales

- All was great this year, until the crew photo link arrived as another money grab. Shame. Thanks!
- I think we all have enough dark green OCF Hoodies. How about color options in addition to Green like Burgundy, Blue, Purple, Black, and maybe a Burnt Orange or Rich Brown? Also, if they had a higher cotton content, they could be tie-dyed (you know I want to!) What ever happened to the batik tapestries that used to sell at the Merch Booth? Can we bring those back? They were amazing and a collector's item. Even just having large tapestries with the poster on them would be cool. The towels last year were nice for displaying on the wall, a tapestry would be even better. Patches with the same images of the stickers would be really cool for adding to clothing.
- Love all the merch! Wish there was more!

Communication

There is no continuity at Fair. No one who can solve a problem or situation. All the crews just pass the buck.

Community Village

- Community Village has been a part of the Fair for decades. There to teach, and give, and learn. We stand for social change, and equity, and love. Yet we are given nothing from Fair every year. Despite being an integral part of Fair since 1976 we are considered an afterthought. No staff shirts are given out to us despite us being staff, and this year I didn't get a single food voucher, while some of my crew mates were given a single measly voucher. People who have themselves been a part of Fair since childhood. I have friends who work across the Fair site, and we are by far the least looked after crew I've seen. It's simply unFair. We're treated as second class in a world where that shouldn't be a thing. Food vouchers should be split evenly among all the staff. And shirts should be given to every staff member. I plan to bring this Council and I will vote in the election with this in mind.

Construction

- I've given this feedback before, but I think that we really need more seating at WC Fields. Seems like a huge number of Peach Pits get used to sitting there because it is so dusty. And it's just too small for the number of people who try to get in there to see shows. Some sort of bleachers would both keep the dust down and allow for a lot more people to fit.
- Maybe more benches at the stages.

Crafts

- There was a booth near the top of the 8 selling mass marketed Chinese REAL fox tails. It was super disgusting and disheartening seeing that at Fair.
- As a newer craft vendor, navigating the system can feel overwhelming, especially without established connections. It often seems like we rely on informal advice from other vendors rather than structured support.

When I participated as a One-Year-Only (1YO) vendor in 2024, having someone from the 1YO team assigned to guide me was incredibly helpful. This year, as a non-permanent vendor without that support, the process felt much harder and, at times, disheartening. I'm very grateful to fellow crafters for sharing critical information; without them, I may not have been able to participate.

I understand the vendor situation at Fair is complex and that many talented artists want to be part of the magic. Still, it would make a big difference if waitlist and non-permanent vendors received a bit more guidance and resources from staff.

Additionally, I wanted to point out that in both 2024 and 2025, non-permanent/1YO vendors were either left out of the Peach Pit (2024) or listed at the wrong booth (2025). This makes it harder for returning customers to find us and support our work.

All that said, being a craft vendor at Oregon Country Fair is a truly special experience. I'm grateful to all the staff and volunteers who make it possible, and I hope to return for many more years!

- I've noticed some nice additions to craftspeople new, different, and often better than regular booths. There are some categories/aesthetics that are too saturated, and others under-represented, but overall, it is getting better.

Thank you for another magical year!

- My feedback is about laser cut or CNC cut artwork. This year, the booth next to me was Shadowfox. They were displaying laser cut artwork. The OCF guidelines for 2025 state "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." I have been working hard to hone my skills as a sculptor and wood carver for over 35 years. These days, people can purchase a laser cutter and software and produce "artwork" without training or experience in art and shortcut what most artists struggle through for many years. They can also produce it at a lower cost and eliminate the majority of the labor. In my view, it is no different than a manufactured product. It is very disheartening to end up with a booth next to me that cuts my price by more than 50%. I have seen other booths at OCF with laser cut wares. I always thought that the Fair was about hand crafted goods. I have spoken with the Mathscaper, and he is an experienced mathematician and formulates his own equations to produce his work, so I see that as acceptable because math is his craft that he is applying and "significantly altering" that material. I can guarantee you that this craft booth is not doing that. I am a bit baffled by this type of artwork being accepted at OCF. I am not afraid of competition, but placing a laser cut wood "artist" next to me that cuts my price in half shifts the game for me. I realize that times have changed in the art market out in the world with new technology, but I always thought that Fair would be a place I would not have to compete with that. I also see "significantly altered" as a classification for a crafter that would take an item that already existed and apply their hand

craft to it. I don't see how this type of work would qualify as such. I appreciate and love everything about Fair and all of the crafters put a lot of themselves into it for months and months. Some of them work year round. I hope we can all protect that special thing that we all have and keep the handmade feeling that has existed since the beginning. It is part of what makes it so special. Thank you for listening. Much love and peaches.

Craft Inventory

- I observed a lot of blanket vending especially along the mosquito coast. Didn't see any enforcement. Don't we prohibit this to prevent competition with our fee-paying, juried-in crafters?
- I used to buy a lot of stuff but didn't find much that grabbed me. I've noticed that artisans who used to make complex clay, metal or wood hair barrettes years ago now make simple designs or changed to making little statues etc. At what point is a juried artist/craftsperson no longer making what they juried?
- The juries need to give more specific feedback about why they are not accepting potential crafters.
- I really look forward to my daily visits with Craft Inventory; they are always a pleasure to deal with!

Culture Jam

- The area at the southwest corner of the Cow Palace sign shop is characterized by piles of trash that grow every year. I was told it came from Culture Jam. Who cleans up after Culture Jam? Will this be cleaned up during the dates when the Fair is closed for cleanup? Was there a call out for volunteers to help with this closure Sept 8-19? Are you only relying on paid employees?

Culture-sensitivity

- Misogyny continues to be a problem at Fair.
- Respectfully, can you rename "Indian Creek"? Surprised to learn that name is still in use. Is that a "Fair" name or something that the state needs to be petitioned to change?

Diversity

- One last thing was, I was disappointed that one of the Fair acts, a gay/trans fun burlesque group, mentioned that they were told by a staff member/volunteer at Whitebird that if they wanted to see their kind they would go to Darcelles in Portland. This was disappointing to hear. Everyone should feel welcome at Fair! And reminding people that are representative of Fair that if they are not comfortable with being welcoming and receptive to all, then maybe they are not in the right place.
- I love OCF! I have come 4 times. My first was in 1993 and last was just last week! I love all of the creativity and whimsy! It was the perfect break from the heaviness of our current situation in the world. My one hope is that OCF will work hard to become more diverse and inclusive. I'd love to see more BIPOC representations. Of course, I did not see all of the entertainment acts, but I do not recall seeing many BIPOC vendors. Seems like many vendors have been coming for a long time. Though I love their art, maybe some room can be made for the next generation of

diverse artisans going forward!

Thank you for the many years of the best Fair out there!

- It would be great to see more vendors of color! I wonder if there's a way to create a path that is more accessible for artists of color to learn about OCF and how to become a vendor. It also feels like there's a bit of a vibe of having to put in your time to make it to the good vendor spots/locations and then once you're there, you're there forever prioritizing BIPOC vendors getting access to some of the 'good' locations would go a long way in showing care towards communities who often don't get the ability to feel that they belong and are welcomed in new spaces especially ones that weren't created for them.
- Love everything about the Fair: from the sky to the dirt!! Also, I am a white person, so I don't help in the lack of diversity, but more diversity would be awesome. I would love to hear different languages and see a beautiful array of different melanin's! Can't wait to see you again next year!

Dogs

- There were a number of service dogs that didn't seem to be real service dogs. Two of them got into a fight in front of me on the path.
- Would like to see online pre-reg for service animals. Printable forms for people to fill out and turn into Dog Crew and get a laminate in return. All folks get strict instructions that the dog must be under their control at all times. Any issue with said animal is immediate removal and permanent ban of that animal. Would also like to see if we can get a permanent dog pound structure commissioned at dog camp. If it's a 2 story structure we can use the second story as a look out over the lots to spot dogs. If we have the creative know how we can make the second story in the shape of a dog's head. Make it easy for patrons to spot where to go to get their service animals registration done.
- Why were there dogs on site on August 30, 2024? People had dogs and often did not have poop bags. Please have all follow the guidelines, or at least if some are special add who is special to the guidelines. Dog poop left on site is a health issue.

Dusty

- Dust control again on the paths.
- The Far Side path was way too dusty this year.
- We just want you to know what happened when the "dust tent tornado" came through the SCOF lot RV camp area. A pop-up tent from the NE corner where the volunteer platform flew into the SCOF lot and broke the windshield of our motorhome. I walked around to see there was a lot of damage to many vehicles and campsites. We filed a claim with our insurance and paid for it ourselves. We chalked it up as an accident. The disappointing part of this situation was the lack of responsibility of the volunteer whose tent it was. They came and retrieved it knowing the damage it caused while we weren't looking. That is the part of the story that is unfortunate.
- DUST control: Please provide more water barrels for path dust control. Is there a way to fill them more frequently? Also, maybe more frequent sprinklers over the paths? Or maybe have small golf cart water carts drive through and sprinkle trails more often during Fair? Dust seems to be a big issue and obviously the huge water trucks cannot get through the crowds every hour

or two during Fair, as needed to refill the barrels after they get used up.

I liked the newly added ground cover mats in Blue Moon Stage area which seemed to reduce the dust a little. Maybe those could be added at other stage areas for audience dancing to reduce kicking up as much dust as well?

- The dust was so very terrible this year. Shady Lane needs to be watered, if not by truck, then by hose. Thoroughly. Starting pre-Fair, or at the very least, by Thursday.
- There seemed to be more dust this year. There seemed to be many more gators, golf carts, etc., often going faster than they should creating even more dust.
- Dust management was not adequate during and post Fair.
- The dust. I know we can't control the weather, but it's getting so much worse. Our path no longer gets watered, and the dust is a breathing hazard (and so hard on our handmade merchandise). Can the paths be planted, or watered, or can we at least get water barrels filled daily with water? We are next to the Tiny Puppet Theater in arguably the dustiest path in Fair. Please contact us and help us come up with some workable solutions. We were all coughing for a week after Fair!
- The dust needs to be seriously prioritized. The amount of dust covering my vehicle was so thick this year, that's what my lungs look like. Try not mowing the fields so early. Try reducing the number of carts. Have work crews specific to a certain area so they don't need to drive all over the Fair. Get the fields and the Fair paths watered starting earlier either with the truck or lengths of fire hoses and water at least twice per day. If it's another hot year, it might need more. The priority needs to be a healthy Fair for all, not everyone leaving with coughs, pneumonia or worse.
- Also, I'm wondering if there might be a crew that is dedicated to walking and watering the paths to supplement what individuals and booths are doing. It was very difficult to keep up with the dust this year.
- Another wonderful Fair! My only feedback was it was noticeably dustier than any of the 30+ years I've been prior! I heard through the grapevine that Water Crew wasn't allowed to water paths as a member of the public had fallen in mud and sued last year? Well, I'll say that I think the excessive dust is definitely more of a health hazard, for anyone even mildly dealing with respiratory issues. Everyone I talked to was feeling affected by the dust, and I so hope next year maybe they'll consider watering the eight again. Aside from that, a merry, merry time as always. Much love from the FARTS crew, until next year
- Can we focus on how the dust is unhealthy and causing issues with folks that have COPD and other lung issues. It would behoove all of us to water the paths and areas that folks camp around. Ask White Bird how many folks got sick from the dust. I have been to many dusty Fairs,, this one was the worst yet. It would help a great deal to water the Fairgrounds every day for at least a month before Fair. Is there a valid reason why it was so very dry this year? This was the first year that Chela Mela started with brown, dry grass. Did any watering take place in May and June? Was the path open all year to vehicle traffic? Please consider the elders and children that breathe that dust and maybe a little focus on bringing the dust levels down. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Couple things to address. But first let me say, despite the heat, dust, and far from pristine bathroom facilities, it was an amazing Fair! However, dust was terrible this year. I heard OCF

decided to no longer put hay bale dams in to slow down the flow of water and no longer seeds the paths? Bummer. Surely it would help by the time Fair hits as well as be considered respectable stewardship. Filling the barrels next to booths multiple times a day would also be helpful! We used water up quickly and several booth members took it upon themselves to stand in the path for hours on end and sprinkle people with their personal raincloud, and people walking the path absafriginlutely loved it! Maybe we have a new crew.

- Dust abatement and increased shade need to be addressed.
Many of our volunteers are still coughing after breathing in so much dust over the weekend. This could have serious health implications, especially for those with compromised respiratory systems. Watering the paths and roads more frequently and for a duration leading up to the event could help. Ho and South Park Road intersection employed woodchips, which were effective.
- Dust breaks bubbles.
- Dust was the worst I've seen it, and I heard members of the public complaining. Did they quit watering all the paths and roads sometime on Friday? Someone told me the water reservoir was exhausted by then. Increased vehicle traffic was one cause. There are soooo many gators on Smile/Snivel/Chickadee with quite a few being personal. Is it time to have a scheduled set of stops to go from Registration, Main Camp, Elders, Reefers, Showers etc.?
- One more thing, it was very dusty this year! I did not see anyone out on the 8 or on Far Side path watering the ground at all and I personally struggled with my asthma more than I have in years past. All this to say I do think these problems can be easily remedied to make everyone, public goers, and volunteers, much more comfortable and satisfied next year!
- Fair was amazing as usual; however, it was very dusty this year. We attend every year and usually there are way more people out watering the paths. My wife and I have been coughing since Saturday. I'm writing this on Wednesday (we attended all three days, so we breathed in quite a bit of dust). Please note, we are outdoor people and are NOT usually affected or are sensitive to dust, it was just really dusty.
I heard a rumor that path watering is supposed to be the job of booths. If this is true, I think this is too important to leave to the discretion of booth owners. I think it would be great if you had specific areas scheduled with specific people watering the paths.
Looking forward to seeing everyone next year! Thanks for listening.
- Far too dusty. Please, let us replant the paths; even if the grass does not grow thick, the roots would keep the soil in place. Or use a binder agent in the water to keep the dust down. Or have a regular watering system to water down the paths deeply and often.
I have never seen a year so terrible and hard to breathe in all my 35 years at the OCF. It was hard to breathe.
- About the dust: We got our 2 water barrels Wednesday but didn't receive water until early Friday morning. We could have helped water the intersection if we had had water.
The dust was so bad on Thursday, we went to ask when water was coming at Info (next to QM) and were told it would come after 6pm... but it did not come until Friday morning.
I formally request that the water barrels are filled early Thursday, so we can help keep the dust down. We had asthma and lung issues all weekend from having to work in the dust cloud.
Yes some wore masks, but not all brought them. The dust was extra heavy this year.

Thanks for listening. I look forward to working with Water Crew to make the Fair a little less dusty in the future.

- The pathways in our area were dustier than ever. We breathed in dust all weekend and listened to visitors complain about dust all weekend. Booth staff watering the path is just not a match for the level of dust. One booth mate has asthma, and the other was up all night coughing.
- Great Fair. The dust was awful. Can something be done?
- Had such a magnificent time experiencing all three days of the Fair this year! The food was delicious, the performers were incredible, the music was fantastic, the sense of wonder and awe was simply undeniable. If I had one teensy weensy suggestion, it would be to have more folks watering the dirt to keep the dust low... I know that it's difficult to justify pouring water onto the ground when you have to manage keeping so many thirsty people hydrated, but it really does make a difference when the dust isn't clogging up your eyes and nose and mouth. Otherwise, sending so much love and gratitude for making this year a truly exceptional event! <3
- I also think that Fair needs to work on addressing how climate change is impacting the event. With 2 back-to-back Fairs in the 90s, it is clear that we need to think about more shade and cooling solutions as well as ensuring that water is easily accessible. I camp on Wooten Way, and we have had issues getting water delivered during the Fair to keep the dust down and we did not see a water truck once during the event when I have previous years. The dust situation was bad this year! Idk if there wasn't enough path watering pre-Fair or what was the cause, but it should be looked into.
- I am about 100% certain there was some sort of dried spore on top of the dust this year. I had an extremely bad allergic reaction and left with a raging sinus infection that I am still recovering from. Another friend had to leave Saturday and head to emergency care saying she couldn't breathe. Another friend that handled the watering of the dust on the path came home with walking pneumonia and had fluid in her lungs and ears. She also has an infection. This is my 23rd Fair. I have NEVER had an allergic reaction like this, and I've been a vendor along the Long Tom on Shady Lane multiple times and I've never experienced this. While being a bit psychedelic on Saturday evening I asked what was happening to me as I was having swollen lymph nodes and my throat was on fire I heard the dust has something in it. When I asked my mom about any possibility of algae she mentioned that Fern Ridge was closed with warning signs about a dangerous algae bloom, I think it got into the Fair path through the Long Tom and I am still recovering from the horrible effects of breathing it all up into my lungs. Super bummed that there was no precaution taken. This definitely needs to be looked into. So many people got respiratory issues this year. It's not just dust, it's insidious spores hanging out in it. Please research asap, that is so dangerous for our elders and children as well as the healthier members. Please make sure that doesn't happen again next year!.
- I didn't see the watering trucks watering the path at all and I was there starting Wednesday at Fair. The dust was out of control, definitely the dustiest year I ever remember.
- I thought the Fair was amazing as always with great performances, art in many different forms and great workers volunteering for the Fair. The one thing I would say for feedback is dirt/dust control. In some areas booths did very well to keep the dirt moist and in other areas I felt the dirt in the air collecting on my skin. Maybe have a volunteer group going around wetting the

ground but not making it muddy or having booths wet the dirt in front of them every couple of hours during their operation hours.

- It was a very, very dusty year. Except for people watering spots of the path with watering cans there didn't seem to be any dust control except for a few randomly placed misters. Last year I suggested that we replace as many individually assigned gators with a set-route gator shuttle service to minimize vehicular traffic and also the number of personal use trips. Passing on something suggested to me which is that we make some pipe fittings for the gator tailpipes so that they don't point straight down kicking up even more dust.
- It was too dusty. You always expect some dust and actually look forward to roaming the dusty path, but it was overly dusty and dry this year. The grassy areas were dry and dead. I saw several booths with their beautiful goods and treasures covered in dust. If I were a vendor, who paid a lot of money and time to be there at Fair, I would be extremely upset to see my hard work covered in dusty dirt. My daughter bought a beautiful, white, rayon dress that was dirty and stained when we purchased it. The booth owner had to discount their product due to the amount of dust and dirt covering their items. In years past, there were volunteers, water, hoses, and carts working to keep the dust at bay, I missed their presence this year.
- It was very disheartening to see how dusty and torn up the 8 and the internal Fair pathways were as early as Wednesday morning. There was little grass or vegetation anywhere. Dust was horrible and suppression was minimal. Too many gators and vehicles in the 8 pre-Fair. Learn to walk or use garden carts! Customers noticed and complained.
Do better next year.
- It's gotten dustier. It's not being watered the way it has in the past. No water at all at Alice's, Wood World. I remember and miss the grass in the Fair. This is terribly unhealthy.
- My suggestion is that we have a Dust Crew. Obviously, different parts of the Fair. It would look different but people with watering cans or sprinklers or whenever we can work out. Thank you very much.
- One thing that seemed different this year was the amount of dust on the Far Side path. I don't know if I'm remembering previous years differently or whether it used to get a little watering down. But that's my only feedback for improvement: it seemed way dustier this year. See you at the Teddy Bear Picnic and thanks again for all you do!
- Our experience was Friday and Saturday being extra dusty this year. I know it's a hard balance to keep dust down while conserving water, and not making things too muddy, so I can appreciate all sides of the coin here. We don't mind some dust and have felt prepared when visiting the Fair in the past. This year caused most of us to be wheezing and coughing. We had purchased passes and parking ahead of time, but part of our reason not to go to Fair on Sunday was due to the dust exposure from the previous two days.
Maybe there is no right answer, and I certainly don't have it. Just wanted to share our thoughts in case they can help with any decision making next year.
Thank you for another wonderful year and all of the work that goes into making it so!
- Problems: dust, sinks (so beautiful but broken so early!), need more shade.
Subject: Urgent Dust Concerns at the Oregon Country Fair
This year's dust levels at the Oregon Country Fair were the worst I've ever experienced. As someone with chronic asthma, the conditions were nearly unbearable and seriously impacted

my health. I coughed for a week afterward and am now reconsidering future attendance. The primary source of dust was the Gators (UTVs). I closely observed their impact and identified four main contributors:

*Knobby Tires “ These dig into the dry surface and kick dust into the air.

*Exhaust Direction “ Many models direct exhaust downward, pushing carbon monoxide and dust into the air.

*Cooling Fans “ Some UTVs blow air downward from the radiator, stirring up even more dust.

*Speed “ Faster driving significantly increases dust clouds. This is easily fixable, yet many younger drivers were speeding, likely trying to be efficient.

I've long observed the roads getting a veg-oil treatment prior to the Fair, but this year I only saw short-lived watering. The white canvas roof of the NAACM booth was filthy by teardown; visual proof of the severity.

If changes aren't made to control dust specially from vehicles I may not be able to return. This is a health issue that cannot be ignored.

- The amount of dust in the air all weekend has caused me major throat issues, it feels like strep throat but it's not. Please, please bring back the water trucks next year, I don't think people being served food by someone wearing an n95 mask is the vibe you're going for here.
- The dust was bad this year. So many people got sick with serious respiratory infections. What is Fair doing about the health of its volunteers?
- The dust was horrific. Please, please, please return the practice of tending green paths during the off season.
- The dust was oppressive. Working out in the field, in the afternoon, the dust was so pervasive and thick it changed the color of the sun and was visible in the air, sometimes in clouds of particles. I think additional water trucks are needed to help with suppression. During my 4-hour shift late Friday afternoon, I didn't witness a single water truck pass. In the evenings, strolling the 8, the dust remained an intense presence. It is significantly harmful to be breathing the dusty air and fill our lungs with contaminates from the soil. Has there been consideration to applying more suppression to the soil on the main roads in the public parking areas, like gravel or straw? I understand this may affect the wetlands in both positive and negative ways; however, it should be considered and weighed against the overall health of the people working and attending the event. And please, add more water trucks and the frequency of dispersion. Thank you for your consideration.
- The dust was terrible. I never saw the paths being watered like in previous years. In the past, water trucks came and sprayed. Mostly the Fair was great. This was a problem though.
- The dust. Add water barrels, water the paths more. Let's get back on the maintenance of the paths in the off season.
- The Fair was super fun, and we went out in the public area over the entire weekend. My husband and I experienced a severe wheezy cough after the Fair, and we still have the cough after 2 weeks. We have heard this report from many others. We have been attending the Fair for 45 years and have never left with now a chronic wheezy cough. I heard you spread loam on E 13th. Could this be a lung irritant in addition to the fine silt from the flooding?
- The fine particulate dust this year at the Fair was deeply disturbing. I have to ask, if we are community who cares about good land stewardship, who cares about the health of the

volunteers and people who pay to attend, and who cares about the health of the creatures and plants who inhabit the property we hold so dear, what are we doing holding our event in such a dusty, dirty cloud? Surely we can improve the quality of the soil and air on the land we love.

With so many intelligent, educated, and caring people in our community, surely there is a helpful approach to address the issue site-wide, not just within the Fair pathways.

- The path could have used more watering; it was incredibly dusty. Also, Xavanadu was particularly dusty during the day and could have used more watering. Maybe Teens could have a Path Water Crew? Just a thought.
- The smoke and dust are a lot. I wonder what it would take to electrify the Ritz. I know it would take some doing but our lungs are worth it.
- This year was hot and dusty and wonderful all at the same time! I'm not sure what to suggest for dealing with the dust, but this year it seemed particularly intense.
- Volunteers with passes for dust control
- We missed the water trucks this year. We rarely ventured out into the 8 during the day due to the dust. Also, the porta potties were empty but too, hand washing station water and hand sanitizer were still in short supply and often empty. More shade in the new section would be nice too. Great Fair.
- What a wonderful Fair. I would love to help figure out a way to keep the dust down a little. I was in Xavanadu, and it was the most dusty I have even seen.. I was wondering if we could have something water Xavanadu every morning like a pull behind sprayer or something. Possibly more water dust barrels in Xavanadu. If I had had one by my booth I would have watered the path all day. Thanks for all you do.

Elders

- At registration, I was offered a ride on the Geezer Pleaser, but I had to do the line. I saw the stops around but NEVER saw the golf carts again. I have mobility issues so getting a shower has been a real challenge, last year I didn't get clean until Sunday after coming on Tuesday. We need support to get to the showers and back to South Woods.
- Thanks so much for making a pre-Fair, Eugene site available for wristband pick up for our Elders.
- If you are doing the Elder pick up of wristbands and parking passes again, I suggest having the alphabet broken down in more sections. It took close to 2 hours to get through the line, and it was hot with no water available. I do like the pickup though and do hope you continue this idea. Kudos to everyone. It was a great Fair.

Emerald Ash Borer

- Hello, the ash trees are our only source of shade at the food carts zone of Xavanadu near Visionary Lounge. Please plant some oak and maples to replace the ash.
- I had a wonderful time at the 2025 OCF. I am an LMT providing massage at the Mothership. I've been providing massage at the Mothership since 1998. I am very excited about the idea of planting more trees. I love the idea of planting three maple trees in front of the Mothership on the Xavanadu side. It would help shade the afternoon sun. Maples grow pretty big and at a faster rate than oaks. The whole booth is in support of both trees and direct water. I also think

some maples planted down at Main Stage to grow over time would be great as well. Anything the Mothership can do to help with the trees; we are all for it. I believe we have about 90% Ash trees in our booth providing shade coverage. Thank you for taking my feedback. I appreciate you and appreciate the Oregon Country Fair. It's so fun, magical and holds deep meaning and power for so many people.

Energy Park

- Fair 2025 was a success for Friends of Family Farmers! We connected with so many current supporters and interested people that were encouraged by the work that we do. Having a spot next to like-minded and similar organizations was great because the conversations we were having were multifaceted and robust. We also made great connections with other organizations at Energy Park!

One thing that would help our organization is one additional person who could stay up at Fair to help limit the costs of having staff and volunteers travel to Fair just for the day, which can add up for us over the course of the 3 days.

Thank you for a great Fair year!

- I think Energy Park needs refreshing to show new and innovative energy saving & green technology. It feels like the world has passed us by.

Entertainment

- One thing that was challenging was how to coordinate with the new Entertainment Services' "InandOut" crew. They were fabulous, however, there were a few times when they didn't seem to know the locations of where to take our performers, and they were sent on wild-goose chases. Also, I got an email on Saturday, that they wouldn't be available on Sunday, and I had already given directions to some performers arriving that day, that they would be interfacing with that crew. So, it was a scramble to figure out how to connect.
- The rest was incredible we especially loved Elias Alexander and the Learn to Shuffle teachers!
- EXPANDED ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES ~ We appreciated the expanded entertainer services SO MUCH! Was so helpful for getting our props into Fair without requiring extra carts and trips. Help for load out on Sunday evening/ Monday morning would also be super helpful.
- AWESOME job done by performance coordinators, keep on booking such diverse acts! Especially music-wise. So many different styles, genres, etc. The Fair needs to keep this up to stay relevant.
- The line up of performers was excellent this year. I love seeing a diverse set of different music and shows.
- Entertainment Camp -- The fire circle is gorgeous. I bumped into Sunshine Kesey in May, who said she had spearheaded that project. I walked over to see it like three times and even took an out-of-state band over there just to see it. Interestingly, I haven't heard anybody there yet. Please tell me this will get used in the off season!
- Every year I wonder if this will be the year I'll get to see Alice DiMichele at the Fair again. I know I am one of many.
- Glad to see some hip-hop at Main Stage! Need more of it to help with making the attendees more diverse and keep younger people interested in coming to Fair.

2025 OCF Feedback Report

- I caught some of the Midnight Show in hopes that the last few years were anomalies and that it would recapture its former glory. No such luck. Post-Fair I was told that the problem is that the performers don't want to do it anymore. I really loved that the show existed so that people who worked during the day could get a taste of the entertainment that they missed. But I think that it would be better to replace it with something else if it's not going to meet that demand anymore. Also, for the second year in a row Kim someone was a terrible guest MC. When I first started attending the show decades ago it projected a sense of community, a big part of what the Fair is, at least to me. Having an MC that is all about themselves at the expense of others is just not something that I can support. I was especially offended by them calling out Paxton for not meeting some sort of need of theirs when he was in the hospital although they may not have known.
- I found the lyrics to the last act's songs (Pharcyde) offensive and inappropriate for Fair. Too much cussing, "n" word repetition, and transphobic references.
- I love the OCF, and I really love our FIGHTING INSTRUMENTS OF KARMA! We are honored to be a part of the Oregon Country Fair experience every year, and we now have a multi-generational membership. We spend months preparing for Fair, practicing our music, and planning and paying for travel in advance of the event. Some of our members must find work with other vendors in order to afford to participate in the band. I wish this was not the case. Our food vouchers cover a day's meals at best, so most of our members rely on the donations that Sally and other members bring for sustenance, as well as the Main Camp Kitchen when we have time. Sally has been doing this for decades, and now the wear and tear on her person and equipment are becoming a concern to me, as I am the quartermaster and try my best to help our members with their needs while at Fair, and the band's needs in general. In recent years, the climate has warmed, and we are suffering with heat exhaustion and poor air quality (due to dust.) I would love to see the OCF moving future dates to late June in hopes of cooler weather and not so much dust. We're used to rain, but I understand the risk of it in late June and how it affects other vendors. We have great player members, many of us invest a significant amount of money to attend and entertain the multitudes, and we love doing it. This year was our 50th anniversary as your marching band, now an OCF feature in your ads and with the general public. We are very proud of our participation at the OCF and work hard to memorize new music and even to write new exclusive songs for the public's joyful entertainment. I have personally contributed thousands of my own dollars creating merchandise for the band, in performing my duties providing hats and vests, jackets, banner, decorations, etc. I have made a small dent in my investment at the Vaudeville kiosk, where our merch is for sale, and this is encouraging! Marching with an instrument is very exhausting for young players, and quite challenging for older ones. Thank you for taking time to read my comments!
- Music at the Main Stage was disappointing. Especially Reggie Watts storytelling set on Saturday. Highly recommend Tony Moss/Bird Tribe to join the festivities next year.
- Since we are in the Main Stage area, we do get to enjoy the entertainment until the last band on Sunday, which was actually a really good hip hop band, but then they went bizarro and started leading the crowd in chanting "Ahh Shit" an "Ahh Fuck" repeatedly for several minutes. I don't mind a few curse words when there is some context, and I am very eloquent at cursing myself when the occasion demands, but this just sounded like a bunch of third graders all excited to be

yelling curse words out-loud. It was disappointing and embarrassing, especially for families in the area.

Well, as I said, really great Fair as always, but I do hope you can clean up some of the issues highlighted here. Thanks so much for your time, and blessings be upon you all!

- Some really good acts at Main Stage & some not so great. Main Stage should host the BEST of the BEST! The last act, are you kidding me FU#K over and over & over & over when that song was done it was the \$HIT song. I mean an F bomb or \$HIT here & there no biggie but geez not cool for all the kids to hear.

I LOVE the Fair & appreciate the opportunity to share what I think!!!!!!

- Such a nice time. Loved Pharcyde!
- Registration went super smoothly this year, and I appreciate the effort towards getting everything centralized with the database. My family gets our passes from 2 different stages, and the related issues. Everything wasn't exactly where it was supposed to be, but with our Trouble Shooter we were able to figure it all out smoothly and efficiently.
- The Midnight Show was embarrassing. The last thing I want to hear after working hard all week is a hateful political rant. I don't need to hear opinions of some chick that hates men. Wrong place, wrong time. The Fair should welcome debate and diversity. If you were smart and loving like you claim to be you would welcome Trump supporters not attack them. Like it or not they are our family members. Attract bees with honey not vinegar. You might change their minds and the world. But you will not change it by alienating those you might convince to see your view. Going to Fair for many years now I will no longer return as you have alienated me due to your divisiveness and hate that was expressed at the Midnight Show.
- The Midnight Show was poorly attended. The lottery system for random acts may be equitable for the performers, but maybe that's why it isn't resulting in a compelling show? Dunno, but maybe it needs a rethink.
- The one show I caught during the Fair was a few songs of the Phil Lesh tribute. The music was wonderful! I would have liked to have seen Girl Circus and other vaudeville, but the heat, dust and lack of accessible seating was a barrier for me.
- The opening ceremony is usually one of the highlights of my Fair experience. I love the feeling of gathering in community to start things off together. This year, however, the ceremony fell short of that spirit. The person leading was quite long-winded, which made it harder for the group to feel engaged and included. He sang The Sound of Music in its entirety, which took up much of the time, and then ran out of time to close the ceremony in a meaningful way.

It might be helpful in the future to have a facilitator who keeps the program concise, invites participation, and manages the time well so the ceremony feels welcoming and inspiring for everyone.

- Words that were sung by the group Pharcyde from the Main Stage sounded very crude and obscene: not the type of words that exemplifies the values of our organization. One song was called "Oh Shit" and I think you should look up the lyrics to that song with a Google search. They included transphobic lyrics which are offensive to the Trans population of our Fair. There are other words / phrases in that song that are inappropriate for a Family event such as The Fair. The other song I found offensive and inappropriate was "Not That Kind of Nigga" In addition to the "N-word", there were crude and sexually explicit lyrics that I found offensive: this Main

Stage act was broadcast throughout Lane County over KLCC. The words were hard to really understand; however, you can find them on a Google search. They may have been sanitized it's difficult to really tell. I encourage you to listen to them closely to see if you hear what I heard. The lyrics are on the internet. We are making efforts to improve our attraction to all cultures and Families. If I am accurate with my concerns, this sets us back. The words "Oh Shit" were easy to hear as they encouraged attendees to shout them out. Thank you for looking into this. I hope I am wrong. I don't believe I am a prudish, old, white man.

Etiquette/ Code of Conduct

- There are too many large wagons and strollers being pushed around. I understand that little ones need to be pushed, but many are larger than the carts that you are warned about. Maybe strollers and wagons should warn those ahead of them.

Exodus

- Monday Morning Getting Into Fairgrounds to Load
Could someone please clarify the reason behind the adjustment of the entry time from 6:00 AM to 6:30 AM? Previously (for 35+ years), we were able to arrive early at the parking gate, then easily drive to our booth space, park, and load up without significant congestion due to the limited presence of people walking around. It also cleared the way for others after us. However, this year's event proved to be highly challenging. We ask that the entry time be reinstated to 6:00 AM or even 5:30 AM to mitigate the current difficulties.
- The Monday Manic passes did not work. A truck with NO PASS parked for hours after it was loaded with selfish people that should know better. Don't bring your car in until you are ready to load; LOAD, and LEAVE. Why stress people out over something like that? No booth rep packet because the online reg is not working. Communication is not happening. We were told SATURDAY by Craft Inventory about this new Manic Monday pass. WAY after the ability to get one on Wednesday or Thursday, as the paper stated. Also please use a LARGER font, we needed a magnifying glass to read that yellow paper. IT WAS HELPFUL to have Traffic directing in and out Monday morning. Thank you.
- I had the most marvelous Fair this year. Truly magical and my crew leader Rachel is a gem of a human. I loved it. But Monday morning when I went to get my wife's car from altered parking for us to leave, I was directed/forced to drive through the entire 8. It was panic inducing. Traffic was stopped and backed up and moving then stopping. At one point I started to drive again when a 7 year old child ran in front of my car as I hit the gas. If I had not been paying close attention (and come on, everyone is fried on Monday) I could have seriously injured or killed that child whose head was at my SUV bumper height. There were so many people, so close to cars. It was the only time in all my Fairs, 1983 as a baby being my first, that I felt incredibly unsafe. I did not want to do that. I asked if I could go another way and was refused. The volunteers directing traffic seemed to have no idea what was happening. It was so needlessly chaotic. Why isn't parking working through Monday morning? Why doesn't Pre-Post Fair have staff that knows what was happening? Why would you send people who may have stressed out high need's children (disabled children) on the most overstimulating, unsafe, and insane journey possible to end up on the same exact road they made me turn off of. I will never

use the alter-abled lot again, despite my wife and child's needs, if what happened on Monday is actually the plan going forward. Sending everyone through the 8 while it is covered in pedestrians and carts and bikes and loose children is a safety hazard, and the Fair usually does better than that. What happened?

Far Side

- Far Side Crew and campers work parties did great clearing brambles, downed trees and congested brushes from camps and forest-camp paths. SO much more passable and safer this year.

FART (Fair Area Rapid Transit)

- I worked at Booth 959 this year and received my wristband and vehicle sticker. I brought my 10 year old on Friday to enjoy the Fair since I planned to work on Sat/Sun. Upon entry by car, parking lovingly led me in....and on to a very difficult night. I told them I was not staying overnight and that I needed to leave by night's end, but that it would be quite late. I was assured by multiple folks in parking that I was REQUIRED to park at Otherside/Winery if I was staying late, and they ASSURED me that I would be able to retrieve my car. I found out that shuttles stopped running around 9pm. Fine. We stayed and enjoyed the fire show (which ends well after 9, as you know). By that time, I understood that we weren't going to catch a shuttle back to the winery. Really shitty, but fine. I walked with my 10 year old from site proper to the winery, 2 miles or something crazy at that time and in the darkest dark, only to find all the gates locked. Locked. I was really made to believe from multiple people working in parking that I would NOT be locked in. The gates were locked. My child broke down. I had a cussing session. We managed to escape but not without lots of tears, a lot of time, blistered feet, and the deep regret of having listened to people that were supposed to know better....Your staff should know when parking lots will be locked and when they will not. At the very, very least. This was such a tough experience, for my kiddo especially. We had a lovely Fair otherwise.
- Thank you for organizing SCOF Lot with pre-registration, but it's a long walk into the Fair from SCOF. Need a regular shuttle stop service for SCOF campers during the event.

Feedback

- Love that you have this form. Please use a QR code next year in addition to putting the link on the card and/or separate the link from the other text so when we take a photo of it we can copy the link.
- First, thank you for gathering feedback. I appreciate being offered the opportunity to have a voice.
- I really appreciate the work the Info crew does, and I know there's a tremendous amount of information to keep track of no one can be expected to know everything. That said, when I stopped by the Info booth near Main Stage to ask for a feedback form, the person I spoke with wasn't familiar with what that was.

I later learned that there aren't any paper forms anymore, which is great from an environmental perspective and probably makes it much easier to collate all of the feedback. However, I think the extra step of going online to submit feedback may discourage many people

from participating.

It might be helpful to make sure all booths have this information and can let visitors know exactly how to give feedback, so the process is as simple and inviting as possible.

- I think that about covers things that are noteworthy from Fair at large. The questionnaire part of this page asked me to identify my team. I work at Energy Park, and I play in the band for sweep. I'll have input for my teammates at Energy Park in our after-action meeting.
- Make the URL for Feedback simpler; this is kind of... clunky
<https://forms.gle/aUBh5ph1xy9eX3MA9> maybe customize a bit.ly link?
- Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts! Let's keep making each Fair more beautiful and memorable than the last! Cheers to many, many more years!

Fire Crew

- Fire safety. I noticed there aren't many signs directing people to exits. If there was a fire or another emergency, it would be chaos trying to find a way out of Fair.
- The large number of extension cords running from the Cow Palace/Sign shop is a fire hazard and demonstrates an issue of privilege. Two went to camps and one to a trailer at Alices. This is in addition to all the charging station.

Food

- Booth vendors felt a hit to sales this year, but somehow our tips at Wild Berry were on the higher end! Goes to show the love from our community :)
- The new fish place by Main Stage is SO GOOD!!! Ceviche saved me during the heat. So glad the jury added it!
- Big thanks to Mario's for their new grilled asparagus menu item. Yum!
- I appreciated the increase in food voucher value. It definitely helped me, but I also only had one breakfast in the Fair where I used to purchase all of them. The Silver Star specials continue to trend to very small discounts or a drink that isn't something I want. I think we should do away with them as it's too few booths doing too little which kind of misses the point.
- I discovered a new favorite dish at Marios, grilled asparagus. Overall, I struggled a bit to find "real" food vs. snacks.
- The food prices are very high. It used to be \$10-\$15 for a meal, it's now \$20-\$25. That is quite the increase. \$12 for oatmeal with fruit is, frankly, outrageous.
- We really need more food booths that serve meals, not snacks. Lines are way too long, which is not a good experience for our paying customers.

Food Vouchers

- It was super lame to only get 8 food vouchers for 16+ hours of work. Why??

Gators

- Then I started calling around and found that nobody was willing to bring a gator into the Village to get the band. The entertainment crew let me know that because the band (I-Chele and the Circle of Light) was not booked by Main Stage, Spoken Word, or Solar Stages, we would not be able to access this Fair resource. Importantly, they did not tell me that they did not have the

resource; only that they could not deploy the resource in aid of the Community Village. When I pointed out that entertainment had brought them into the Fair, they said it must have been someone being nice and doing them a favor (not a very nice favor to strand someone in the Fair). Fair Central told me that the Gator Crew would not begin operating for several hours and they did not have the ability to call on other resources. 4A told me the best they could do was a golf cart from the exit and could not bring anything into the 8.

Ultimately, it was Fair Central (who were awesome throughout and seemed as flummoxed as I was about what was happening; shout out to Joanna who was a rock star) who convinced someone from Gator Crew to come on an hour early and we were able to get the band out on a gator by around 9:45. At that point, I had sat with them for more than two hours, taking me away from other duties. The band left feeling glad that someone had turned up to help, but also a little confused and upset at how the Fair had treated them after they'd put on a delightful and quite well-attended close-out performance.

I recognize that Community Village and Kesey Stage are in a unique organizational position and are meant to be non-professional stages where community-based musicians have the chance to perform at the Fair, and that fewer resources are made available for the comfort and logistical arrangements of these entertainers. While this makes sense in the big picture, in practice it did not feel "Fair" to me that these entertainers who the Fair had escorted into their stage were then stranded and denied a ride out for such a long time (even while a ride would have been available had they been "on the list.") It was frustrating and it made me wonder why it is that Spoken Word and Solar Stages are able to marshal this Fair resource to benefit their entertainers in need while Village and Kesey are not. I would like this policy to be revised and would ask that Village and Kesey entertainers be added to the list of OCF entertainers who can access transportation of themselves and their equipment into and out of the event.

- I was driven all over on gators coming and going to registration, and I want to thank the drivers for their cheerful attitude and taking me right where I needed to go. It was fun being in the back woods and in the "Rig Worthy of the Most Respect."
- Carts: the number of carts buzzing around is out of control. I can understand how to help elders or for Construction Crew, but what I witnessed this year were many drivers barreling along kicking up dust. Please reduce the number of carts and for the ones that remain create strict speed limits.
- Some gator drivers go a little too fast on the back roads. Remind them to watch the people, greet the people they see on the way. Some drivers even parked in areas meant for turnaround, preventing a big vehicle from making a needed turn on one occasion. Put phone numbers on the gators just like we do with pre-Fair parking so such can be moved if needed.
- Fair was delightful this year. Once inside, everyone was super chill and going with the flow even when things got hot. My only recommendation would be to ask those driving gators to slow down. Many definitely going faster than 5mph and it sometimes felt dangerous and a little scary to be around them.

Other than that, thank you to everyone who makes this week of beauty possible.

- People are earning wristband passes by providing vehicles (gators and Arcimotos) and not volunteering or are perceived as not volunteering except providing transportation. More privilege.

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- The drivers of gators and similar vehicles are a big problem. They frequently drive too fast, they cut around cars and create dangerous situations, especially when traffic is going two ways.

Guidelines

- I've been coming to the Fair my whole life and I've never felt uncomfortable at Fair ever, until this year, 2025. The public should not be allowed to walk around recording whoever and whatever they want. A picture of art or of someone with their permission is understandable, but people should not be allowed to have cameras in the Ritz or around that area and people should not be recording in general in Fair for people's privacy and safety. Like I said, I've never felt the need to say anything but after this year being recorded without permission by multiple people in Fair something needs to be done to make Fair the safe, welcoming environment it used to be.
- Use of both motorized and non-motorized personal use vehicles is once again on the rise. Let's get this under control before someone gets hurt. I recall that the Guidelines used to contain language restricting all unapproved vehicle use but that seems to be gone now. The prevalence of bicycles, E-bikes, one-wheel scooters, and so on in both the camping areas and inside the 8 is dangerous, especially after dark. Do we need to have workshops on the ancient art of walking?

Growth

- Nighttime population There are no longer places, even along the river, to have quiet moments. As there are more Elder passes given out and people fill spaces on the crews, the population will only continue to explode. Is it time to cut back on SO passes? Is it all about us funding the party? The past few years have felt like any festival anywhere, not the magic of OCF. Xavanadu has turned into a cross of Burning Man and OCF, especially with Friday night's music. Daytime population was also intense. It made going to entertainment difficult and between the heat and the crowds, shopping was not as appealing.
- With all of returning crew members, why when I ask someone with an OCF t shirt on is it painfully obvious it's their first time. They don't know where the oldest booths are, they can't answer simple questions and if you ask a specific question all they can say is I don't know, this is what I was told to do. The amount of misinformation is ridiculous. We have returning crew to our booths, why doesn't staff, crew members? Let's reduce staff/crew. Why do staff/crew get SO passes? Get rid of SO passes. By the time I arrive on Monday before Fair, the place is already dusty, the outhouses/portapotties already stink. It's time to rethink this. Fair family has far more impact on the land than the public at this point or the booth people.
- I would just like to say I had the most amazing Fair as always; it was magical and artistic and truly felt like coming home. The one thing I had a really hard time with this year was the amount of people/chaos at night. I'm accustomed to it being overcrowded during the day and I don't know the details of actually how many people were there this year vs last, but it just felt like way more people out this year which is amazing! As I really truly love being able to hang out and let go with my fellow staff members but there were just a few points where it became too much. I think one thing that really would have helped my overstimulation would have been having a designated quiet area especially on Saturday night. After expressing this to some friends they told me that Chela Mela used to be a quiet area on Saturday nights, and we all agreed that if that were to be implemented again a lot of people would be thankful for an escape

from the chaos of Saturday. Again, everyone was amazing and overall, I had a wonderful time, I just began to get really overwhelmed at times and was unable to find any solace from the party even back at camp.

Hospitality

- Hospitality. Thank you! So appreciate being taken care of. Food is always great, and as a gluten and dairy free person, I really appreciate the awareness that goes into feeding us.
- Also, maybe consider ways to move the hospitality food line quicker for those that need to return to a shift. I didn't have time during my break to get food and as a low income individual, it would've been nice to have access to the free meals.
- Food served at Hospitality was delicious!

Inventory

- In order to save money, our crew had food vouchers cut by over 100 vouchers that were allocated to crew members who work during all three days of Fair. Many other crews were dealing with the same issue. Forcing coordinators to choose which volunteers get the vouchers the guidelines say they are supposed to receive, and which volunteers aren't getting any. It left many volunteers feeling very undervalued and unappreciated. Many volunteers count on the vouchers they are supposed to receive according to the guidelines to help feed themselves during the event after Main Camp is closed. Cutting costs should not become more important than the volunteers and all the work they do. Especially after the crew passes have been cut down to the point where volunteers are being pressured to work over double their required hours to fill the gaps left after crew passes were cut and there are no longer enough people on crew to cover all the shifts that need covering.

IT

- I didn't have any Wi-Fi issues regarding square type sales, but I heard a lot of people did. Vendors pay a lot of money for booth fees, wristbands, & vehicle stickers and this is an issue every year Please solve this problem.
- Really need to resolve the AT&T issue. Zero connectivity except from 1am-5am beginning Thursday.
Wi-Fi availability. I have access to all the Wi-Fi passwords, and they never work... Even while stationed at the Hub or Fair Central.
- We continue to struggle with Wi-Fi in our area. It's been years since we had service. Everyone says it's fixed, it works but it doesn't.
- Wi-Fi -- I have been a vendor for 46 years. Over the years, OCF has gone from 100% cash to 50/50% cash/credit card. A few years back I was pleased that OCF was starting to support vendors by providing Wi-Fi. 2023 and 2024 Wi-Fi worked well, especially in 2024. However, this year, the Wi-Fi didn't work at all. The vendors I spoke to throughout the Fair site had the same connection issues. Only Tofu Palace, which was on the staff network, had service. Craft Inventory confirmed that I wasn't the only one and were sympathetic. They were told, 'IT says it's working. Fair Central said it was working, weren't sympathetic saying it wasn't their problem.' The common answer I get for any question from OCF is 'don't know, we are just

volunteers.' I understand the volunteer thing but feel, as a vendor, the Fair doesn't support us; just heavily polices us. Aren't we a big part of this event? OPB seemed to think so.

Thankfully, most of the people who wanted to use credit to purchase an item worked with me to find a way. There were some lost sales.

Fees keep going up, which I don't have a problem with since everything costs more. I would be willing to pay additional for guaranteed reliable Wi-Fi and would like to count on OCF to support us with Wi-Fi but know it's unlikely.

- Wi-Fi and Cellular Service -- Two volunteers from OCF Wi-Fi crew visited our booth and inquired about the functionality of the OCF Wi-Fi network this year. I (Harry) explained to both of them that, at our location, the Wi-Fi network is not accessible by default. Even if it were to appear, I was unable to log in with the correct password. Similarly, cellular connections were unreliable, resulting in lost sales for both us and our neighbors. Despite bringing two cell phones, one from Verizon and the other from T-Mobile, their performance was consistently unreliable. Not only were we disappointed, but our customers were very disappointed when they couldn't purchase special treasures that can only be obtained at the Fair.

JYD

- Kudos to the Junk Yard Dogs who made a temporary and undocumented disabling condition doable. You and the gator gang were extremely helpful and on Monday morning I was especially grateful for your consideration.

Light Pollution

- I do not understand why there were lights (a lot) in the park right next to the "low light star viewing area?" (Ark Park) Who does this stuff? Why does Ambiance or whoever insist on lighting up every part of Fair? Can't we have dark corners?

LUMP (Land Use Management Planning)

- In general, the OCF land is characterized by poor land management. Excuses are no money and lack of volunteers. First, be nicer to volunteers and encourage year-round parties not restricted to specific crews, but to any who wants to come out and help. Second, please water our land as appropriate to make it look pretty for the public. Instead, it is like a dump with dead vegetation. The bare patches of grass at Main Stage are not appropriate. How is LUMP being involved? Why are projects being designed that do not follow good ecological practices? During the site closure, Sept 8-19th, will the bale dams go in? Will East 13th be tilled and seeded and then watered or are we blowing all environmental stuff off?

Management

- Peace and Love to you all in the front office, thank you for keeping us safe and helping us to continue with our mission to help make the Oregon Country Fair the most unique and wonderful experience that it is.
- Consider moving Fair to earlier in the year, like April or June for cooler weather. Last year and this year were miserably hot.

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- Kind of circling back to my original statement, but I heard many discussions about moving the Fair date back to the original one in June due to every year seeming to be hotter than the last.
- Reposting vendors' & performers' stories on Instagram so the public can get excited about what's to come & what to expect (I would be more than happy to help with this! I have run large Instagram accounts before & have one too that you can check out pigeonheartdesigns). Please feel free to reach out to me about this.
- Specifically to one of our paid employees and a BUM: On Sunday, July 13 at 10:30 AM I was waiting in my vehicle per guidance from the Traffic Crew for my turn to drive up to the winery from Out of Sight lot, when I was approached from behind by a man in a vehicle who leapt out of his vehicle and exclaimed to me and to the Traffic volunteer that he needed to get up to the winery immediately and he was of utmost importance because he was not a volunteer in fact he was an employee of Oregon Country Fair. He somewhat aggressively climbed partially into my car window to explain his need to go before me up the road and I pulled all of my humanistic intervention skills and said I can see that that you do need to go before me please go ahead and then I followed behind him after we finished waiting for the one-way traffic to come down from the winery. This is talk-to behavior and it needs to be called out. The employees of Oregon Country Fair are paid employees; you are insured and paid by Oregon Country Fair to support Oregon Country Fair, the customers and the volunteers. You are not more important than anyone else and, in fact, your job is to wait for others because I am not being paid and neither are the customers. We are paying to be here with our money and our time. This employee was not more important than me. I was going to my shift work, and this paid employee should have waited respectfully instead of aggressively acting out towards the Traffic volunteer enter the Compost volunteer heading up to the winery to start my shift. This toxic behavior must stop, and it must be addressed from leadership down to all employees of Oregon Country Fair.
- The Fair is our family reunion; it's part of life. It's so sad that it doesn't feel like Fair leadership is prioritizing Fair family and looking out for our health and well-being. What is the problem? Money shouldn't go to charitable causes until funds are invested in providing a safe space for Fair family. It just doesn't make sense. We work really hard to make a beautiful booth, and beautiful crafts. We are just looking to feel valued by Fair leadership by having a place to go to the bathroom, wipe, and wash. We'd love to not get heatstroke before carting all our crafts into our booth. Doesn't seem like too much to ask.

Parking

- I should have mentioned that I did have one issue this year and it had to do with parking. When I arrived on Wednesday, I have a handicap placard, and it was parked in the public handicapped parking. I then received a notice saying I needed to move my car the next morning and so I had to run and go and move my car. I moved it to exactly where I was supposed to. Then on Friday I get a call saying that I have to move my car once more or it's going to be towed within 45 minutes. I have a handicap, and I was all the way at Main Stage. It created so much stress to me that by the time I got to Main Camp Hospitality to get help with calling someone, I was in a full-blown panic attack and had to be at shift within an hour. That was really not okay. Thanks for listening.

- People come for the crafts, the music, and the shows. But I've seen them being treated horribly. They have to walk through the hot dusty fields with no shade, wait in long lines while their stuff gets searched, no water available, not an ounce of shade for them. We should make the Fair goers our highest priority. Make their experience delightful. Give them the closest parking, not crew vehicles, not emergency vehicles. Those vehicles can go elsewhere and there doesn't need to be 200 of those vehicles parked in prime parking spaces.

Paths

- If we could bring back the watering down of the paths, that would be very helpful for the longevity of my power chair. The dust was so bad this year without it that I'm going to need it serviced as the dust got deep into the engine. Not to mention that as I sit lower than everyone else I was constantly bathed in dust and breathing it, especially when the gators or trucks roll through. However, I did hear that the property was out of water, and we needed to prioritize drinking water and such before the paths, which is totally understandable. I just wanted to point out how important the lack of dust is for those of us with disabilities as it may not have been something that was considered while prioritizing water use.
- This also felt like the dustiest year by far. The lack of path restoration in the off season as well as lack of watering by volunteers/staff exasperated the problem. There were areas of the path that were hard to move a stroller through because it was loose gravel/sand.
- Dust years ago, the 8 would be planted with grass. It would be trampled by Wednesday pre-Fair, but it helped with the paths. This year the ruts were deep pre-Fair, and gravel was put near Main Stage which is not barefoot friendly. Go back to planting grass or other plants.
- Hi! Overall, what a lovely time and a restorative event. The full moon seemed to have at least some of the hippies acting especially moony, or maybe it was the heat. I miss the days when we took more steps to maintain barefoot-friendly paths. The dust was particularly gnarly this year, which I imagine has something to do with our decisions to forego some of the grass encouragement and flood control measures we used to do.
- I spent every day with severely compromised mobility due to the large amount of rocks in the pathways and throughout the grounds. Stepping on them was extremely painful. It seems that in the past efforts were made to clear them from at least the paths.
I know that it wasn't planned, but the emptiness of path-watering barrels on Thursday created so much dust everything was covered with it. It felt unsafe to breathe. I appreciated the path-watering that was done, and the mud-mitigating that followed, but it takes us in the booths to water the sides of the path and entrances to our booths. I hope this is a higher priority in future events as it does represent a loss of product which are too dirty to be sold.
- Politics Park is very old and has not been maintained or updated in recent memory. I have camped and used this toilet area by Main Stage for almost 40 years.
Issues: Lighting: Politics Park now has absolutely zero lighting for nighttime users, including the hundreds at Main Stage and many hundreds, possibly thousands who camp in the vicinity
I came across a rather wet patch in the middle of the night/early morning and was sure glad I had my walking stick (better drainage practices for grey water is also needed)
I heard a food vendor telling someone that the toilets were in that black area where you can't see anything and pointed towards Politics Park; I mean geez Louise, imo, that's just not right

Solution: led lighting around entrance to Politics Park, the toilet units and handwashing stations to illuminate paths, ground, doorways and handwashing stations.

- The Fair is fantastic. Thank you. It would be great if the walkway was fixed by the booths near Main Stage. 3 people I know fell there where the money was gathered. Thanks again.
- This was my 4th year working at Fair, and I had a magical time, as always. However, this year felt exceptionally dusty. I realized on Sunday that I had only seen water crew wetting the path a couple of times throughout the weekend, and in the 6 hours I was at the Left Bank booth, they never came by. In the past years, I feel like they have come through much more frequently to wet down pathways, which has helped immensely with the dust. It would be great to see more regular wetting from Water Crew, or the ability for booths to wet paths themselves.

Path Planning

- The lines of people waiting at Main Stage and Xavanadu locations of White Bird seemed shorter from casual observation. Correlation, causation, coincidence, or my imagination, I couldn't say, but I was glad not to have to go around anyone who appeared to be in agony. That always puts a damper on my day. Really glad to get past White Bird easily.
- What happened to the memorial park that was to be designed pre-Covid at Alice's by the rhodies?

Peach Pit

- The photos in the *Peach Pit* seemed split between performers and people. For those that are performers, such as Tom Noddy on page 5, it would nice if the name of the performer was included in the caption along with the name of the photographer. That way someone could say "that looks cool, when and where are they performing?" In other words, do all performer photos like the ones on pages 12 and 13.

It also took me a moment to figure out that the bracketed letters/numbers were map designators, perhaps a quick explanation up front would help.

The section on The Oasis on page 4 of *Peach Pit* was utterly mystifying. A member of the public who is unaware of the definition of "Global Majority Community" might think that it means "everyone" and I don't think that it would play well for them to go there to discover that it's their turn to experience discrimination.

Thank you for rewording the Rainbow Connection section on page 6 to eliminate the divisive language.

I would like to see the language for both the Oasis and the Rainbow Connection changed to better reflect the Fair's mission. We're an educational event for the public. The entire event is an "escape", we don't come to the Fair to escape other parts of the Fair. I would like the language for all spaces to be of the form "come here to learn about..." For example, on page 5 "NAACM" it says "Fairgoers are given a unique opportunity to engage with Inter-tribal Native American crafters and learn about their craftsmanship firsthand." That's the tone that I'd like to see throughout. Come learn. That's what it means to be an educational event.

I was completely underwhelmed by the Energy Park offerings listed on page 6. For example, in an age where anybody can easily purchase a solar phone charger for under \$20 at Walmart or a solar shower at any camping store it's hard for me to view this as the Fair leading the way. The

world passed us by while we were trying to convince folks to cook dinner in foil-lined shoeboxes. Energy Park needs a serious makeover.

Likewise, I noticed that Community Village doesn't even get a mention. Both it and EP seem to have become stale and need to be reinvigorated. Both seem more focused on their stages than their missions.

Pre-Post

- In the evening, walking out to sleep at my camp, you could see the huge dust cloud we created. It was at least 30 feet high. Easily seen with headlights at night. The crews that come early to set up need to be mindful of their impact. Years ago, you stopped crafters from easily driving into their booths, you put all kinds of stipulations and limits on it. But crew camping is now all over, seemingly everywhere. The carts now make more of an impact than the cars ever did.
- I come to the Fair early to help with the Stage Left Set and organize the Main Stage Left Show. This year was particularly important as I was in charge of the show and had a lot to do. I had permission to park my car in the camping area of Stage Left until Wednesday morning when I'd register, get my parking pass and move my car for the duration. But EVERY DAY, I had to move my car due to some guys that seemed to not know what they were talking about. They hounded me, said all the cars had to be moved "out of the Eight." Stage Left not in the Eight. They had no idea what the Eight is. They said no cars in public spaces. My car was backstage in a camping area where vehicles park during the Fair. Not public. They insisted. I moved it where they told me to. Next morning someone had me move my car again so they could set up but didn't know where. I had to move it pretty far out. Next day, I had to move it again. All this NEEDLESSLY took time and energy on the hot dusty day that affected my ability to work on the show, which is what I was there to do.
- Second year in a row that I've had to be on site on Tuesday. Wow, Tuesday is the new Wednesday. Thousands of people do not need to be on site that early. We're not budgeted for services then. Suggest only allowing those on site who have a really good reason or charging for Tuesday so that we can pay for all of the additional fire, water, security, medical, and sanitation service needed. And, if we don't get a handle on this, Monday will soon be the new Tuesday.

Population

- Keep the attendance cap forever :)

Pre-Fair Kitchen

- I wanted to give praise to the paid staff members as well as supportive crews for this year's Pre-Fair. I have been volunteering with pre-Fair Kitchen (PFK) since 2013. I have seen a lot in my tenure. This year, the support as well as timely action on important matters was outstanding. Safety issues were immediately addressed vs. put on the back burner, suggestions for improvement were listened to and implemented so we could improve the efficacy of our crews' labor, and we were free to take action on our own behalf without egos getting in the way, a

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great experience. We felt seen, respected, and supported. Y'all made a hard job easier. Thank You.

- Shout out to the angels in the Pre-Fair kitchens -- the leaders, the cooks, the dishwashers as well as whoever was making the baked goods. Wow. Not sure what kind of magic was going on, but the sweets were SO GOOD! Thank you so much for all that you do for us. The Pre-Fair Kitchen is amazing!!!
- The humans who are doing the Pre-Fair Kitchen THANK YOU!!! You guys knocked it out of the park this year. I have seen so many improvements over the past three years. Like night and day from 2022 and some serious improvements from the pre-pandemic times. The food was tasty and hot! I love the new steam tables. The food was pretty much on time for every meal. Thanks for letting us know when y'all were going to be delayed. Makes a big difference when you're working on a project at Far Side. How about the lines on busy weekends or should I say "what lines?" fastest service times yet. I think part of that was the brave "Ringmaster" Goddess who clapped her hands and said "You're the hold up this time, not the kitchen; 6 people can fit at the hand washing station. 800 people, who are behind you, waiting in the sun want to eat, too!" Haha! Yes, Ma'am! Direct me anytime, me 'Lady! I have never seen the food line move so fast. I, for one, really appreciate the effort to cut down on the wait time. The friendly folks who asked us which crew we were on were all so nice, funny, and friendly. Great way to be greeted to a meal. I really can't say enough. I see you and want you to know how appreciated you are. The Pre-Fair Kitchen Crew seems like a tight bunch having a good time working with one another. Their fun was infectious. If it wasn't such hard work, I wouldn't mind jumping ship just so I could get a piece of that kind of comradery. Keep up the good work!

QuarterMaster

- What was the point of having the Poison Oak Book at QM when there was no Poison Oak Crew? Had we known that it was a fake we would have brought protective gear and dealt with it ourselves in June instead of showing up in July to see that it was still there when we were not prepared to deal with it ourselves.

Recycling

- Also extremely disappointed with Fair family that just dumped garbage at the recycling stations at several locations, pack it in pack it out!
Thanks for hearing me!
- Switching the recycling kiosk at Wally's Way and East 13th mid-Fair, upon request of one cart F16, without informing cart F18 Or recycling, was portly communicated, and disruptive to F18 and recycling, but they adjusted. but not without stress on Saturday.
Leadership development is key to the organization. It is critical that we bring all three chips to our work interactions, to get the job done with respect and fun. Recycling is hard work and more training exercises for Humanistic Intervention, especially for upcoming team leaders would be beneficial.
Compost could really benefit from having our own Skid. Pressure is created to do many tasks with rentals while the team is reliant on the equipment.
Start compost work early in the morning.

The best days are when we make our own breakfast and get up to the pile early. Yellow jackets and heat are problematic in the later hours.

Compost Crew needs more encouragement. It is very difficult work, and leadership is key for morale. More training in leadership development at all levels. I am encouraged for the younger crew members to take on leadership roles, as much like emergency response, the more people who are trained and rotate into these positions, the better we can work together safely and efficiently and have some fun together. Composting is not a punishment, it is an important teaching opportunity, not to be considered as inexpensive volunteer labor.

- Start a leave no trace or pack it in pack it out initiative for Fair family and vendors. There seemed to be a lot of unsorted trash left piled up at the end of the event. Signage at the collection barrels indicating that they aren't for personal camp trash may be an easy first step. Or having volunteers stand at the collection stations near camp areas on Monday after Fair to educate and redirect people attempting to drop off their camp waste.
- I'm curious: does Recycling Crew do a high-volume bottle drop after Fair each year? That could bring in a nice little chunk of change. I was thinking about how difficult their task is, especially after Fair has ended, and realized if everyone camping on site packed out at least 1 bag of their own recycling it would help a lot. Maybe it could be fun to do a photo hashtag raffle where folks take a photo of their filled recycling bag(s) in or next to their vehicle or at a recycling or bottle drop facility during the week after Fair, post them on IG or FB with a certain hashtag or email them to a specific address, and each recycling bag in the photo would count as a raffle entry for a \$50 gift certificate for OCF Merch that year? I threw together a flyer today with QR codes and rules that could be handed out along with every tent tag, but it still needs some details ironed out. Let me know if you'd like me to send it to you and I'd be happy to help make that effort a reality if it sounds like a good idea. We might need to rope in one more person who has a little more social media experience than me though. It could be a way to incentivize more of Fair Family to put more effort into helping care for the land.
- Recycling was absolutely overflowing by end of day and well into the morning. Do we need more receptacles? Kudos to Recycling for not blasting music at dawn when they stopped by to empty receptacles in Marshall's Landing.
- You all did such a wonderful job this year! Everything was well-scheduled (especially the night Fair!). I did notice that trash was kind of piled, but it didn't bother me, and I know that Recycling Crew works really hard. Thank you for all that you do!

Registration

- The lines for booth reps to register were ridiculous. We went on Wednesday morning and it was too hot to wait in the sun, so we came back in the evening at 9 and the line was super long: a 2-1/2 hour wait. Meanwhile there are no lines for other types of passes. Please put more stations at booth registration next year.
- Also, the vendor registration took us 2 and a half hours on Wednesday.
- Can anything be done about the Registration disaster of between 0, 2, or 8, or 10 people at ALL of the lines except craft booths, where there are 200 people in line?
- One-year booths are not getting the TLC they need. no signs, reg crew is understaffed, and the Fair spirit is not being transmitted.

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- Registration was tough since volunteers pulled out the wrong packet a few times. Now Sara's Tamales is La Familia Mexican Food. Going by booth names is a terrible idea.
- Thank you for all you do to make this amazing event! The ease of registration to get my wrist band was remarkable in my 2025 experience! Well, okay, there was that giant back-up of traffic because of an emergency vehicle situation, I guess, but the traffic folks pivoted and got us all moving again. They rock.
- This year mainly went smoothly for my crew, even with the new system for wrist banding.

Ritz

- Loved the manager at the Ritz. One of her employees made a big mistake and she rectified it well (thanks Lizzie!). Thanks for continuing to provide a fun, safe and loving community. It's my favorite way to vacation.
- Because of Covid concerns, this was my first time at the Ritz in years. It was so crowded late Sunday night! In the clothing storage bin areas, it was easier to find a bin compared to the past, but the seating area was full, and it was hard to walk through the area due to the number of people standing to dress. There was a crowd of people at least 10 deep standing around where I remember the fire pit and performance area to be I couldn't get close enough to even see it. The new secondary fire pit is lovely, but there's seating for a handful and little room to stand around it. The curved space for families was nice. Overall, the experience was more like a rave than the soothing spiritual experience with singing and joy that I recall. I got clean, but it was quite spendy for just a short shower. Our Fair has grown tremendously since my early years there, and the Ritz isn't scaling to match.
- I love to go to the Ritz around 5am, after cleaning. Last year, and again this year, the saunas were not hot. I thought last year was one off because for years previously I remember them being very hot. I'm wondering if this is the new standard or why they would not be hot after cleaning.
Thank you! Love the Ritz
- I think The Ritz should not be allowed to have headliners or post times for performances. For people who work and are in need of a shower it is demoralizing to find 500 people in line to watch a show in the showers preventing anyone who needs a shower from taking one. No big name music acts at the Ritz so it's not so crowded.

Safety

- Fair is supposed to be a safe space for all people. Recently, an SO spouted transphobic rhetoric and it harmed someone in camp who is non-binary. There should be consequences for those that uphold and defend transphobia. I would like to know if there is a specific place to report things like this and if so, make it wildly available.

Sanitation

- The porta pots were being emptied during California Honey Drops' set which was disgusting and made it hard to enjoy.
- I know there is some controversy around hiring United Rentals for the porta-potties, but this year the units in our camp were the cleanest and best-supplied with TP and sanitizer in years.
- Thank you to the Fair Potty crew for adding paper to the Portal Potties when the vendor had not arrived. Please keep that crew roving around even as the vendor begins to understand that the Portal Potties attract a greater audience than any of the stages and are a Fair favorite. Pre-Fair and post-Fair potties worked better than last year. Hand washing stations worked better than last year, and folks are doing very well with that (nonorononononoro).
- Porta-Pots ewwwwwww! Enough; it didn't use to be like this, the last 2 years ick!
- The porta potties were awfully awful.
- NOT awesome: The bathrooms on Far Side were SUPER bad on Friday and Saturday morning. Both days I went to use the alter-abled stalls at 9:00 am-ish. The standard stalls had all been cleaned early in the morning, but both days the handicapped stalls were ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING at 9:00 am. I mean a lake of urine on the floor, full toilet, no supplies. One stall had a full-on Subway sandwich on the floor all smashed up. It was difficult at many times of the day/evening to find stalls with TP and handwashing stations that had anything in them.
- Toilets were better though!
- Hygiene and public health safety ~ the porta potties were gross! Proper sanitation needs to be a priority, even if it costs us more. I miss Honey Buckets! This year, even right after they were cleaned, there was still a coat of dust and grime all over the inside. One time I went in within 5 minutes of them having been serviced ~ there was only one roll of toilet paper in the one I was in. The handwashing water was almost always empty, and there was no sanitizer in most of the units, even directly after service. It was like a game if you could find one with sanitizer. Hoarse Chorale potties need a sink by WEDNESDAY! We had to ask multiple times to get one there. I found myself always keeping toilet paper in my pocket just in case, and usually I don't have to do that until Sunday evening. In the evenings I would walk all the way from my camp in Chela Mela to the Herinals by Youth Stage just to have a place to pee where I was pretty sure there would be water, and I wouldn't be stepping in filth.
Speaking of water ~ I know you are all aware, but the new pump sinks were a massive failure. The ones with foot pumps were better than the hand ones, but in general, back to the drawing board, please. Not only did the hand pumps break by Thursday midday, but the whole idea is unsanitary, and they were slimy to use when they did work.
HERINALS ~ I love them! I will go out of my way to get to them when I need to go. Would love one somewhere on the South Side.
- The six pack by Ark Park started out dirty and stayed that way. Some doors never did have hooks. Still no steps for kids to be able to wash their hands.
- Our booth is in Chela Mela, and the nearest bathrooms are by Horse Chorale. The handwashing station didn't arrive until Friday afternoon, so people were washing their hands in the drinking water station. That was a sanitation fail for sure.

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- The pre-Fair portos seemed like they may need a bit more attention. I experienced a lack of toilet paper, water and soap, or hand sanitizer across a variety of porto banks. The ones by the Elder Camp seemed like there may have been an issue with the chemicals. Pre event, there didn't appear to be much waste in them, however, I've never had such a physical reaction in/near a porto before (and I've used a lot!). I tried them several times, and each time, I was gagging and dry heaving so vigorously that I had to cut my business short and leave the vicinity.
- The bathrooms were less than desirable and definitely gave me the ick. And I heard the bathrooms near where we were at were actually in much better shape than many on the Fair site. Not only is it unpleasant and unhygienic, but sanitation should be taken much more seriously to keep the health of our elders, young ones, and all Fair attendees safe. A critical and high use hand washing station repeatedly broke down until it became 100% unusable. The one that's at the end of the foot bridge next to large set of portapotties between the youth stage and Blue Moon Stage. There were 4 water faucets, but they were built too close together for the size or platform that people had to stand on, so only 2 would be used at a time. There was only 1 soap dispenser and no way to even reach it if on other end of the stand. This caused unnecessary lines of people waiting to hand wash. By Thursday or Friday, the manual water pump mechanisms had started breaking. Plastic and metal parts to faucets were laying all over the place. I notified the right people, and they got on it quickly with a jerry rigged fix as best they could. By Sunday, the faucets had completely failed and not only was the single soap dispenser removed from the wall, but also the hand sanitizer dispensers were completely gone. This lead to endless streams of people walking out of there with dirty hands and no way to clean them after using portas. More redundancy, and stronger commercial grade faucets with minimal plastic parts could greatly improve the experience. Two or three separate hand wash stations with multiple soap dispensers just in that one spot could alleviate a pinch point and lead to thousands of more hands getting washed. Another idea is to set up one or two porta potties behind the medium sized stages such as W.C. Fields. Backstage Main Stage has their own porta potties, and it makes a huge difference! Having a similar or even smaller setup would be extra useful for stage performers and their crews close to performance time.
- Greatly appreciated the number of bathrooms that were set up this year in Entertainment Camp. The toilets were way less crowded and much cleaner than in previous years. All in all, our crew and performers were happy with this year's festivities.
- The porta potties were empty but tp, hand washing station water, and hand sanitizer were still in short supply and often empty More shade in the new section would be nice too. Great Fair.
- Don't pull the toilets early...for many volunteers (like Recycling) the event lasts through the following Friday or Saturday...having our toilets and wash stations pulled on Wednesday is unacceptable.
- Everyone poops even on Mondays! Actually, every day at the Fair the toilets either didn't have water, soap or were on the verge of overflowing. One hour after opening on Friday the hand water station at Hoarse Corral was empty. I saw the same piece of garbage in the corner of one toilet for three days. The times I saw the toilets get "cleaned" resulted in shit and piss water sprayed all over the place. I wiped down a seat immediately after, and it came away dirty brown. The hand water stations with the pumps did not work. People could not figure it out. By Sunday night the paths smelled like sewer and garbage. This has got to be fixed. We cannot keep

giving away money while not supporting basic facilities, like clean bathrooms, hand washing stations, and garbage removal, for volunteers and the paying public.

- Fair 2025 was great! There were many improvements from '24 that led to a lot of people being more comfortable during the event, but unfortunately the porta potty situation with United still fell short. The porta potties were not cleaned enough again, at all. United did a better job at pumping them this year, but the potties have too much traffic going in and out of them to only spray clean them once a day. They were smelly, there was poop on the floor of so many of them by the end of the day each day, in Zenn Achres where I camp and in the 8 and Xavanadu. The porta potties need to be sprayed down with cleaner every time they get pumped; that is the only way to keep them clean for this event. I heard public goers complaining about the toilets every time I went into the event. I personally ended up with a contact dermatitis rash on my backside for the second year in a row, and I'm pretty sure it came from the dirty toilets because I tend to keep myself pretty clean at OCF otherwise. Something else to do with bathroom/handwashing, the handwashing station at the front of Xavanadu needs to be changed, it was a mud pit and was inaccessible for anyone alter abled with any kind of mobility issue or sensory issue and if people can't wash their hands, they're just going to spread more germs.
- Fair is amazing, and I have been a witness to the magic since 2008, on Recycling, Community Village, and now Internal Security. However, while sitting my 6am to 10am Internal Security shift this year -I witnessed 2 major failures. (1) The porta potty situation -the people that serviced the toilets around our gate left LOTS of trash -toilet paper rolls, etc. They left the seats completely wet (with deodorant solution I'm assuming). One of the days, the toilets were completely full for most of my shift. The plastic hand washing stations were unusable (out of water and/or soap) for most of my shifts, Thursday to Sunday. Fair family was treated poorly (or poopy) through these negligent ways. (2) The sink near our gate was my favorite of Fair in the last 5 years of working this post. This year was an epic failure. The new sink had these hand pumps and using them was simply unsanitary -you had to use a dirty hand to pump, and then switch hands, and so it was impossible to clean your hands. It was a very silly predicament. The hand pumps all broke the first day, and the sink was in complete disrepair by the time of my Friday shift. Then they sent folks out to fix it (I don't recall which day) and set the new sink aside (instead of properly removing it from view). They put in a temporary sink that was again a complete failure -it was very hard to reach for even me with incredibly long arms. All the sink water was draining onto the ground and created a muddy pit that everyone had to precariously navigate. It was dangerous, and I reported it to Fair Central twice during my shift (about 8am and 9am). No one came until after my shift, and I think the issue was fully resolved by about noon. I personally watched alter-abled Fair family trying to cross the muddy pit and having to turn back and go elsewhere.

In addition, there were so many instances where the soap was not available, OR times when soap was present but no water for people to wash with. People were literally leaving the area with dirty hands after just leaving the porta potties, and some with dirty hands /soap / an unhappy look on their faces. I felt sad and embarrassed, as there was really nothing we could do to help people get what they needed at the time. I have pics of what I saw, and I hope that this is

resolved WELL before the start of next year's Fair (with a public apology to those who had to experience this.) Thank you for listening, and feel free to email me with further questions. Blue

- Far Side saw vast improvements with United. Could still use more frequent service though. Far Side showers closed early can we have them through Monday please?

- First, we love the Fair. This was my 41st year and we have had a booth in Chela Mela since it opened, and we were relocated from Shady Grove due to erosion.

The Porto potty situation by Hoarse Corral is a mess. There was no hand washing station until evening. This led to people washing their hands in the water fountain area (which is gross).

There was no toilet paper most days and most times. It's so unsanitary and unhealthy.

- Good try with the hand washing stations! Although there were glitches (Miss Piggy's!) it was finally an attempt at improving the sanitation issue. 2022 still stands out as the best and cleanest year. Loved those hand washing stations in 2022!

- Hand washing. The hand-pumped handwash stations made from live-edge wood LOOKED very classy until about Friday evening, when all the ones I saw began to suffer clogging in the basin, soil erosion, and/or large fields of dangerously slippery mud. These factors combined with what I anecdotally observed was by Saturday night, more people passing handwash stations without using them. That's a public health concern -not just an annoyance.

On Monday, I was caught out without my hand sanitizer, and the water had already been shut off. I had fever and diarrhea late Monday night, pointing to "foodborne illness" or poor hygiene. I wonder if it was my hand washing, or someone else on my team. My partner and 20-year veteran of OCF volunteering says she is commonly sick on Tuesday after Fair.

- Hello, first, I want to say that many aspects of the Fair are run amazingly well, my critic is only of two aspects. The main one, and on this I am concerned about the longevity of the Fair itself, is the issue of the port-o-potties. After the pandemic, I sent the office an article describing how they work. As long as the nasty stuff is below the chemical water, the potties are actually safer against infection than regular flush toilets. The minute the nasty stuff is above water, the risk of infection of all manners of ailments is very high, not just covid.

The toilets in the area of our booth, which is very close to the Ritz, were cleaned once a day, in the morning, and not very well even then. The water level in the potties was very low, were they trying to save on the chemical water or did they want more room for the nasty stuff to pile up?

The toilet paper was not there most of the time and I never encountered any sanitizer in the dispenser. I actually enter the potti double masked and with goggles on, I look like a crazy person and can hardly see but one covid infection at the Fair was enough for me.

I really love the Fair, and I wonder, if participants get sick year after year, be it from the potties or the dust, will they continue coming? Thank you for your consideration, Arbel Shemesh

- Hi! I love Fair & marvel at how many working parts there are to it. A few ideas I have are:

*small trashcans in the stalls or closer to the bathrooms for menstrual products etc.

*more lye dumped into the pits to mitigate or neutralize strong smells there, as well as air fresheners.

- Huge improvements in the porta-potties this year, big ups to everyone involved and to United for learning the ropes!

- I camp near Chela Mela and use the bathrooms closest to Horse Chorale starting Wednesday night through Monday afternoon. Just like last year, on Wednesday and Thursday there was no

handwashing station available and not enough sanitizers available. I brought water for drinking, not so much for handwashing. Thankfully, someone had brought a bunch of personal hand wipes that helped those in our camp to get our hands clean.

Friday when the Fair had already opened to the public the situation was the same-no working handwashing station and only a few portos had hand sanitizer. Thankfully, by the end of the day, someone had made sure that they had soap and water and paper towels.

I know that I can walk farther to possibly find clean bathrooms as well as the potential of actual working handwashing stations or sanitizer, but it's not a sure bet.

I feel strongly that this should not be an issue for 2026 because we know that clean hands can prevent the spread of sickness. It shouldn't be too much to ask that all the bathrooms available to the public, working volunteers, Elders, as well as vendors and musicians also have places to wash hands.

- I commend you for the improvement from 2024 to 2025 in the cleanliness of the porta potties particularly in Piggies and Southwood. There was still a lack of water and soap for handwashing. Please continue to improve the situation as it should be a top priority. Thank you.
- There was also a problem with toilets at Far Side not being cleaned and no toilet paper and no water to wash up with. This mostly occurred in early am and later pm.

Sanitary conditions were not acceptable!

Jo with showers was trying to accommodate as best she could but was hampered with unacceptable response.

- I think OCF should try to mend the relationship with Honey Bucket and get them back on site before all institutional knowledge is lost there. United does a very poor job, barely cleaning the portapotties and not stocking them either during their runs. The united workers don't seem to care much about the job that they do and definitely do not clean them with the same methods that Honey Bucket did (Honey Bucket seemed to vacuum the entire unit out to get it clean where United seems to just spray it down with a hose and think that is good enough)
I understand there was a large contract increase for Honey Bucket a few years ago that made us switch, but I think we should reconsider if the dollars saved are worth the disgusting bathrooms that we now have. My wife says that she used to be proud of how clean the OCF portapotties were, but now she would rather use the peach potties over the portapotties. I'm also worried about the cleanliness of the bathrooms affecting other parts of the Fair (like food booths).
- I'm still disappointed with United rental, porta potties, they were all dirty when they brought them out, hardly had any hand washing stations and when they did it was just water, no soap, surprised we didn't have an outbreak. I brought my own soap and paper towels after last year!
- Most of the posts I'm reading state the bathrooms were much better this year than last year. The porta potties by my camp near Shower Central were NOT good. I will say Tuesday-Thursday they were okay and hopeful, Friday it totally fell apart. United truck skipped us several times. The waste was up to the top more times than I can count. Mostly no soap/water. One occasion I asked a United worker for toilet paper, and he told me no. I still vote heavily for bringing back Honey Bucket-no matter the cost. Thank you! Marina Savalli. OCF year 33.
- My partner and I loved so much about the Fair but one of the main acts we came to see was the California Honeydrops. Unfortunately, not only was the Hoarse Chorale far too small for their

fan base, but someone also decided their act would be a good time to pump the portalets right next to the stage. We only stayed to watch for a few minutes before moving on thanks to the smell. It was a disappointment for the fans and felt like an insult to the band.

No hand washing station for toilet bank at entrance to south woods....

The number of them have gone down and we totally managed. Any kind of handwashing station would have been very nice. Not sure if we can add one next year.

- Overall, a FANTASTIC year. Thank you for leaving a few potties on Upper Shady open Monday pack out day. It was a blessing to not have to walk to the Ritz to pee.
- Please fix the sinks! I loved the beauty of the new wooden sinks, but they were designed far too shallow for the spigots, leading us to drag our hands through the basin, defeating the point of cleaning them. Also, all of the sinks were broken before Fair even opened to the public. People couldn't figure out how to use them and trying to operate a hand pump while washing hands is ridiculous. I never thought the leaking, leaf-filled sinks at the herinals/urinals near Hospitality would become my go to for hand washing, but that was clearly the better option. Until all the soap dispensers disappeared. I understand you want us to leave ASAP when Fair is over, but compromising our ability to keep ourselves from getting sick with basic handwashing is not the way.
- Porta potties much better this year, there were more of them, they had better cleaning and upkeep this year.
- Porta potties were nasty until Thursday morning. Very gross for those doing Pre-Fair.
- Portable toilet situation was not good. There was no pressure washing of them. Children were walking in literal shit every day. And then they didn't have water to wash their hands. The kitchen toilet was full the whole weekend I was working. I thought this was supposed to be better. Maybe paying Honey Bucket more would have been better. They wanted more because they get so destroyed. But they at least did the job well. Sorry. But it's been two years now. And the difference is extreme.
- Portapotty situation was vastly improved from last year! Handwashing stations were often broken or flooding and still need improvement, but I appreciate the response to the community's outcry about sanitation from the past few years.
- Public Health - Porta Potties continue to be an issue! I primarily use the ones at the end of Wally's Way or the ones at the Y of Snivel Lane and Chickadee. One saving grace is that the temperature (although being very warm) was lower than the two previous years. I didn't feel like the combination of oven temperatures and sewage gases were going to suffocate me.
- Replace toilets at Politics Park with port-a-potties (camping near there is brutal).
- Speaking of Marshall's, the new sink structure was artful and functional with 3 separate sinks. The circular sink at the Main Camp end was a nice idea, but I wasn't able to make it go without dousing myself. I'm seeing a lot more dish washing in camp as food prices soar. I heard one person yelling at another not to do dishes in the campground sink. Greywater may become an increasing issue.
- The restroom situation at Piggy's was better; thank you for the giant handwashing station. However, the toilets need to be cleaned Wednesday and Thursday and the handwashing water needs to be refilled. There are so many more campers down here than there were even 3 years ago.

- Thank you SO MUCH for the new handwashing stations in SCOF lot this year!!
I caught COVID last year, so I wanted to be more careful this year. So, it was exciting/a huge relief to find a new place to wash hands back at camp! I always bring hand sanitizer & wet wipes regardless, but actual soap & water is even better. These stations made a HUGE difference in how clean my hands felt all week! (And I managed to avoid COVID this year, I am Fairly certain these handwashing stations helped.)
I do want to note that the rocky "sinks" had started to look a bit "grungy" by Sunday afternoon, so it would've been nice if the sinks were just a little bit deeper (or the "faucets" a bit higher) so we could more easily fit our hands in without accidentally touching the rocks. (And/or perhaps the rocky drains could've been serviced with a deeper clean at some point over the weekend? Not sure which is more feasible.)
Regardless, I was still VERY happy with these! The water tank & soap dispensers were never empty, the water pumps always worked. Solid, enormous improvement. Thank you for hearing us out on the sanitation/hygiene-related feedback & making improvements!
- The bathroom and garbage situation was terrible again. Please get the bathrooms to a sanitary condition. They are foul and are never stocked properly.
- The Fair really needs to look closely at how we are handling the porta potties. It's really degraded with the switch in providers. I understand the need to manage budgets, but this year created unsanitary conditions with all the non-working hand washing stations. Even right after the porta potties were cleaned. They were still pretty nasty to go into because they didn't squeegee out the water. So, the first person who stepped in dragged in dirt that became mud. Weirdly, for some reason toilet paper wasn't refilled at cleaning time. And in general, the cleaning was extremely subpar. Myself, I developed some kind of stomach thing like a number of other people I chatted with at the Fair. I suspect the poor sanitation options made this a bigger problem this year. Thanks for taking care of this next year!
- The family port a potty set up near Ho gate on Ho Road got little care, poop smears on the walls and seats. No toilet paper for the majority of the weekend. No handwashing station. It was the worst I've seen. Bummer.
- The handwashing stations were almost always broken for the 3 days I was at the Fair and the need to constantly pump with one hand meant no good washing could happen. Otherwise, an amazing event!
- During pre-Fair, the portapotties were mostly clean and well taken care of. I was appalled by the state of handwashing sinks. The sink in Marshall's landing was out of soap more often than it had it. The newly designed sinks where you have to pump them by hand were useless. Not only did most of them break by Sunday but you could only wash one hand at a time and then had to use your clean hand to touch the dirty pump again to wash the other. There was often no soap at those as well, especially at nighttime. It felt like staff though as soon as public was gone they did not have to replenish soap even though there are still tens of thousands of people on site. Early Sunday morning I had to go to 3 different sinks to find a combination of soap and working water. We ended up having to leave early on Sunday because my family got sick. I have no doubt that the lack of adequate hand washing was the reason why.

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- The new handwashing stations in the SCOF lot are awesome. My only suggestion, the drain holes are higher than the pan and oddly placed so there was always dirty water in the drain pans. Unsanitary. Thank you for your hard work.
- The new handwashing stations are awesome but need some fine tuning. especially in Xavandu. Otherwise delightful as always
- The outhouses were REALLY, REALLY bad. After being at the Fair for only 30 minutes, I used the outhouse. I did not see how filthy the floor was and stepped in a massive mound of human feces. It got all over my sandal and my pant leg of the jumpsuit I was wearing. These outhouses are incredibly unhygienic. This one also had no toilet paper or hand sanitizer. I had to use my entire bottle of water to somewhat clean my foot. It was disgusting.
- The port o potties need a receptacle for period products, either in the port or right outside
- The portas at Wally's Way were atrocious again this year. They were often out of toilet paper and in need of cleaning. The hand washing station consisted of a beautiful carved wooden sink set with hand pumps that quickly broke and the whole thing was tossed in the bushes to make way for a tiny hay bale sink that soon plugged up and was hard to access even for adults. There was often no water and/or soap, and the area became muddy by Sunday. This is the kids' area, and it feels like a norovirus outbreak waiting to happen. I use these portas when I'm between performer sets, and it's so unpleasant and frustrating. I can't imagine why this can't be done right. Child-level sinks or working sinks with a step stool in the children's area would be a nice touch. Thanks for your attention.
- The portas were nearly overflowing by Friday and the wash stations were empty of water, soap, and paper towels with paper towels not to be seen again this Fair. Marshall's morning service happened mid-morning, much later than in the past. When they were "cleaned" the whole insides got very wet, but there was still toilet paper all over the floor and through the Fair one small bit of what looked like waste, so I didn't want to touch the wet toilet seat because it seemed likely it wasn't actually clean. Portas have been much worse in some years, but they've also been quite a bit better.
- The toilet situation was much improved this year. Only once was the row of toilets near camp completely out of paper and water! So, there is still room for improvement but getting there! Many thanks!
- This was my fifth year as staff at Fair. It was a great year, as always, but the biggest downside was the unclean & under-serviced Porto potties and hand washing stations. With an event that hosts nearly 50,000 people, all in close proximity to one another, it is IMPERATIVE that folks have the ability to consistently wash their hands after using the bathroom with soap and water. We are years past the introduction of covid into our realities we know how vital hand washing is to prevent illness of all kinds. It is irresponsible to have hand washing sinks that were regularly empty of soap, water, or both. Additionally, the Porto potties were stocked and cleaned less frequently than in years past, often out of toilet paper, smelly, full of garbage, and not being consistently hosed down after service. It seems that this year and last year, switching sanitation companies has left us with this being the new situation. I found it unacceptable and hope that we will see better, more sanitary conditions in the coming years, for the health and safety of all!

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- Toilet stalls: The toilets in some stalls, particularly the disabled stalls, were not secured well and/or the underlying structure is no longer supporting them properly, latches in the stalls are mostly stripped out and are frequently broken

The stalls themselves are way past their prime, the ceiling/roof is completely gone, exposing the stalls to extreme heat and a less than an ideal temperature (and aroma) during the day, doors are dilapidated and are not secure

Solution: rebuilding the toilet buildings with more easily cleanable surfaces (same for Community Village toilets.)

Sanitation: Sanitation Crew leave a muddy, soapy, not at all clean scum on toilets that must be wiped off before the toilets can be used (thanks?)

Solution: spray toilets with a clean solution and wipe (mostly!) dry or use disinfectant wipes as final cleanup

Sinks/soap: This year, 2025, the soap available in dispensers at the handwashing stations in Politics Park was so watered down it was completely useless, there was no ability to suds your hands properly and get them clean; this leads to problems with food services and the general welfare of the Fair population both Fair family and the public.

I heard of more than one person who had urgent need of the facilities, probably due to improper food handling or lack of access to proper sanitary hand washing stations by someone who handles food

Solution: full strength soaps available at all hand washing stations, more attention to the cleanliness of toilets

Smell: the smell of ammonia was overpowering from Thursday on, even at night, around Main Stage and in the food areas all you could smell was the ammonia from Politics Park; frankly it was gross, we want to smell the fresh night air, the dust and the smell of Fairies and hippies dancing in the meadow not their old urine

Solution: some kind of hardcore ammonia mitigation efforts-please!

Thank you for your consideration.

- Toilets were much better than last year although there is still some room for improvement. The new hand washing stations were an improvement. Unfortunately, many of the rented ones were out of water much of the time despite them being doubled up. Toilets were not well-serviced on Tuesday.
- United did better pumping showers in a few areas but left us waiting for pumping for 5 plus hours in other busy areas. Also, they didn't pump the porta-potties in a major volunteer service area for over 26 hours, and when they did, it was just a pump, they left all the trash etc. inside and didn't spray it down.
- We had a problem with the bathrooms on Ho Road. Especially the ones just past Ho gate. We only had 4 Porta potties and no handwashing facilities. In the past there were 10 to 12 potties and handwashing facilities. There was no toilet paper for most of the Fair, and terrible cleaning of the potty, with stool left smeared in the potties. Disgusting to say the least. Please help United do better. Worried about disease.
- We had a wonderful time at Fair, but the Far Side restroom facilities were inadequate for the population that they support. Every morning, they were completely out of water, soap, and toilet paper, creating a hygiene problem. Additionally, they were not kept clean inside.

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- We love the Fair, so this constructive feedback is for the love of the Fair:
The porta-potty situation in Miss Piggy at the Island Gate was dire and unsanitary to the max. There is only one handwashing station there and it was almost ALWAYS out of water and soap. Also, sometimes no TP so. A gross situation: service is needed more often there or more units added.
- There was a big hiccup with the sanitation situation though that cannot be repeated, and I hope this is addressed seriously. There were several out houses in various pods that did not have hand cleansers, or the hand cleanser pumps did not work. Some only had brackets where the cleanser should have been. In addition, in Piggies, the water at the washing stations did not work either for several days, then when it did work there were major leaks which contributed to a mud pit. I don't think this situation likely met Health Department standards.
Besides the hand cleansing concerns, the units themselves were never really clean to start with, and this was disappointing compared with past years. The situation was such that the pit toilets at Main Stage were actually in better condition than the portables and that is saying a lot!

Security

- Your staff is constantly grabbing people's arms and body's and forcefully revealing passes. This is a serious issue, and it happens yearly. Grabbing people's wristbands and forcefully moving them around to confirm if valid.
1st report is Main Camp recycling checkpoint Friday night around 11 pm. One of your HEAD STAFF, not much of a description other than bearded 5,11 210 pounds
2nd report is Sunday 530 -6:30 pm Fair bus stop. Security in a sunhat 150 lbs. 6'2
Again. Grabbing me by the shirt for walking into Fair from the bus line after dropping off a Construction Crew member. (Several Security members witnessed)
This is a constant occurrence for someone who attends this yearly, as a lifetime community member.
Thank you for reading. I know this is only the individual at fault. I will be submitting a more detailed report at main camp next year once this is witnessed again. It's seen every year.
- 4 hour shifts for External Security at a time rather than 6.
- As far as the Sweep band goes, I don't think there's an avenue for feedback in either direction. We (Keseey Stage) played a lot of "Rubber Ducky" this year. Children's Television Workshop launched Sesame Street in... can you guess? 1969, the same year as OCF. Since we start the Sweep operation at Sesame Street (and in keeping with the theme augmented by "Miss Piggy"), Rubber Ducky seems spot on for OCF. Booth operators laugh and sing along whenever we play it. I hope we can make that into a tradition.

Shade

- Please provide more shade over the Main Stage audience area, it's so open and hot in the direct sun, making it unsafe/uncomfortable to sit or dance to the music on that stage during the day. Perhaps a retractable shade sail or two, that could be opened along cables for evening sky viewing once the sun is down?
Monkey Palace stage is nice in the more recent location, however its beautiful colorful canopy seems to trap the heat of the sun if sitting under it. Not sure if it could be raised up higher to

allow more air flow under? Or perhaps exchange it with another type of breathable material for shade?

Generally add more shade at the various hot stage areas and more frequent access to water for path sprinkling / dust reduction.

- What happened to the shade usually provided at Main Stage? I remember some shade cloths hung in years past. Not this year.
- Beautiful shade structure for Main Stage. This would ease crowding and increase safety from excess heat/sun.
- Every year we wait in the blazing hot sun for 1-3 hours for our passes. We are in our 60s. It's not sustainable. There is very little shade and at this point can't the Fair figure out a more efficient system. It's 2025, there are so many festivals and yet we are still waiting in line for hours in the blazing sun in order to get our passes.
- First thanks all for another wonderful Fair. The magic works. I return to face the world with hope and energy. Thoughts... Now that we understand we will be receiving more heat from our star, we must avoid heat exhaustion which can quickly progress to heat stroke. So maybe say "Happy Fair sit a bit in this shade and share water with me" more often. Promote breaks both in the hard work and the hard fun. Promote this with crew leaders, camp hosts and make handouts and signage. Set up more shade for crews in sunny posts--maybe rotations to have shorter intervals in sun. Add a few, small mister stations/recovery spots with shade and a hay bale and check on folks sitting there.
- I feel that more shade is crucial especially in Main Stage area. It's only going to keep being hot it seems.

Also, more misters around.

I also feel like more picnic tables in the shade and all around having a spot to sit and eat would be really great. Really enjoyed the really big picnic tables in Xavanadu.

- It was a hot Fair, though not as bad as last year. I appreciated the added shade canopies at Registration. I noticed all the shady seating areas at the Fair filled up and a friend who came for the day on Sunday told me she & her family left early because of this. I'm sure many people will say this, but we need more shade in front of stages, in Xavanadu, and more shaded seats with backs that aren't a cigarette smoking area. I remember the bicycle powered blender. Could we have a bicycle powered large fan maybe with colorful streams (fun) under a shade structure to cool off a bunch of people?
- It would be great for more shade, especially at Main Stage when everyone is packed together. We love you guys and always support but the lack of shade especially for shows was pretty bad. Healthy bodied and young and had to cut a lot of things short due to it. We love y'all!
- Main Stage seriously needs shade and cooling strategies for some years now. Please get this done.
- More shade everywhere! Especially at Main Stage.
- More shade sails!!! Especially at Main Stage and Xavanadu. It's too hot!!!
- Please create more shade in the Main Stage area and more water misters around paths. If possible, more water available for each booth to water down the oaths to reduce dust!
- Please, please add more shade at all stages and anywhere, where performances are held. Summers continue to get hotter each year and with the number of people attending, it is too hot

to be standing and/or sitting under the full rays of the sun. Also, if there are better ways (methods) to keep the dust down that would be awesome. I noticed many more people covering their nose and mouth due to the level of dust.

- Really enjoyed the Fair, and all the hard work that volunteers put in. As it was really hot out, our feedback would be to add "sails" or more shade at the Main Stage, perhaps more seating, thanks.
- Shade over Main Stage!
- Sunshades at Main Stage would be really nice.
- Thank you soooo much for the shade at the vaudeville stage.
- The Main Stage needs more shade. We had all the cooling aids with us and still overheated so badly we couldn't stay for the music we wanted to see.
The Fair is wonderful and thank you for all you do! We just need shade at the Main Stage!
- Two of my friends including myself got heat exhaustion one of which had to leave early. Obviously, weather is not the Fair's responsibility but there were more people than shade. Emergency or for-profit cooling room? Shade cloth over Main Stage? Working misters to keep cool and mitigate dust?
- We have had another hot year like last year, and I suspect that we can expect that to become a common occurrence in the future. I am in booth x60 on Sun Path. There are 8 booths along Sun Path that are in direct Sun from noon until the sun drops below the trees around 8 pm. I would assume that Whitebird is dealing with a heightened amount of dehydration and overexposure problems. I would like to suggest that OCF put up a shade cloth structure along Sun Path to help eliminate the problem. I have seen other festivals put up shade structures in an artistic fashion to add some flair while creating shade. Another option is to change the rules for booths in direct Sun, so they have more ability to shade their booths. During Fair, the crowd pretty much disappears at 1 and runs for the woods and shade of the 8. At my booth we have tried to extend the shade as much as possible and try to make it more comfortable, but it is still blazing hot and frankly, somewhat dangerous. After 3 days of 8 hours of baking in our booth, everyone on Sun Path is exhausted to a point I would consider extreme. I realize this would be a major undertaking, but it would add a level of safety and increase the traffic in Xavanadu. The patrons are at some risk, but the booth workers are stuck in their booths and deal with it for much of the 5 days we are at Fair. Please consider putting up a structure or significantly altering the rules for booths that are in Sun Path.
- We really need some type of shade cloth at all the stage areas. When I was at Main Stage I noticed that it was crowded up front where it was shady but empty in the back where it was sunny. Of course, if we spend a bunch of money on this it all but guarantees a rainy year.
- I've been coming to Fair since I was a young child. I've been volunteering for traffic for about 15 years. As the summers get hotter, and the sun becomes more intense, it is dangerous to send crew out to places where they are in direct sun with zero shade coverage other than what small amount (often parasols) are able to bring out to shift for hours at a time. Furthermore, many placements lack access to potable water, so staff only has access to the water brought out on shift and are at the mercy of when (if) support staff comes out to deliver water.
I have a condition where I do not produce much sweat, and so standing in direct sun for extended periods of time causes exhaustion.

I am repeatedly placed in spots where I am sitting in direct sun at the height of the heat, i.e., Maple Gate and the Winery, despite asking to be placed in places that are better shaded for the duration of my shift.

When going out on shift, I am concerned not only about my safety but that of my fellow volunteers that are in direct sun exposure. I'd like to recommend two things:

1. Please place me in a space that is better shaded considering my personal health situation.
2. Please bring pop-ups to help the traffic crew members avoid heat exhaustion and rotate crew better so that we are not at risk.
3. Provide and refill water buckets at all stations so that staff can maintain hydration and stay safe and healthy during shift.

At the end of the day, we volunteer because we love this event, but it should not come at the cost of our health.

Showers

- The last thing I have heard a hundred times is that we need more showers in the South Woods/Miss Piggy's lots. 1 trailer is not enough for the thousands of people who camp in that area and showers provide a wonderful method of staying cool.
- My favorites are Shower Central and Flowing Notes. Love the tea house at Flowing Notes. It would be great if Shower Central and Piggy's were open into the evening on Sunday.
- Biggest request is to have more showers in South Woods. Once upon a time there were showers on the fire road, me and so many others are begging for that to return. Having so many people camping at that end of Fair just relying on Miss Piggy's showers is so difficult. Please bring back more showers.
- Crew showers were also much better, with lines much shorter, which is likely due to better gray water pumping from United. Yay!
- I have an established camp site out at Far-Side.
There were many instances where the showers were not up and running or all we had were cold showers (Saturday Evening). On Sunday am they were down for 5 hours (Waiting for truck to dump gray water) some of which a lot of us were needing to get ready for shifts or get ready to go into the Fair.
- I really appreciate Shower Central, especially now that they have a pretty wooden floor and benches with less claustrophobic shower cubicles. I wish the hours were longer so that the mosquitoes would be asleep before I wash off the bug spray & sunblock. I'd like it to be open until midnight. Sunday it closed at 4:30 pm leaving everyone hot and sweaty as it was still 90 degrees at sunset.
- I wish the showers could be open later on Sunday but thank you for cleaning the bathrooms Sunday!!!
- I want to give high praise to Shadow and Jessie, Showers coordinators, for the organized, efficient, and fun way they run their crew! It's a joy to work for and with them!
- More shower options/locations would always be a win. Wondering about having drinking fountains that people aren't using to wash themselves. Kind of gross to then get drinking water out of after. More signs around the drinking fill ups about not touching the mouthpiece of water

bottle to the water spigot. Something many people didn't think of when I mentioned it in the moment.

- Last year, I remember Shower Central shutting down because they couldn't get their gray water pumped. And the word at that time was that Piggy was having the same issue. I didn't wait in line for nothing this year. I do wish that there was a staff shower open a little later. With Sweep ending around 8:30, I end up going to bed sweaty and dirty. Gross.
- The biggest frustration this year for me was showers. The Ritz has become a music venue, advertising shows on a board outside (they used to just be word of mouth) causing it to get packed with people there to see the performers (naked) and making it impossible to get in to shower lines can take several hours to get in. This is especially a problem on Sunday evening when all the other showers are closed (most close at 4:30(!) only Energy Park is open until 9:00) and people who work at the Fair are desperate to get clean. I beg either to keep another shower area open on Sunday evening or somehow convince the Ritz to not have big name performers on Sunday or have a separate area just for bathers. I love hanging out at the Ritz and would go more often but am not interested in waiting in line for hours, so I'm not sure if they make more money drawing in people with the performers (who stay for a long time) than they would being available as a bathing / sauna-ing / communing with your neighbors naked venue that they are so good at. It's a rare time when we can still go and enjoy it for that anymore. Thanks!!
- The shower situation this year sucked because there are not late enough hours for staff showers. Flowing Notes tends to have a long line by 9pm, and the Ritz was really difficult to get into due to the music venue aspect of it. It was super frustrating to not have reasonable access to staff showers. I would really like to see Flowing Notes or Shower Central expand their hours until 11pm at least. Please give this crew more passes in exchange for more hours!
- This is the second year in a row that I've heard about issues with the line monitoring at the Elders Showers. In particular, having people waiting and making derogatory comments about whether others are sufficiently disabled to be able to jump the line which is the rule. This year it was someone in a wheelchair. It's unclear who actually has responsibility for monitoring that line and maintaining the list. Let's try to keep this from being a repeat problem.

Signs & Banners

- More signs on walking paths for stages and bathrooms and water.
- Would be nice to have an arrow pointing to the Exit on every street corner and map. By the end of the day, I don't know where I am or where I'm going (ok, I'm like that often, MS hilarity). We loved the Fair this year even though it was too hot for us on Sunday. Sending love and gratitude for all you do.

Site

- Also, the path erosion past Main Stage was an ankle twister, though I understand that may be a hard place to fix. Thank you so much for taking suggestions!
- Bring back the straw bale dams in the winter. Seed E 13th in the fall when the rains start. It was so, so dusty. The day site crew put the loam down was as dusty as during Fair. There are big pieces of bare ground throughout the OCF meadows like Main Stage and Xavanadu. These

places need to be reseeded with perennial grass and watered. We are not doing good stewardship; we are not providing a good experience.

- I know we don't typically alter the land permanently but perhaps there could be a temporary fix for the horrendous tripping hazard on East 13th just north of the Graceland recycling boxes and on the east side of the street, near booth 296-ish. Lots of reports of trips and falls (3 on my team had issues in the same place across a couple of days, one requiring medical attention). Due to the color of the land, there were no visual cues that gave any depth perception. Someone put a tall cone there to make people aware but there continued to be issues. There was another one on Strawberry Lane near booth 814 on the Drum Tower side of the path. It was much easier to see because the dirt was different in color. Thanks for all you do.
- There is a pile of trash, dimensional wood, broken buckets with, I think, sand that might once have been stashed to mitigate leaks in the Shady Grove sinks in a kind of no man's land between the sinks and the Quiet Room of the Little Village booth, inaccessible behind the Shady Grove path wall, that used to be a green space with lots of greenery. This year the trash overwhelmed the greenery and some Little Village tents were visible from certain angles of the handwashing sinks so we rigged up tapestries behind them and behind the fencing and made plans to come back and clean it out in the summer, hoping the greenery would revive itself this winter and provide the visual screen it once did. Can we get some help from Site Crew to do this?
- I liked the (not sure what it's called) metal foot-actuated semi-circular hand-washing station in Marshall's Landing. But it needs some adjustment. The choice was to either push it gently and not get enough water or to stomp on it and get soaked with it spraying over the edge. I also loved the new sink area in Marshall's Landing made out of what looked like an old waterbed headboard. One minor improvement needed having the water fountain point straight at people made it difficult to use. Needs to either have less pressure so it doesn't soak the user or be pointed at a right angle to the user.
- More bat-boxes disbursed throughout the land so as to curb the mosquitoes. Thanks for listening. I appreciate you! Warmly
- More misters! Especially Main Stage! Thank you for all your hard amazing work. I would love to be a part of it one day<3
- Other public safety. My tentmate stepped in a hole (maybe 100 feet in front of the KLCC booth) on Thursday night and required medical treatment. Saturday, when she was in the same vicinity, she said somebody else tripped in the same hole, inspiring a group of people to shout "welcome to the club. You're one of us!" By Sunday evening, there was a traffic cone over the hole. I think we all use great care when we're navigating roots on back trails, but out in the open, there would be an expectation for even footing. When my tentmate said "maybe 20 people" were injured in the same hole... umm... in the "real world," I would be wondering about lawsuits.
- Site Crew was driving a truck inside the 8 during the public hours blasting amplified music on both Friday and Saturday. There was no obvious work being done; on Friday it looked like they were using the vehicle so that they could stand on top and take photos. Joyriding in the 8, or really anywhere is an unnecessary safety risk and dust generator, and playing amplified music

without an amplified sound permit is a Guidelines violation. This is the second year in a row for this crew violating this Guideline; let's make it the last.

- Something has GOT to be done about the spot near the Main Stage recycling spot where many people fell this year. White Bird is aware of this location, and I hope they are also coordinating with leadership/path planning etc. There is a sudden grade there that is difficult to spot, even in daylight. I had one friend slip and twist her ankle there Thursday evening. My father's booth partner fell on Friday night and had to have an ambulance take him to the hospital (his ankle is broken). While standing near the artichoke booth Saturday night I watched someone go down and twist their ankle. While we were waiting to provide support as White Bird addressed the injury we watched a second person fall, within half an hour of the first. On Saturday night a nearby booth came up with a cone to place there, which I hope helped avoid any more falls. I anecdotally heard about several other falls that happened there throughout the weekend. Please consider bringing in fill to level it out, putting in a railing or other barrier to prevent people walking through there, or some other creative solution. That spot is a menace! On a side note, White Bird, as well as all the kind bystanders, did a wonderful job helping each person that fell. I love our OCF family!
- The Far Side path that goes from the ball field into the Fair really needs work. One thing that would also be nice. It is on the path where there's areas to pull out it would be nice to have a little bench where some of us older folks could take a little break. This is going into or coming out of there that would be great.
- The site is being neglected. The dust was out of control, and the meadows were brown. Planting the paths each year caused root growth that helped mitigate the dust despite the grass and wildflowers being killed by traffic. Why no lignum on the road? Watering the meadows for a deep lush green takes a month of more daily watering. It is more important the subsidizing the Ritz. The paths were in horrible shape. Gravel is inappropriate for our event.
- What is that building at Dug's Green? Is the winery being taken care of in the same way?

Sound/Noise

- Dance Pavillion music went later than normal, and the bass was entirely too loud on Friday night/early Saturday morning. I am not against amplified music at night, but it needs to be within reason. I camp about 75 yards behind, and even with ear plugs it was still booming in my tent.
- One of problems that I witnessed was when the Disco Cart parked opposite Main Stage during the Midnight Show and it was louder than the stage. I know that it was permitted this year, but it's way, way, way too loud. It interferes with all other events when it comes through. But the worst part of it was to learn that the Disco Cart wasn't even being done by staff or booth people, that we gave out Trade Wristbands for it. I don't understand why the Fair would use resources for afterhours entertainment when they're so sorely needed for our actual event.
- The wants of non-working people high on drugs who want to play loud music all night outweighs the needs of your exhausted volunteers to get some sleep before their shift. Basically, everyone we asked to intervene with the chaos affecting campers in the parking lot early Sunday morning.

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- My main critical feedback is about the volume of the amplified music, and in particular the electronic music. The electronic music is so loud, and has such penetrating bass, that at least for me it is distressing physically. On Friday night it was impossible to sleep even a great distance from the band playing (I was in SCOF lot, in the alter-abled camping area). Aside from being unpleasant to be near (for me), it makes it basically impossible to make acoustic music, so my friends and I don't even bother to take our instruments out of their cases. To me, that threatens an important part of Fair the making of impromptu, acoustic music. It also damages the beautiful feeling of being in a natural forest. I know the fans of electronic music like their music really loud, but it seems important (to me) for us to remember that we are in a natural place and feel connected to it and be respectful of it. Silence is beautiful, and spontaneous magic can emerge out of it. Could we at least lower the volume some, or tone down the bass, so there are zones of peace in between the stages? One last thing on stage noise: Hoarse Chorale and Monkey Palace have both gotten so loud that they bleed into each other. Unless you are right in front of one or the other, being between them can be a distressing cacophony. Can we bring back a little bit of the spontaneous acoustic and natural magic of the Fair of old?
- Nighttime sound. In Miss Piggy's lot the bass from Dance Pavilion was so loud that it was shaking the earth that far away. We could not escape it. Please add decibel awareness to the sound permits.
- Why do late shows have to end at 2 am?!?! As someone who sleeps directly next to Main Stage, PLEASE KEEP THE MUSIC GOING!
- Amplified sound: It's still a huge issue for Stage Left where I have camped since 'the circus' was moved there from WC Fields. On both Friday and Saturday nights insanely loud thumping DJ techno music that rattles your bones and interferes with your heartbeat was coming from 2 different directions long after the supposed 2 a.m. cut-off time, which was an improvement over 2024 when it came from 5 different directions. So, it was a bit better this year. We are surrounded by offenders in this matter. I was tucked in my tent trying to sleep so I could wake up and do my Fair job, which is to play music to the best of my ability and be visually entertaining and dancing while marching around the Fair blowing air into a metal tube. In 2024 when this happened, a small delegation from our camp went to Fair Central to report it. Someone was supposedly going to follow up, and it doesn't seem that anyone did. It was actually suggested this year that, if we see/hear amplified sound after 2 a.m., that we approach the stage or group, ask if they have a permit, and if they don't, to take a photo of the person's wristband. In retrospect this is terrible advice. It's too confrontational, it's dark, there are genuine concerns for safety of individuals, and sometimes it's not possible to determine who is in charge or responsible. It's clear that, however well-meaning and possibly advanced the 'amplified sound policy' is at this time, there is apparently zero appetite for enforcing it. What are we supposed to do at 2:30 AM or 3:00 AM when the amplified thumpa-thumpa is continuing? I really don't know and would genuinely appreciate knowing what steps I'm supposed to take. What is reasonable to expect from me? From the Fair? From casual conversations, I now have the impression that because I did not contact Fair Central or Quartermaster AT THE TIME (how am I even supposed to do that, get up out of my tent and get dressed and go over there?), and therefore cannot prove that a complaint was made and NOT followed up on, that my comments

here will carry less weight. That somehow since there isn't a report of an offense with no following action, it's kind of like it didn't even happen. If this is true, it's a deficient and kind of insane way of viewing the situation.

Given that our camping area is surrounded by at least 5 venues that do have amplified sound, I suggest next year we have a Security person stationed in our camp beginning around 1:30 a.m. or 1:45 a.m. to hear and see for themselves how often this happens, and how shakingly loud it is in our camp. And then follow up to enforce the policy. I know from experience that others at, for instance, Miss Piggy's, can't believe that we can hear their sound all the way over in our camp, much less how LOUD it is, but we can, and it is. Other locations we can hear include Chez Ray's stage; anything in Xavanadu particularly but not exclusively the BIPOC Oasis which is mere inches on the other side of the fence from our tents; Hoarse Chorale; Dragon Plaza; and Blue Moon.

While I wish we would never have any after-hours amplified music, that seems to be a minority opinion. And if we have to have it, my preference is to have it be LIVE and not DJ run, because at least LIVE music has more variety and stops occasionally. Or expand the Silent Raves, which seems like a GREAT option.

We can hardly hear each other talk in our camp late at night, much less play music and jam, and we are a camp of MUSICIANS. Therefore, everyone vacates to other places or just gives up and tries to get to sleep. I remember the days of acoustic jams in camp. Oh, that we could have a few of those. I do know they happened in other parts of the Fair this year, and for that success, thanks.

Thanks for putting on a great Fair.

- As much as we love Fair and all that comes with it, our team noticed that Main Stage has a large bass sound that travels, specifically for EDM and DJ electronic music. All acoustic/instrument bands are fine and are heard but never overpowered. However it's the synthetic bass that travels much too far to Maple Commons. We hope this doesn't step on any toes but respectfully ask some consideration when that type of music is being played.
Thank you. Much love.
- First off, I love Fair. It's my 45th year this year and I can't wait to keep coming. I've been coming since I was born. It was my daughter's 5 year old year and she came out of her shell at Fair, and it was beautiful to see. And I think we need to protect what makes Fair special. I have concerns that we are slowly sliding into being just another "festival". I don't think of Fair as a festival. I think of Fair as a multi-generational celebration of counterculture ideals that focus on community, sustainability, love, social justice, art, theater, and land stewardship. What I've seen over the past 20 years is a shift towards the party. There has always been a party, but what seems to have changed is that we have people who have passes who are only at Fair for the party. They don't volunteer, they don't have a booth, they have no responsibility and most essentially they do not share our sense of community. I think we need to stop the creep towards an EDM festival. You can see it in the crafts that have been approved recently, clearly mass produced, clearly computer generated. You can see it in the thumping music being carried around on personal speakers with no regard for families or volunteers trying to get even 4 hours of sleep at night. Or the piles of trash left behind at camps. Any criticism of loud music or obnoxious behavior is often met with push back about freedom of expression and including the

younger crowd, I do not believe embracing our true Fair ideals will push people out and in fact believe it will bring people in who feel turned off by the festival culture that's invaded. We need to consider limiting SOP passes and not using these as an income source. Personally, I would prefer to pay more for my pass to avoid having throngs of people who are only at Fair to party with disregard for their behavior. At 2am Saturday night I took a decibel reading in my tent and it was 98 as the disco cart rolled by. That's equivalent to a tractor or a subway car... That doesn't seem necessary for a "good time." I love the disco cart and have followed it down the path many times, however the level of bass and volume this year far exceeded years past. At 4am I took a decibel reading as a brass band played out on the path and this peaked at 81, equivalent to a vacuum cleaner. But what I couldn't hear at Fair this year? The yearly acoustic concert played on Sunday night 4 booths down from us, even when I stood right in front of it. All of this to say I encourage us to look at what makes us unique as the Fair and embrace this. It's okay to be different, it's okay to embrace ideals that made us flourish. And we can do all of that while still welcoming people in, and if we fall off the festival circuit, personally I'm just fine with that.

- Here is my feedback about loud, amplified music at OCF 2025. It has become an intolerable, cacophonous nightmare, Thursday through Saturday night! I have to work all day at my booth. I can't just leave. I have to stay with my stock! I've been at my booth on Strawberry Lane, between the bridges, for 40 years. It used to be a pretty quiet, pleasant part of the Fair, but it has gotten worse every year! The worst culprit is the "Tooth and Nail" booth nearby which held a LOUD all-night dance concert on Saturday night, even louder than usual, and blocked the paths all night to water, toilets, Info booths, and exits. I had no idea who to complain to! This is my complaint.

The next worst noise polluter was the concert at the Still Living Room which isn't even in my neighborhood but still kept me up till 2a.m! Earplugs don't help.

A little better was the Spirit Tower concert Friday night; they are close behind me. They were a little quieter, stopped at midnight, and didn't block all paths.

The Fair regulates a lot of what we do there, for safety, health, and quality of the event. It seems reasonable that the Fair should care as much for our health, as for the quality of bees and the duff! How about the condition of our eardrums? And our ability to sleep, so we can run our booths! If second-hand smoke is such a concern, second-hand noise should be too.

I don't think crafters, as well as acoustic musicians, should feel besieged and driven out of the Fair, just so younger volunteers can have a "good time" damaging everyone's hearing!

Some potential solutions:

*Limit the volume, duration, location, and number of dance concerts to healthy levels, done by midnight, off the paths, in stage areas and the Dance Pavillion, one at a time! Not everywhere, all night.

*Monitor the noise level!

*Have a way to give immediate feedback at night!

*And, do something!

*Give the beautiful, acoustic musicians space to play at night.

Such considerate policies would bring back the true, beautiful nature of the Fair. There is nothing "creative" about the current, nightly sonic anarchy at the Fair!

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- I was delighted to be able to actually hear the acoustic music happening around the 8 and most stages seemed a bit quieter, the Dance Pavilion being a notable exception. There seemed to be a lot of good music happening in so many places, day, and night. Wednesday night seemed a lot like Friday night used to be! There's still a problem with amplified music without a sound permit not enforced, especially really late night. Some of our Security staff don't understand the current guidelines.
- Night time volume of amplified sound in Xavanadu was louder than ever, with apparently no enforcement of sound permits or shutting down rogue sound carts in spite of requests to Fair management to deal with the situation.
Also the "Oasis" booth did not adhere to a community agreement and was rude and offensive when asked to observe the agreement.
I heard that the sound level in the "8" was much better this year, which was a definite improvement.
- Please address the issue of the amplified music at night. The volume is so excessive that earplugs and headphones do not work. The music goes well into the wee hours of the morning in Xanadu. Even though every year people complain, it seems to only get worse. Years ago, it was allowed till midnight, then 2am, but no one seems to enforce it.
- Sound permits for Tooth and Nail re-instated. And thank you!!! There are so many things that OCF does so superbly!
- The after-hours noise continues to be an issue but was definitely better this year (camping behind Stage Left we are in the noise circle of a bunch of stages and all of Xavanadu). We appreciate the efforts to do that.
- The amplified music at the 2025 Fair seemed more moderate than in recent years. Thank you! However, Main Stage went far too loud with the BASS starting on Thursday night around 9:30 and a number of additional times during the Fair. It made it difficult to converse with others even though I was nowhere near Main Stage at the time. There was no avoiding it, and earplugs are useless against such an assault. Hey Main Stage, please don't subject us to such horrible excessive BASS in the future.
- The new loudspeakers in Piggy's Sunday and Monday morning were unacceptable loud bass and early 4AM this year. Confused by Fair's lack of action no amplified pre-recorded music. Isn't Security supposed to enforce? So loud outside EZ campers came over and complained.
- The subwoofer at Main Stage was so loud at 6pm everyday that it shut down every other musician in Fair. It feels disrespectful to have been trying to perform and have to cancel my show because of the Main Stage subwoofer. If I were a paying guest, I would have left Fair as soon as that subwoofer came on. It was fine all day. It just got gross at 6pm everyday.
- This was my first year at Fair, and I was overwhelmed by the sense of community. My only suggestion would be to lower the volume of late night shows. In the campsites behind Stage Left, there was one stage where the music was so loud it sounded like we were in attendance at the performance. This went on until 3AM. I think folks in attendance at that performance would still enjoy it even if the volume was lower. Thanks!
- Very well run Fair. My only complaint is amplified music late into the night. 2024 was horrid. Both my girlfriend and I had tinnitus in the morning (ringing in your ears). 2025 was better, but I object to synthesized music. Except for shows, I think ALL music should be acoustic.

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- We have some really hardworking people who are really being failed by OCF in terms of supporting their work schedule by being allowed to sleep. The amount of noise after 2am has been a problem for years. It should not be up to us community members to plead and have conflict in the middle of the night to beg for some quiet to sleep. We are not the fun police, we want people to have fun, but after 1-2am, Fair needs to have a crew out keeping the partying down. Yes, amplified sound is an issue, but so are the drums and the piano from our neighbors. Which, I requested support to deal with them screaming, "cunt" at me multiple times amongst other terrible behavior over very politely asking them to turn off their music after 2am on WEDNESDAY! I will be filing a grievance about that particular matter, but the sound late at night needs to be dealt with, in general, too! I called Fair Central all week, and it was kicked up to their BUM that didn't do anything. We were harassed all week with no meaningful support after multiple calls. One of them wasn't even documented! I asked them the next night, and they hadn't reported my call after 2am, only one earlier in night! Very frustrating and disappointing! Beyond the neighbors, the Stage Left community has many stories of personally trying to deal with people in the middle of the night and getting treated badly by people who didn't care about our needs! Fair needs to step up and help us! We have 70-80 year old women who are marching in the heat multiple time a day. As well as many elders of both sexes still performing on top of marching! What a slap in the face to work all these decades and be left high and dry! I myself was almost delirious at the end from not sleeping and I have toddlers I am working with. Such a blessing to be able to do it with my kids, but very difficult without good rest. I can't even imagine what the performers trying to remember lines at the end of the week are going through. I am so upset by it all, this year was hard! We need meaningful changes to have roles for people to stop the noise after 2am. Not unreasonable to ask for workers who aren't there to party as their main gig! Please, help!
- What's the point of having rules about late night music if you don't do anything about it? Always for years I camp at SCOF as far away from Fair so I can rest. Now this year feels like Fair is for only non-workers who want to rave in the lot at 4 am and disrespect those who don't do drugs all night and actually have to work to make Fair happen. Stupid hot year, can't sleep in the day, get woke up at night by disco carts playing for hours shitty pop music thats supposed to be a banned, and Security did nothing. The shitters were better than last year thou so thanks for that I guess.
- While there were still many complaints, I was amazed at the success resulting from our actually paying attention to our amplified sound policy. I was out and about early Sunday morning and heard people playing instruments. People were talking to each other in Xavanadu because they could. The occasional boom box was still an annoyance. From talking to Security people, they had issues because our Guidelines are still too fuzzily worded. Suggest something crisp and clear like "No unpermitted amplified music is allowed during event week." Also, while sound monitoring stopped at the 2AM cutoff there was still a lot going on. Why aren't the Security Crews and BUMs dealing with this? It's a burden on people to expect them to get out of bed and try to get this sort of thing dealt with when it should be obvious to the people on shift.

Spoken Word

I liked the artist painting with black light and 3D glasses to appreciate her art in front of the nightly band at Spoken Word. And the bands seemed to have a better volume level than in past years.

Teens

- Not Awesome: The Teen Crew application process is a completely frustrating experience, to the point that we have given up this and last year. As someone who deals with Teens that have been dispersed to various External Security crews, we see a lot of angst among the adult crew leads that the teens assigned to them are constantly "No Show, No Call". However, I believe often this is actually a communication failure on part of Teen Crew or a complete website/application failure. I talk with lots of folks who say their family followed all the protocols, never received any communication, despite numerous attempts, then get notice that their Teen no showed. I tried to get my own teen signed up this and last year. The website never allowed me to complete the process until well after the due date, it simply wouldn't open. My own kids have been coming their entire lives and are stoked to find a crew in their interest areas, but we haven't been able to navigate the Teen process on the website.

Traffic

- Is there a master traffic plan? When I was stuck in my car for 45 minutes between long-term parking and Aero Road again on Sunday afternoon, I had that sinking feeling AGAIN (rerouting for an ambulance had me stuck in various lines getting out of short-term parking for TWO HOURS last year). If there's a fire out there, with the limited points of egress, we're all dead. I understand that the Weigh Station isn't engineered to be a full intersection. Is there a way to rent portable stop lights? Is that something we already do (but which I don't see during public hours)?

Do we utilize Ridiculous Road? I realize that I'm in the minority, being a West bound traveler leaving OCF. Aerial photos make it look like I could have been home (or out of the path of a fire) an hour sooner if I could have popped over onto Ridiculous Road.

Volunteer

- Some neighbors who are General Public and newbies to Fair told me how wonderful it was to be welcomed by volunteers who looked them in the eye and smiled and took whatever time was needed in their interactions. They were also dazzled by the general ambiance. Keep up the good work.
- Denied position via email after providing volunteer hours May and June 2025. The concern is the absolutely false reason given for being dropped. If you'd like me to elaborate, (I don't know whether this is the form for it) I was accused of missing a shift 2 years ago! On the same day in 2023, we both resolved that it was a scheduling error, and I then served that day in the next available shift. Next, I was accused of working with a lack of urgency, but that is wholeheartedly untrue as well. I'm baffled. I am literally the first in action when a task is set, and I physically break myself to contribute in the kitchen. I have never had trouble with anyone there. I don't think it's wise to simply let this pass by without sharing feedback. It may seem petty in

the grand scheme of things, but I assure you something is very wrong within the hierarchy there, at least in the Pre-Fair kitchen.

Thank you for the fun years. I feel afraid to surrender my labor and be taken advantage of and lied to again.

- I really enjoy going to volunteer at Fair every year, however it has begun to make me wonder is it worth it? There needs to be more reward/incentive for working so hard or working less hard (shorter shifts). I worked 2 weeks straight in the sun every day and had to miss day Fair every day and was too tired for night Fair. The food vouchers were not enough for me and my SO who could not afford to eat as we couldn't work due to taking time off to volunteer. Everyone around us was burnt out, exhausted, hot, ignoring bio-needs, and sick. When I got home my partner and I had to go to urgent care and have been sick ever since due to the exhaustion, burn out, dust, and handling recycling. Either the shifts need to be shorter and more realistic for a volunteer position or make the reward greater because we want to help Fair and be there but cannot sacrifice everything for it. Either way, the food was delicious, the crew was awesome, the activities for volunteers were fun and we will be there again next year and every year following.
- Quit managing the Fair by not promoting communication. For example, if there are 5 parties interested in a project, instead of talking to them together, they are talked to individually. If there is disagreement, instead of working it out, a decision is made, that may be bias to one party over another. This creates hard feelings and continues disrespect for volunteers. Working in partnership is hard work when there is more than one option.
- The number of hours is a lot in comparison to other crews. Yes, we get opportunity to camp on-site early. But we are also required to work all of crunch week which means taking the full week off as vacation time not just Fair weekend. We were able to do this year because so many people lost their jobs and had free time. Others drove out 5x a week to work for a meal and didn't camp.

Meanwhile, my friend rolled in from Southern Oregon on Wednesday, works 8 total hours with Dog camp during Fair and gets the same benefits I get...same or more food vouchers, camping, staff access to Fair.

While I loved working PreFair, my work-life is only 2 days a week. This allowed me to participate and feel like I took advantage of being on-site. Although I worked well over 200 hours. I don't feel like all of that was working for my Fair band; it was payment to camp on site and eat daily.

Just thoughts... Let's try to explain the benefits of working pre and post. Explain better how few hours actually go to being banded; it's being able to camp on-site

- Everyone rocked it this year! No complaints at all

Wally's Way

- Having the ARC of Lane County do their sensory booth in Wally's way was amazing I want them to be back in that spot every year.

Water

- It would also be wonderful if they could put two water barrels at each location. We run put put water before we can even wet the path once in front of our booths once during the morning before Fair begins each day.
- Need more path water. There was no water in the barrel near our booth for path watering on Thursday and very little on Friday so extremely dusty.
- Thank you to the man that was either Ark Park or Water Crew or something that watered the path every Fair morning under the disco ball and near the rest area. We get a lot of foot traffic, and it was a very dusty year. This watering in the morning was a lung saver! THANK YOU! And a general shout out to the Water Crew, who apparently had some barrel mix ups, but it all worked out, and I hope the barrel between 583 and 593 can come every year. It was great to have more path water!
- We have come to expect our bucket water and path water on Thursday. We spend a great deal of time watering our neighborhood, but we have no water. There is a little faucet by the six pack, but that does not water the lane or fill our 5 gallon buckets. And having the water crew boss tell us, "No, you do not get any water today" as she and her hose went by was particularly offensive.
- The last time there was a watering truck that I saw on busy Snivel in front of Shower Central was on Wednesday pre-Fair, so by Monday, many of us residing in the area were coughing and vomiting up dust. I still haven't regained my voice from the coughing dust damage. We really need to improve our basic infrastructure for hygiene in regards to pumping toilets, handwashing, pumping the showers grey water, and we desperately need to fill the roll Palmer occupied with the Peachy truck watering the dust in our volunteer camping areas, especially where people are camping along busy Fair roads, volunteers are getting real bad lung crud and deserve better. Other than that, it was a great Fair, thank you everyone.
- Water Barrels: for many, many years there have been 2 water barrels placed in the booths on either side of booth 824. I asked someone on Water Crew to get us more water barrels, on Thursday. He said he would, but it never happened. We are in a very dusty stretch, and we help keep the dust down. This year we couldn't. 1 water barrel was used up by 10 am and never refilled. We ran out of water. And the water barrels weren't filled until it was so dusty we could barely make a difference. Please return to 2 water barrels. Have them filled by Thursday morning please.
- Another item that could use attention was the water truck. We arrived at the Fair the Saturday before and every day up until Wednesday the water trucks were diligent about roaming through and keeping the dust down. Then, on Wednesday and Thursday, when all the people started really moving in and kicking up dust, the water trucks disappeared, at least from the Main Stage area. It was a literal dust bowl up there all week from Wednesday on, and the thin layer of water dropped by the truck on the road Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings was totally inadequate to prevent the dust clouds. Especially disappointing because we walked up the paths from the entrance every morning and there were actual puddles in some areas and the ground was nice and cool and damp, but up my Main Stage, not at all. There were dust clouds up at that end that only grew worse as time went on. Please consider an extra truck or refilling the truck at the halfway point so everyone benefits equally.

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- Dear OCF Board,
2025 was a difficult year for us at our space 372 on Abbey Rode because of the high heat which created extra-large dust clouds, and inadequate Wi-Fi service for our sales and customers. These are our concerns:
Path Watering
We request the reinstatement of the path watering service within the Fairgrounds in the early morning. We and all the inhabitants of our neighborhood, Abbey Road, rely on daily water truck passes to ensure proper path maintenance, fire safety, and prevention of health hazards. Shared neighborhood water barrels were empty most of the Fair, including the one in our space. Coughing was a constant refrain as large amounts of dust were inhaled by everyone in the vicinity. The current water barrels, even when full, were insufficient to provide adequate water for the entire day, particularly during periods of high dust levels. We and our neighbors watered the fronts of our booths constantly throughout the days, but it was not nearly enough. Additionally, our handmade products are being damaged permanently with dirt that cannot be removed.
- I was surprised there were no misting stations in the Dragon Plaza or Xavandu. Where there was water such as the mister by Odyssey, there was mud. In Marshall's by the sink, the mud was covered with fine bark dust which was much less slippery. How can we do misting better?
- My only complaint: Where was the watering truck for the 8? With our climate becoming drier and hotter, it's only going to become dustier. Dust is a part of Fair. I drive through dust all day and do my best to drive slowly to minimize dust via the gators. However, NOT having any trucks go through and water the 8 during the Fair weekend is a huge bummer. Please, please try to make the logistics work and plan to get a truck back to water the 8! Thank you!
- Too many bodies consuming water. Drinking Water barrels also need to be refilled daily. Water issues up at Main Stage (broken sink, puddles of water from leaking sink) attracted lots of wasps.
- There were some drinking water issues at Main Stage but eventually that was fixed.
- The paths should have been watered down way more often. I only saw 1 water truck on Thursday. We also only had 1 water barrel in our neighborhood instead of the usual 3. The barrel was always out of water by middle afternoon. The dust was terrible. I have been coughing at the Fair and upon returning home. My inventory that's left is filthy. Worst year for dust. Bring back the water trucks or give our neighborhood a hose.
- The water also started creating large puddles that were not dealt with. The hay bale water in Chela Mela had a very large, deep puddle that I slipped in and hurt myself on Saturday night. There was no light, and you could not see it before you were in it.
- We also had issues with running out of water for the foot spa and hand washing. Patrons love getting their feet washed and massaged, plus we need to be able to wash our hands between massage clients. There is a direct line of water to the mister system in front of the booth. It might be a good idea to tap our water holding tank for our sinks into that line, rather than truck water to our holding tank. Joe Fraley, who is a volunteer with our booth, has been in contact with some people at Fair about the trees and water situation. I am just adding my support to both ideas.

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- We need more water barrels for dust in Xavanadu. Across from the kids' area for childcare we had only one barrel and it ran out everyday all three days. We had our buckets and tried to keep the moon path wet but it's a mini highway and the dust was brutal with no water. It is difficult to fill during Fair but give us two barrels please. It was terrible watching the kids suffer.
- We need water trucks periodically wetting down the dust. It was horrible this year without them. Not only do they keep dust down, but the evaporative cooling would have really helped this year.
- Why did you not water the road that all of the restocking of the Fair is used ????. Why? It should be done every 2 hours. Not at 530 am and not again. Some days not at all. This is the road our Elders camp on. I'm one!

I still have trouble with this. It wouldn't take any effort to protect the elderly! This is getting worse with all the nonstop cart traffic. That should only be Fair related not joy riding. Please. Help protect the Elders! This is such a neglect wasted everywhere, but you don't keep the dust down for all of use on that road. I say where at one time only a 100' area was watered for security. Which is awesome bit. We will have a big talk on this at the next meeting. Such BS. But I had a great time all but the dust on the main road ...

WhiteBird

- Whitebird was again exceptional! It is without a doubt the best care at any festival that I and others have been to.
- How can we have a Fair without the White Bird clinic being involved? They've been at the Fair since the beginning! Now, as good, and as nice as the people who are running it are, they are not White Bird clinic and calling themselves that seems very misleading and probably diverts quite a bit of funding from an organization that is already having massive funding problems.
- My area of concern has to do with the medical care of one of my booked performers. There was an incident where a golf cart exploded hot chemicals (cooling fluid I believe) on her and there was no adequate care for her on site for the burns. She spent several hours at the hospital and struggled to get immediate attention. When she spoke to some board members, their lack of compassion was horrid and very inappropriate, as per what they stated to me after the interaction. In the future, I would hope that medical care is of the utmost importance for your volunteers, our paid performers, and your attendees, and if there is an incident where our volunteer medical staff cannot accommodate an incident, care will be supported with compassion.
- White Bird response time to a medical emergency on Wednesday Pre-Fair took almost an hour and arrived on foot, and as the person performing First Aid, this was incomprehensible.

Wristbands

- A more convenient process for distributing prepaid parking stickers and wristbands. Could distribution start earlier? Banding volunteers that are on site pre-Fair would reduce the lines. Could parking passes be distributed with wristbands? Could either of these be mailed out in advance? Could volunteers deliver some of these to crews (drive a golf cart, arrive at crew sites with clipboards/form for people to sign, give band and/or parking pass). Could a team of two volunteers drive around on Tuesday and/or Wednesday before Fair, and catch as many people

as possible? None of these suggestions will work by themselves, but even if you can distribute to 10-20% of volunteers this way (primarily to pre-Fair volunteers) it reduces the number of people needing to trek out to the parking lot, stand in long lines in the heat and direct sun, and trek back during the busiest days for Fair volunteers and vendors arriving.

- Registration lines -- if one line is long and another doesn't have customers; can't the volunteers work across crews to get us out of the sun and into the Fair? I waited over 2 hours for my pre-paid passes!

Xavanadu

- Normally, all during June when I visit site (regularly), there is rather constant watering going on in Dragon Meadow and Xavanadu. We arrive to Green Meadows all over Fair. Usually, the Meadows still all have grass by the end of Fair because of this. It may be mostly brown, but there is still a little green.

This year, though I was out there many times before Fair, I never once had the usual pleasure of running through a sprinkler, because there weren't any. This wasn't just my experience due to when I happened to be there Every other person I ran into whoever has business or does Main Camp in June (so on site constantly) said that they did not see watering happening in these crucial areas.

And the grass in front of my booth in Xavanadu, and all over Xavanadu, Dragon Meadow, and Main Stage, were brown to start and deteriorating into dust already on Friday morning before we opened.

I wonder why there was no water. I felt like we were all actively damaging the ground out there every day.

- Xavanadu meadow is the best thing to ever happen to the Fair, it is such a fantastic addition to the experience in every way. Keep it coming with all the interactive art installations that double as shade structures, keep it coming with expanding inclusiveness in terms of booths and groups.