2026 OCF PUBLIC FEEDBACK REPORT

Kudos

- Lovely food, lovely crafts. Ate some really delicious things, bought some beautiful things.
- First time fair goers. For us it was an odyssey; an epic adventure that challenged, delighted and inspired us. The absolute best part was being part of “The Community”. (Practicing love and acceptance of all the variety of human experience and expression is essential to our survival.) I loved witnessing so many people enjoying the freedom to be real or imaginary, or some of both, without fear of hurtful judgement or censure.
- Super impressed by the overall organization of the event. It reminded me a lot of Black Oak Ranch (aka Hog Farm) events only at a much bigger scale. This is not surprising given the shared historical origins of both.
- I love the additional seating this year - thank you for that.
- I love the additional living flowers this year on all of the stages and all around, that was wonderful.
- I thought the fair really had some nice improvements this year and I really appreciate how much effort it takes to put this on every year. I am very reverent towards everyone who is involved and I mean this feedback with the best intentions and an open heart. I'm happy to talk to any about anyone about any of these things, and I appreciate you for listening. Take care, fare thee well, Albert
- Thank you to every staff and management for shouldering and steering this great gift of an experience. When we focus that the essential work we are doing is the coming together to learn from each other while we volunteer and the walking our talk of sharing the values of the mission and founders intentions we can look at
  Better food and sanitation are the way we as an organization say thank you . Better to use the budget on caring for rather than buying new plywood for signs!
- This was my friend's and my first fair. It was extraordinary: The kindness, the creativity, the thoughtfulness of the entire experience. You clearly have your shit together, it was so well run! There was one guy who didn't know how to safely wave his giant COEXIST flag during the Bobby tribute, nearly broke the hanging misting line, so maybe keep a short leash on him...but otherwise, wow your really know how to show people a good (and safe!) time. Thank you for disallowing alcohol, it made the event so much more pleasant and less pukey than it would have been otherwise. Thank you for keeping the music running on YouTube, we've already re-watched Sam Grisman and the Bobby tribute. Please keep this tradition up, we have a lot of catching up to do, this will be our new tradition too! See you next year! <3

  Much love,
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- Good job on the mosquitos this year ??
- Great job with the weather and mosquitoes! Had a great fair!
- I wish I got the young woman’s name. We had a young girl coming into our booth who needed some assistance and there happened to be a young woman with a staff T-shirt on, and she jumped right in. She was amazing and I can’t remember her name and I feel sorry about that.
- Thank you for doing this
- As I’m sure many have said, the mosquito situation was incredible this year. I heard bat boxes were the culprit, whatever it was let’s keep doing that because it was such a wonderful experience not being itchy this year!
- Mosquitoes. I don't know if it was a fluke of the weather or something we did, but if we did something to mitigate the mosquitoes lets, for the love of God and all that is holy, keep on doing it.
- Frog Pond. I love that the newly revamped seating area on 13th next to B-Heavenly was named Frog Pond - so special to honor a long-time fair friend there.
- The addition of bat boxes was absolutely incredible. I never had to use bug spray and didn’t get bitten once. That was a perfect solution to the problem we were facing. To whoever‘s idea that was and the team that made that happen they deserve all the gold stars and round of applause.
- Weather was great! Mosquitoes, or lack there of were great! Is that just the Climate this year or are the bat houses doing their jobs? I absolutely adored the statue of the woman near archaeology.
- Farside traffic, security, and portas was so good this year!!
- The fair is the greatest thing ever. Sacred and extraordinary.
- This was a very good fair this year. Weather is key.
- All in all this was a spectacular fair as always and I’m So Grateful to be a part of it!!
- Thank thank you to all of us who make this a sacred, Essential Event. My family and I have been attending for 45 years, and look forward to many more!
- The parking team, like everyone I met on staff and or Amin booths was a delight of love and care.

- Love is the answer
- You seem to be doing the work of the druids by connecting people to love and being as caring as your organization makes a substantial effort to be
- Community village is a lovely way to hear people and see them
- The Ritz is magic
- The crafts table was phenomenal
- The amount of effort that is put into this fair and all the fairs must be substantial because the fair works for everyone.
- The ability to hold space and understanding as an organization like you do is pretty and vital to this effort of being human
- I love you
- Thank you for your work to bring this act of love to be realized by so many people
- Big hooray for booking Nicole Medema and Mythical Uprising!
- Gorgeous Fair 2026. thank you to everyone!
- In general, the staff made everything nicer this year. And the weather was great, at least it wasn't scorching like the last couple of years. In general, quite pleasant and still groovy.
- Other than that, I had a great time!
- Thanks to whoever ordered perfect weather!
- Really enjoyed Alice in wonderland in Wally's.
- The Fair is magical. Love all the effort.
- OCF crews. The best people. Much love to sanitation, recycling, compost and garbage, traffic and water.
- Loved all the new artwork! Best part!!!
- To the woman who made it a point to pick up people as she was passing by in her hummingbird golf cart, Thank You! You saved me once, my wife twice and the "Joy Ride" you gave to my exhausted grandchildren will not soon be forgotten. You were always busy doing something, but never too busy to stop and fill an empty seat on your cart. You were both nice and kind - qualities I don't see too often these days. You renewed my faith in better things. Thanks.
- Wanted to thank all the Pre-Fair Crews who get Fair ready for the rest of Us. The party can't happen without the months of preparation and the great labor that goes into making Fair such a special event. Pre-Fair, Thank YOU!
- Love you all, thanks for such a magical space!!
- The property looked amazing as usual. Such a rich and wonderful year. What a gift you offer all of us! Thank you
- Thanks for all your organizing, I'm sure it's not easy! We had a great fair.
- yea to the crews who work so hard to help us have a great experience. From a to z thank you
- Fantastic fair! If the rumored bat boxes had anything to do with the few mosquitos we had, keep that up! It was SO comfortable to be in camp.
- Great volunteers thanks
- Thank you ????
- Thank you! Fair was absolutely wonderful this year! It was easy, mellow, beautiful.
- No Mosquitos! Amazing!
- So much good music, loved the new Orleans music…so positive and so good.
- Yay disco cart! Loved it in the drum tower, but keep strolling the path until morning too!
- Fair for I think most of us is something we look forward to and plan for all year long. Thank you for being a part of the organization and for helping it to run well.

  Fair is a beacon of light in a crazy world.
- I do want to try and highlight things that went well, and not just complain. Overall, I think it was a great Fair and it was really fun and enjoyable. The people in Security that I talked to or had questions for were great. They were very friendly and willing to help. The volunteers at the Info booths were also great and helpful. The entertainment and music was fantastic once again. There was a lot to choose from. The addition of entertainment on Main Stage on Sunday night was a great addition. Keep that going!.
- Thank you again to everyone, volunteers, staff, Board Members, vendors, and anyone else I forgot to mention, for making this magical Fair experience happen. All of your work is appreciated!
- Entertainment at OCF is fantastic!
- THANK YOU x3!!!
- As always, I'm grateful for all the volunteers that make this event happen. Thank you!

- Heartfelt thanks to all the amazing individuals that come together in community to create such a magical event! My family is blessed to be a part of it.
- everything else was pretty fun though ??
- Thank you.....
- Fair is my favorite place to be in the whole world. I look forward to it every year. This was my 5th year. Everyone is so kind and welcoming and we are all so genuinely happy to be there.
- Every year I learn more and more of the massive amount of work that goes into fair. It is just so incredible and I am so grateful to experience the magic.
- The volunteers were amazing. As always. There can not be enough gratitude shown to the thousands of people who volunteer their time and resources to this Essential Event. That is what this is. An Essential Event.
  Let us get back to being a family instead of a business.
- Wow! Thank you for a great Fair! From June all they way up through Sunday night everyone was positive and up beat and super helpful! Felt like the best fair ever!
- Thank you all again for a wonderful fair!
- Thank you for everything you do to make Oregon Country Fair a magical, joyful and artful event. I appreciate everything that Staff, Volunteers, Fair Family and Guests contribute to making it so wonderful. It takes a lot of hard work, and YOU ARE AWESOME!
- People love the passport program! Such a great way to learn more about OCF.
- Awesome Fair. Glad that the Board took the weather complaints seriously and learned to control the weather. And great job with the mosquitos too.
- I know you didn't have anything to do with the weather but OMG - low heat and no mosquitos made this joyful experience even more joyful.
- Thank you to all the volunteers, and board, who pour massive amounts of time and labor and love into this. You continue to make our Essential Event, essential.

AAAA

- Fair is hugely challenging for elders and alter-able folks, even with the attention and supports in place.
  Part of the problem is the crowdedness that leads to anxiety and overwhelm.
- I had an injury this year and needed access to alter-abled resources for the first time. I just want to say how thankful I am for the HUB showers, and every crew member who saw me on the paths and offered me rides. OCF could stand to put a little more energy into creating more accessibility, however the resources in place are kind and I am grateful.
- AA - very helpful. Nobody gave this 63 year-old lady any crap this year when I asked for a ride back to my van. Everybody in general had a much more helpful, friendly demeanor in helping the public. Last year was weird. Too many new, and young people were more like gatekeepers instead of helpers.
- Nighttime Courtesy Rides: Consider extending geezer pleezer / 4 A transport later on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. I think midnight Thursday, 1-2 AM Friday and Saturday, maybe also 11 PM Sunday would be sufficient. I didn't track closely but it felt like ~half the calls we got into fair central during late nights were for courtesy rides. People get extremely upset when we don't have resources for them. On a couple occasions it escalated into bigger problems that took more people to solve.
- A question about Alter Abled. My friend has a body that sometimes needs crutches to function. It's progressive and also sometimes easier to walk than others. I asked at the entrance if someone could come get her from where we parked and take her to the entrance. We were asked several times for a placard but she car pooled with us, and we didn't intend to park in alter able parking, just to get her a ride. The amazing parking guided us to Miss piggies lot. From there she got another ride up. Hooray! That was awesome. Day 2, Saturday she comes back with her husband. Still no placard because of the newness of her physical condition. They asked again at the entrance and were spoken to very rudely. They parked as everyone does. Then my friend (on new crutches) hobbled in. Luckily! Someone saw her after a while and took them both in. Talking to me about how we could have done better without having a disabled placard? I appreciate everyone dealing with traffic! Not a complaint, just an inquiry.

Advertising

- Fuck you for using AI in your dogshit poster. Looks like pure sewage, and it insults the intelligence of everyone forced to behold such an abomination. Go away forever and feast on turds.

- A public announcement for ticket holders to bring cash. The difficulty for the use of credit cards is unacceptable, long lines at ATM discourage sales. Most food booths do not take cards.

After Hours

- Post a fair family after hours entertainment schedule!!!!!!!!!
- Nighttime Aesthetic Zones? Some of this happens naturally, but I'd love it if we could designate the back of the 8 as a warm light and acoustic sound area, giving some of the old-fair vibe. I felt this several times as I walked through at night this year, and it seems like it's already happening organically, but the more we can do to encourage it the happier I'll be.
- I know there's been a big debate between the electrified music at night and whether to allow it. I am someone who has enjoyed the disco cart in the past and has generally been okay with some DJ and dance parties here and there. I noticed this year in particular when I was walking on Saturday night it felt like I was going from one DJ dance party to the next very close together lots of bright flashing lights. What I found I was missing was stumbling upon a singer or little band. Last year I had stumbled upon a beautiful little music act with a marionette that was quite incredible. I didn't see anything like that this year. I just felt like it was DJ DJ DJ. I would prefer a more human driven music scene. Kind of like our crafters having to make things by hand. I understand that DJing is a specific art, but it feels overrun. I think having a dance party at the dance pavilion and if there's still the big one out in Farside that gives people good options. That plus the disco cart seems like plenty. Having it everywhere on the path was just a bit much. The disco cart also took over the drum tower, which I heard was really well liked. But my reaction was just like that is not the vibe of the drum tower. We're completely losing that slower, quieter, more intimate music scene.
- I loved having Tooth and Nail back. That is hands-down, the best stage at night. They just showcase some really really good music.
- There is a cultural shift between edm/techno and hippies in the woods. Techno prevents other forms of music through sheer bass volume. It's a big fair, we can have it all, but keep the colonizing bass boom electronics over in Xavanadu and leave the night fair to the rest of us who mostly want to sing and be with our friends and enjoy the spiritual and special nature of the fair. The rave is great, just keep it in a place so we can have the rest of the styles too.
- Please make after-dark Fair 18+. Maybe after 12 AM? It would be awesome to have some sort of age verification for this, like a separate colored wristband for attendees over 18+.
- More late night music please!!!
- quiet hours at the Tooth and Nail really cut into the late night fun experience for people who work in the day. would love to see amplified music hours extended for Tooth and Nail or a late night music amphitheater built somewhere to accommodate late night music.
- Midnight Show
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  Saddens me to say this, but it's time has come. Put the stage to some other use on Saturday night. A simple measure is that the Main Stage Meadow was pretty sparse as compared to other years when it was nigh impossible to find a place to sit.

  Seems to be a theme this year, but part of what ruined the show was bad sound and lighting. Couldn't hear the performers. And while we have a front of house spotlight above the soundboard, whoever was supposed to be operating it wasn't paying attention. Not very interesting to have people juggling in the dark without glowing clubs.

  Just like last year, the show was too heavily focused on music instead of vaudeville which just doesn't compete given the number of other stages with music. Would love to have a vaudeville stage after hours.

Ambiance

- The art at OCF this year was especially beautiful. Thank you for always supporting artists and bringing so much talent and creativity into the community.
- I love the new art displays in Xavandu
- The art installations were magical this year!! My toddler really enjoyed the frog
- More whimsy please!
- Guidance was amazing. My favorite art installation ever. So so so magical. Thank you!
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- Contracted art, thank you for continuing to provide inspirational and incredible art on Fair site every year through your contracted artist program.
- Art, music, ambiance and flowers. Fantastic!
- Loved all the new artwork as well as repair of old installations. Best part about the fair experiences is all of the whimsical art to be found.
- Where were the marching band parades?? It seems we usually have a marching band or parade go by every hour and a half, and they are big and full and long. This year they were few and far between and oh so missed. The marching bands are one of the key moments of fair. Please bring them back--full on!!
- one last thing! please no countdown clocks!! i love the idea of opening up someone to eternally new time, but at night, at fair, i don't want to think about time at all!!
- Speaking of toilets, the clown Jared Jawns who was doing the "toilet authority" bit near Hospitality restroom area was amazing and hilarious. Excellent addition to ambiance.

ATMs

- I would like to see an additional ATM station around fair. The Main Stage and entrance end up with very long lines.
- ATMs. Reports were that the machines at Main Stage were well stocked in the mornings. Exceptionally important if cell phone coverage is nonexistent.

Budget

- If you're going to continue to sell out day passes you certainly need to raise the price on day passes and start finding out other ways to get income other than your volunteers and SO passes. We needed diversifier income way more year round merchandise sales selling the radio broadcast now that we're established business and have a brand that has some identity those non-profit radio stations can afford to pay us $500, $1,000, $1,500.

Camping

- Camping was great! EZCamp was close, and clean and a nice quiet base of operations.
- Please find this volunteer another job.
  Making elders cry by interjecting personal insults to his evaluations is not a good thing- happened to more than one elder I encountered some of our dearest gentle crafters.
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- Sunshine entry for anticipated arrival and departure dates onsite, dropdown of camping areas, run report of camping area vs occupancy of each camping area by day to plan Porto capacity/cleaning by location
- Hand carts were present and staged Sunday night at the South Rd gate (SW corner of fair) but were REMOVED and taken to the main cart checkout area. This caused lots of issues for campers in the area. No reason was given why the carts were removed. They are available before fair for packing in.
- Thank-you to whoever came up with the idea, and the crew that installed the bat houses. First time in 20 years, no bites and no repellent used.
- More cleared out space in the south woods, if this is where we are putting folks as over flow for first year booths we need to make sure that folks who have been there before that still have some space to camp too
- More transparency about camping/ how to get a camp together, we finally have a camp to be with for good but this is the first time in 8 years that we haven't been nomadic/ had to camp in shady rest rather than inside.
- Many campers do not read the guidelines, and severe damage was done to the land behind Hoarse Corral stage by young folks with shovels, rakes and...a pickaxe, camping. Maybe it should be mandatory to read and understand the camping rules and sign an agreement to adhere to the stewardship standards that are mandatory on an archaeological site. Maybe make it mandatory for one person to be designated, in every campground, responsible for reading AND passing on the info to fellow campers making sure everyone understands the guidelines in their camp and hold folks accountable for damage AFTER they were informed...twice. It would be sad to lose the OCF due to negligence and damage.

- Whatever magical forces coalesced to create the complete lack of mosquitoes was truly and absolutely wonderful!!!!!
- The bat houses solved the mosquito problems?!? Amazing! Thank you to the folks who had that amazing idea! ????
- Mosquitoes. Everyone I know was talking about how the new bat boxes must be the reason for no mosquitoes. I'm not certain about that myself, but it is fantastic that people may go home and put up bat boxes in their neighborhoods.
- What happened to rule enforcement for camping? I saw so many people full-on "bare earth" raking their camp sites and cutting tree limbs off living trees to accommodate their bulging infrastructure. Since when is that permitted?
- SCOF camping crew was fantastic this year too! We got in & out super smoothly, the vehicle list seemed well organized. The sound level was always super reasonable, even on Sunday night. Thanks for a great camping year! (For reference, I don't mind at all when people stay up late chatting! Or even some quiet music. I only get bothered when people bring concert-sized speakers & play them loud past 2am. I was extremely relieved that never happened this year! Thanks again!)
- Mosquitoes: There were hardly any mosquitoes. I thought it was because it was so dry, but I heard the the fair put up a bunch of bat boxes so maybe the bats also helped cut down on the mosquitoes.
- In SCOF lot we are near Bump Camp. They are great people and in my 5 years I've never had a problem. This year we camped directly next to Bump Camp and there was a man who seems quite mentally ill and unstable. He was yelling, walking all around all day, blasting his chaotic music, getting angry at people, and really bringing the overall vibe down throughout the weekend. Mostly, I was upset that he played his music so loud and no one really seemed to be able to do anything about it, and he seemed close to being an unsafe person. If I were there by myself and not in a large group of coeds I would not have camped near him
- More "You are here" signs in camping areas would be lovely. New people get lost, easy to get turned around in the dark.
- Shout out to Camping Crew for finding camp space for all who needed it. Thanks to Pam's inspiration to reach out to the Food Committee regarding the needs of the new food booths, a practice I hope we continue. I was grateful and proud watching our camp hosts and tent taggers work together. You play a unique game of Tetris!
- Miss Piggy's Camping: Wonderful! Sites were staked out with all four corners and the names of each camp making our spot easy to find and everyone else knew where their spots were so everyone could get in with no disputes. Water was plentiful and readily available as were port a potties.
- The SO situation is out of hand. A Significant Other should be staying IN THE SAME TENT as the person who invited them, or at least IN THAT CREW'S CAMP. Camps with open space and giant living rooms are telling them to go to ReSolutions, where we are literally clearing space in the woods to fit their +1 non-Fair Family 10ft tents.
- The camping list for scoff lot. I was informed (way too late) the rules about signing up for a spot in it are in fair guidelines. I have been on staff for over 30 years and have never seen more than one paragraph of guidelines when getting my staff band or in HIT or other trainings. I assume this document updates fairly frequently? Can it be mandated that fair staff be at least emailed this document every time it updates and acknowledge receipt? I have never received an email in past with anything for fair unless it came directly from my fair boss. This lead to a huge dilemma and scramble for camping permission in that lot 48 hours before arriving to work a shift. I know dozens of others who had same issue and drama.
- I camp with my wife in the South Woods at #12 Milky Way. We use the Back Lot Gate to pack our camp in and out. When we came in Wednesday there were Carts available at the Back Lot Gate because we are not allowed to drive our vehicle through the gate to unload. On Sunday there were golf carts and gators racing up and down the Back Lot dirt road raising a huge cloud of DUST that hung in the air all day and covered everything in the area. When I went to get my vehicle from Outta Site Parking at 6am Monday morning there were many Carts at the Gate but they were locked up and I was told someone would unlock them shortly. That was a LIE! Sometime later, before 9am, a group of people came and while elders and others waiting for a Cart watched, they TOOK ALL THE CARTS AWAY TO CART CENTRAL! My wife and I had to make many trips back and forth through the dusty air to get our camp into our vehicle to go home. I consider myself fortunate to be in good enough health and physical condition to accomplish the task but know many others are not able to do so. This was a HUGH FAILURE on the part of the FAIR to accommodate the CAMPERS who camp in the South Woods. This is UNACCEPTABLE! I am not sure who had the BRIGHT IDEA to steal those CARTS but they need to be FIRED, RETIRED OR LET GO and replaced with someone with compassion for the people trying to make the best of a VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. At the very least the Gate should have a KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON with a radio so this DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. This came close to ruining a very good Fair for many people I talked with on Monday morning. I will hope

that the comments from me and others will make a difference so the Fair Experience can be improved for everyone in the future. Thank you.

Chela mela

- Love the drums in chela mela Saturday night. Another fair highlight. So healing.

Cigarette/ Marijuana Smoking

- I took my two young kiddos (ages 5 and 7) to the OCF for their first time on Saturday. We waited in line for over an hour for face painting (which is fine - it's busy, there are tons of people, we expected to wait). The issue was that the smoking section was directly next to the face painting. Face painting attracts young humans, with developing lungs. Having these two attractions (smoking section and face painting booth) next to each other makes no sense. We were all inhaling second-hand smoke the entire wait. Please consider moving these two attractions further apart next time. My oldest daughter had to leave the fair early to access her inhaler due to persistent coughing caused directly by the smoke. This is absolutely avoidable with a mindful switch. Thank you for considering.
- Hello, I wanted to give some feedback about tobacco use at OCF. This year I noticed a large amount of people smoking cigarettes in the general fair areas and pathways. I believe it is better for the health of everyone to strictly utilize designated smoking areas when smoking. Secondhand smoke is a serious health risk, and I was deeply concerned about the amount of times I witnessed people openly smoking cigarettes in common areas and pathways with children present. I think it would be beneficial for OCF to really double down on the use of designated smoking areas next year.
- We saw vendors flicking cigarette sparks on the ground multiple times.

  Fair volunteers seem to be better informed. It's hard to say from anecdotal observation.
- Some clarity please on afterhours pot smoking: Is it permitted in public places? Is it to be done only in smoking areas? Are we turning a blind eye to the numbers of young pot smokers in the Visionary Lounge after hours?
- The smoke sections didn't have enough benches and so a lot of people had to sit on the ground and make it crowded and awkward to walk through. Thank you for providing smoking spots. Please provide more benches if possible. Thank you!
- It would be really nice to have a little bit of lighting at night for the smoking sections. Some fairy lights and warm ambient lighting would be greatly appreciated.
- Thanks to smokers for using designated areas and not paths and stage areas for smoking.
- Thanks for moving smoking area by the Ritz away from bathrooms

Comm. Sales

- Fair Merch should be sold in parking lot, or near bus drop off, or where bus loads.
- For the 2nd year in a row, there has been very little merch by the time I finally get to shop for myself on Sunday. Could they have a bigger budget at the outset so that Sunday fair people can have access to some of the fabulous merch?
- Commemorative sales needs more funding! We sold out of almost all merch by Saturday this year, and could have sold a lot more if we had it.
- Make more merch, especially tapestries. They ALWAYS sell out.
- Would like to see a broader, newer selection of Fair merch!!!!!!
- Merch comments: Cutest poster ever! Loved the stickers. Quality of the tapestry - terrible. What happened? It's usually made of rayon (I think). Whatever this was, fabric and print quality just awful. Next year, please include shirts in women's V-neck style. Many (many) years ago you sold OCF prayer flags with the peach logo. Nice large bold prints, bright colors. We hang one from our loft. So many people ask me about it. It would great if you revived it. They would sell out.

Construction

- Shady Grove 6 Pack sink. That thing needs to be rebuilt - it kept getting clogged and spilling handwash water into the path. We went through three sand buckets trying to keep the mud down.

- I have a dangerous fence falling over in our camp behind our booth (stage left, Xavanadu fence). It is a safety risk for sure. I was promised 2 years in a row that it was on the list to repair and never was. Dave Tipton and the head of 4S construction both promised to fix it. No one fixed it. It is not part of my booth and as I understand it, it is fair's responsibility.
- My feedback is for the Construction crew. My booth borders the Maple Commons Park and Hemphill memorial area. The fence that separates us is starting to seriously sag. We would love it if you could straighten the fence and put some shallow shelves on the Memorial side for them to display their photos and mementos. Trixie, from Hemphill will also be contacting you about this. Thanks for your attention. We had a great Fair!!??
- Please don't take benches and put them in your camp. That is the reason construction gives for not distributing benches before Thursday. So, we are left unsure about the delivery--and in receipt of benches that have not been inspected or repaired because they were not delivered until Thursday afternoon. It can be too late to fix or remove broken benches by then. Please--don't give construction a reason to guard the unstolen benches by implementing a silly practice of late delivery.

Crafts

- While I realize that not all commerce is Capitalism, there is Perhaps a little too much focus on vending. (How much high-end jewelry do we really need?).
  How about a buy-nothing or barter based area where folks can practice sharing/gifting?
- Please find this volunteer another job.
  Making elders cry by interjecting personal insults to his evaluations is not a good thing- happened to more than one elder I encountered some of our dearest gentle crafters.
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- First year crafter here... That crew the first year crafter crew was amazing. I was able to reach them by phone and email before the event. Also, the people that came around and checked the craft boots were very friendly and helpful and informative..
- Many craft vendors failed to list prices on their products or services which made it difficult to inquire while they were busy with other patrons and customers or just a simple awkward experience that lead to no inquiry at all. A requirement to list prices for their products or services would be helpful for the thousands that visit each booth during the weekend.
- In the Peach Pit our craft was mistakenly referred to as stained glass, when we sell tiaras (which do contain stained glass, but...) also the name of the booth instead of Crowning Glory, was put as Linda Brittain aka Cole. Linda has not gone by Cole in several decades, and has never used this name at OCF. Being associated with this name was inappropriate and concerning.
- So tired of seeing the Sleepy Hollow craft booth take up an entire booth space in prime location year after year, selling nothing. They bring what, like the same 3 shirts every year?! They are obviously just there to party, suggest giving them some other way to volunteer (or an elder pass if necessary) and turn that space over to new crafters trying to get in who are actually making stuff.
- please create a system for booth workers who are pregnant and nursing to receive a free SO pass. being a pregnant or nursing mom is a full on job and these people who have been booth workers for years need a system to receive an SO pass. they are significant others!

Crew Services

- No crew services at morning external security posts.
- Crew services Monday edition: send departing volunteers heading to pick up their cars with water refills, snacks, and sunscreen for pre/post volunteers working the lots Monday
- Food prices are another major concern. Some crews receive Fair Bucks, but they disappear very quickly because food is so expensive. I believe every food booth should be encouraged to offer one or two affordable crew meal options. A free iced tea is appreciated, but it does not meaningfully support people who are working long hours and need an affordable meal.
  I love many of the people I have met through the Fair, and there are many things I enjoy about being there.

However, I am seriously debating whether I will return. Too many crew members feel exhausted, overlooked, and unsupported, even though they are the people who make the Fair possible.
OCF needs to do more to take care of the entire Fair crew—not just during the event, but throughout setup, Fair, and cleanup.

Culture-sensitivity

- Dear Oregon Country Fair Board and Staff
  I am writing to you today as a long-time member of the Fair family. I have been attending the Oregon Country Fair since 2007, and it has long been a place of joy, community, and inspiration for me. I was raised Catholic, and after some time away, I have recently returned to my Catholic faith. Because of my deep love for both my faith and the Fair, it truly hurt my heart to see a painting recently in Politics Park that showed the Pope's hat sticking up out of a pile of feces (this may have already been there before but it hit me differently this year). It was a deeply disrespectful and mean-spirited display.

  This painting also deeply upset my daughter (age 11). When she saw it, her immediate thought was of her friends—many of whom come from Mexican families with deep Catholic roots. She was so troubled by how hurtful and offensive this would be to them, and how it would make them feel unwelcome and disrespected in a setting we love so much, that she actually sent in her own feedback before I even had the chance to write mine.

  In the past, the Fair has taken great lengths to ensure that Native Americans feel safe, honored, and respected at our events—an effort I completely support. I would love to see that same level of respect extended to all religions.

  I understand that Politiks Park is a space for political expression, and we should absolutely feel free to "shit on politics" until the day is long. But we need to leave people's spirituality and religions out of it—even if others do not personally respect that spirituality or religion.

  Our official mission statement is to "create events and experiences that nourish the spirit... and transform culture in magical, joyous and healthy ways." Furthermore, our core organizational values of fellowship, non-violence, and creating a safe, welcoming space free of oppression are what make the Fair so beautiful. When art crosses into targeted mockery of a religious group's deeply held beliefs, it no longer nourishes the spirit—instead, it builds walls and makes diverse families and members of our own community feel like they do not belong.

  The global Catholic family is incredibly diverse, representing hundreds of millions of people of all backgrounds, including many right here in our local OCF community. I hope that as we continue to grow and work toward true diversity, equity, and inclusion, we can ensure that our guidelines on psychological safety and respect extend to faith and spirituality of all people and not just the ones that fair leadership deem worthy of respect. Thank you for your time, your dedication to making the Fair a magical place, and for listening to our family's perspective. We look forward to many more years of walking the paths together in peace and mutual respect.

  Warmly,
  Amy York
  Fairgoer since 2007 and booth worker since 2008

Dance Pavillion

- Dance pavilion needs the Punjabi East Indian dance troupe back!!! Please
- I was really glad to see the programming at the Dance Pavilion moved away from performances and much more toward participatory--thanks y'all. That's what that space is meant to be!
- I encourage you to book Carl Solovox at the Dance Pavilion. His show at the Front Porch on Saturday night was absolutely rocking. It would be amazing to bring this joy to even more people at the Dance Pavilion late night.

Diversity

- I also surveyed folks at the Oasis and while they appreciate the efforts fair is making towards more inclusion several people commented on the actual survey itself saying it was very vague and that they would like to see

more specific things regarding what fair is doing with all its resources to help make it an even more safe space for bipoc and LTBQ folks
- Thank you for having Rainbow Connection! It's such a great offering for the LGBTQIA+ community. They're doing a beautiful job there.

Durables

- The Vancouver Folk Festival for years has been having a system where they have returnable plates that are handed out by every food vendor. This cuts down on the amount of waste tremendously. I can say more about this one if you want or someone could just look into what the Vancouver Folk Festival is doing. But more and more food vendors are moving to systems that don't include trash. What they do in Vancouver is that young people staff these little booths that take your deposit give it back to you. The Beloved Festival did that for years. Also what's nice is that you can buy one of the bowls that you eat from all weekend long and each time you turn in the bowl you can either get a token back for another bowl or you can keep the bowl and take it home with you as a souvenir. This is also a way to raise revenue and maybe to help pay for the program. (A place to wash the bowls is needed)

Dusty

- Water barrels- super dusty in high traffic areas where there should be accessible water barrels for booths. In the past 15 years there was always one stationed near Spirit tower for the booths to share and take turns to water. This has been the dustiest year without having one and we had to use the drinking fountain to fill the watering cans to help suppress the dust. But most of time it just went dusty.
- Dust has only gotten worse over the years and strawberry lane isn’t getting watered by a truck anymore. Renting a smaller truck would allow passage and greatly reduce the dust.
  Also our paths are being destroyed by higher traffic and taking steps to restore grass growth would also help the dust situation.
  The previous site manager “Steve “ used to core plug the ground and reseed every year.
  The grass didn’t last when the public came in, but the root structure held the dirt keeping the dust down.
- Activate more dust remediation solutions please. Dust has become a real respiratory health issue for our site.
- Dust on the Farside path was bad, never saw anyone watering.
- I would like us to address how bad the dust has gotten. Ever since Palmer and the peach truck retired, no one seems to be watering the paths, or definitely not as consistently and thoroughly. The last two years I have been unable to talk by Monday due to dust consumption. I am not even sure how people with pulmonary issues (i.e. asthma) could attend Fair.
- The dust on Sunday was particularly bad this year, Friday and Saturday I did not notice it as much and I think it was managed pretty well but Sunday was terrible. By Sunday the paths have been kicked up a lot and maybe extra watering or something would be good
- The dust was immense. I appreciated the new paths laid down, but whew! I felt like I had to call archaeology every time I coughed.
- Seemed a lot dustier this year , didn't seem to matter where. Watering down the path a little more often would be nice.
- I am grateful for how often the road in South Piggy's was watered this year, the dust was down. Thank you!
- Water barrels at campgrounds with high traffic on dusty trails would help campers to keep the dust down on roads leading to places entering the fairgrounds. The turnaround behind Hoarse corral stage gets scary dusty during fair.
- Dust. Better than last year. Watering the eight early was effective at knocking the dust down some.
- Dust abatement needs improvement
- The Dust and decreasing walkability of the paths - horrible - Getting worse not better. Ever since y'all quit seeding grass in The 8 to help with erosion and quit doing the hay bale swales to slow the flow of the flood waters the dust and erosion issue at fair has grown exponentially. This year the dust was horrific. Same with the paths where the erosion has eaten away at the soft top soil and now replaced by unlevel gravel. All of this could be avoided if the programs that worked were not abandoned.
- The dust at Main Camp was unacceptable this year. If staff didn't attend to watering the ground, we are greeted by thick, dusty air. We eat it and drink it every time we go for a meal at Main Camp. Thank you to the few people who understood the mission and really saturated the ground and kept that dust from flying and the air just a little

cooler. Really makes a difference.

What are the folks who take care of the property going to do about the dust issue? It has gotten so much worse since the change in conservation practices (or stopping those practices due to budget?).

- With all the crews out there why are there not assigned people watering the path? You can tell some vendors do this on the regular, but not everyone. The dust is horrible and should be actively mitigated. The paths have suffered from such erosion in the past 6 or so years as to become difficult terrain to navigate. Let's do what needs to be done to mitigate the cattle yard effect in the dust bowl and look to future efforts to help curb the erosion of the paths.
- Several of the booth reps I spoke to commented on how there was not water for keeping dust down on the path until Friday at some point. When they arrived on Wednesday to set up it was extremely dusty and dust was getting on a lot of their merchandise. There were also suggestions from several people about the possibility of there being a separate path-watering crew. Every year is extremely dusty, and the path needs constant watering to keep the dust down.
- I am surprised that there is not one comment about the last 2 fairs and the failure of water crew to water the 8. Once upon a time there was a water truck that went around the entire fair to water the path in the early morning. I haven't seen it for at least 2 years. Also there was a big push to seed the path with grass so it wouldn't be so dusty. But someone has dropped the ball and for those of us camping in the eight it's especially bad for our lungs, that dust contains silica and it doesn't come back out. Now that the golf carts are driving all over before fair, it's far worse than just letting the vendors drive in. The air quality is an important piece to maintain throughout the fair and I hope whoever took over as the coordinator for water crew gets fired and the fellow that maintains the water truck is once again allowed to do this job. Some things just need to happen for everyone's wellbeing and safety. I heard many fair family coughing from dust exposure, please don't wait for a lawsuit to do something about this extreme oversight. We are captive in the environment we create and I use to be proud of what OCF built for the public to attend. But it seems like the vision of creating our own mini city for this event has fallen short. Please focus on the health and safety of your vendors and your visitors and comply with OSHA regulations before someone decides to force you to do so.
- Dust was awful. What happened to the water truck dumping it down in the morning?
- Dusty: It was so dusty!! Not sure what can be done. Water the paths more?
- I arrived at our booth/camp on E 13th near White Bird around 3pm Wednesday. I saw no water truck all day. Dust was nearly an inch thick. Uggh. I appreciated the small tank water truck when it did come thru on other days. They disbursed water carefully and did not leave large puddles creating slippery mud. Thank you, Water crew for our 'dust barrel' and also, to the booths that watered the paths in front of their booth. Special thanks to our booth's 9-year-old child whose task it was, and did so throughout the day without being asked, learning early that everyone contributes to Fair.
- it was too dusty this year. more water on paths please.
- Dusty Roads
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  The perma-zyme on Snivel was a big improvement with a few exceptions:

  o People seemed to be setting their driving speed to generate the same size dust cloud as before the perma-zyme was applied. Many were driving way too fast, guessing 20-25MPH.

  o The small gravel that was spread over the road got pushed to the edges as is typical for gravel roads. It was so thick in places that people using mobility devices had to go down the center of the road to avoid getting stuck. The combination of this and the excessive driving speed seems dangerous.

  o Once again I observed what looked like a lot of unnecessary golf cart travel for Spoken Word by what looked like people in their 20s. No equipment or entertainers being driven around. One of the foundations of urban planning is "live where you work". Maybe rather than getting the cush digs at Alice's the Spoken Word crew should camp near their stages to save on travel and equipment rental.
- It was delightful not to be too hot. Even the mosquitoes were mellow. Still plenty of tobacco smoking and dust. But no path mud pits from misters!
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EAB

- I think there needs to be better communication to fair campers about the emerald ash borer. I was told there was wood inspections and other precautions, but then talking with staff not involved in EAB they didn't hear anything about the precautions. We may just need a clear way to communicate important information to all the different teams in ensuring people are washing their cars from the north and checking firewood.
- VACCINATE THE ASH TREES!!! RIGHT NOW!!!!!!!
- Vaccinate the ash trees AND ALSO having an arborist or other knowledgeable volunteer sit by the ash tree in main camp and talk to folks about the ash borer beetle would be SO great, I would love that to happen next year!
- But seriously what are we even doing we need to protect our dang trees ASAP! At least vaccinate SOME of them against the beetles, please!!
- Emerald ash borer and anti-EAB tree treatment: I know that trees are expensive to treat and insecticide is controversial. I also know that people do not even remotely understand what is about to happen and how many individual beloved trees we stand to lose. We can and should protect a handful of historically significant, particularly beautiful, particularly shade-providing ash trees in central areas with prophylactic treatments, NOW. Spending a few thousand dollars on this for one or two dozen significant trees is a no-brainer. (If finance is an issue, I know folks who would donate to pay for this effort tomorrow.) Insecticide use is controversial among some parts of our community but we must have the courage to stand up and advocate for what is necessary. I might have become a one-issue board voter and my issue is VAX THE TREES lol. (OK two issue voter and my other issue is SERVICE THE TOILETS)
- need to start planting seedling trees now bc 80 percent of the shade trees are alders. need to plant sequoias, maples, oak and other shade trees to grow in as alders will be dying soon and the shade will vanish! create a plan ASAP to plant trees!

Elders

- There should be a way for Elders to continue volunteering (if they so desire) on crew by picking up 1-3 shifts (reduced schedule) each fair. They have valuable wisdom to pass on and can mentor the newer crew members. They could be placed with volunteers working their first fair. It's a win/win and could take the pressure off some of the busier shifts.
- Lottery system for elders but make it youth- under 50. I've attended 33 country fairs and it seems ridiculous to be 65 to qualify. A lottery for those that can put in and have 30 years on a crew should be something to change
- Over the past two years I have received a number of complaints from older folks that are having trouble getting around Fair due to poor health and aging joints. I know we have the Geezer Pleaser team, which is great for outside of Fair, and we have wheelchairs available for rent from 4A, but for those that just need a ride from one end of Fair to the other a "taxi" service of some kind would be a boon for many. I envision having human-powered rickshaws stationed in strategic spots (Info booths could work as they are stationed throughout Fair nicely) where crews could carry folks around Fair. I would like to see this as a free service but maybe have a suggested tip for the hard work of the crew. "A Fair price for a Fair ride" has a nice ring to it for a slogan. I would think connecting with Teen crew as the rickshaw runners would be beneficial, although whomever wants to run the carts could do so. I have already seen musings online about doing this from other Fair folk and I cannot stress enough how needed this service would be. As far as rickshaw design, I imagine whomever makes the carts could also come up with a design for a rickshaw (although I have plenty of design ideas that I would love to submit, a bit out of the scope of this feedback form). If there is opportunity to get involved with coordination, design, logistics, or implementation of this idea I would love to be involved.

Energy Park

- Energy Park ~~~~~~~~~~~ Very glad that Ben recovered from his car accident in time to do the science bit in Energy Park that the board funded with a grant. Went by and saw kids completely focused and engaged. Let's do that one again. Would have been nice to have it listed under "New to Energy Park" in the Peach Pit.

Entertainment

- Really miss having folkie acoustic bands. Even the contra dance band was electric instruments. Since we enjoy OCF as a music/entertainment festival, we are definitely less likely to cone with no/few bands in genres we enjoy.

- The Bob Wier Celebration was a lot of fun. I loved the energy and the smiles on the faces of the old Heads. However, the tribute band could have benefited from more rehearsal and the Main Stage venue did not really accommodate the crowd enough to allow for dancing.
- I love the additional living flowers this year on all of the stages and all around, that was wonderful.
- Loved frick frack blackjack. More interactive fun like that please!!!!
- We should try to find a way to revive the drum circle, it's been sad not having that be the heartbeat of the fair.
- I appreciate more attempts at creating safe spaces for marginalized communities and an increase in BIPOC and LGBTQI+ musicians, booths and artists but this could always improve! More women as lead singers and main acts, plz!
- The drag show on Thursday was out of this world!!!! 10/10
- I almost forgot... What happened to the marimba band that usually plays in the welcoming area? I really miss them! They always make things so much fun. The little string band in the corner just really wasn't very good and the sound didn't carry well. I love that marimba band, please bring them back! Thanks for everything!
- The Thursday night drag show was incredible! It was amazing to see queer art amplified by the fair this year. I loved dancing to the music and watching the creativity of the performances.
- Denying artists like Marv Elis and Alcyon Massive makes no sense. They are fair staples.
- Personally I would love to see more groups like Pharside get booked! Also bring back Hot Damn Scandal! They are sorely missed along the path.
- Saw Tom blowing bubbles for the first time since dial up. Still amazing! ??
- I really love the Oregon Country Fair, and since my parents work here, I spend a lot of time on the grounds (I'm 11 and have gone since I was a baby). I'm writing this because I want to share some feedback about a few things from this year.
  First, on Thursday night, there was a specific show at the Main Stage that felt totally out of place for an event that is supposed to welcome families and kids like me. The performance basically felt like an adult stripper club, (just luckily people didn't strip), which was super inappropriate considering how many kids and families were around. Moving forward, I think there should be way stricter rules for the stages during the day and evening, or management should make sure mature shows are only allowed late at night in 21+ areas. Keeping OCF family-friendly should be a huge priority
- The X-rated drag show at Main Stage Friday night before 11pm was inappropriate for a family event like fair. I was walking by on the path (not anywhere near the stage) with my 9 year old and we were both shocked to be exposed to very graphic content without our consent. I'm not trying to be critical of drag shows in general, just the time and the place was not appropriate for that level of content.
- Can I host a fashion show at the country fair!?
- In Main Stage on Thursday I was very shocked to see two men's performing a act of explicit sexual acting at front of families, kids, and teens. Wasn't late at night, it was in the afternoon.
  For me was grotesque, but I can not imagine how the families with their kids feels , I saw many people leaves (running) with their children. What a trauma for the child's. I wonder how we can prevent this happening in our family oriented event.
- Too much canned music! There's so much amazing talent at the fair, and other than the 'novelty' of the mobile disco party, I would like to hear more live music (granted there is a lot, but still) - just like the crafts are handmade, so, too, I strongly believe, should be the music. Plenty of time the rest of the year for canned music. I don't care if the music is electric, acoustic, or what style, but please let it be made by musicians there
- Loved Elias Alexander as always. Don't let him go!! Get him up on Main Stage after dark!
- High Step Society Main Stage Friday night was off the hook!!! Thank you Thank you Thank you!
- Although I really loved fair, I really missed all the marching band parades. What happened to them?
- I would love the marching band back, it's a statement of fair and it felt very empty without it!
- Nicole Medema and Mythical Uprising at Spirit Tower was incredible-- I love having this level of depth and meaning at the Fair, and the musical accompaniment was fantastic. Bring them back for next year!
- RE: Johnny Franco and His Real Brother Dom performance at the Hoarse Chorale on Friday afternoon.
  These guys are great musicians, but this performance felt so out of touch with what Fair represents, I was extremely disappointed in them as people and felt like they were a bad fit for the wholesomeness that Fair offers to the general public.
  Johnny was meanly criticizing his brother Dom publicly, which is perhaps part of their schtick, but it felt icky. He was also dismissive and disrespectful to his bandmates.

The worst part though was their excessive talking, joking and singing about alcohol, and their over-the-top public consumption of beer. I couldn't believe it-- they started with drinking pints and ended with drinking pitchers of beer on stage, joking that we the audience were getting the privilege of watching them get drunk. They drank and spilled beer all down their fronts and onto the stage. They asked the audience to toast with them, though of course not a single person in the crowd had any alcohol. Later, they sang a song about cucumber vodka, and brought an entire 2+ gallon cooler of alcohol out and were pouring it into the mouths of audience members. Honestly, what the fuck? I kept looking around and seeing other audience members with "is this really happening?" looks on their faces.

With one of the empty beer pitchers, Johnny handed it to a young woman in the audience and asked her to go around and ask people for tips.

It was wildly disappointing and gross. They were visibly intoxicated by the end of their set. Please do not have these guys back at Fair.

- Music at Main Stage was good, but the volume could have been up a tad.
- The variety and quality of entertainment was incredible this year!
- The music on the schedule and into the evening this year was OUTSTANDING! However, there may have been a few too many DJs in Xavanadu at night. The sound competed instead of complimented each other. How might we spread these folks out a bit more next year? What is the enforcement mechanism? Is it time to consider limiting amplified sound at night time? Maybe even an acoustic-only night in Xavanadu? Wow, that could be fun!
- Main Stage Sound
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  What's happening with our sound? Aside from the Thursday night awful-ness, I went to see Sierra Hull on Friday at Main Stage and it was fine as long as the bass player avoided certain notes, otherwise it was all distorted and overpowered the other instruments. The public is paying to see these shows and we owe them professional sound.
- Main Stage Highlights
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  Seemed like the sound was in better shape on Sunday. Sam Grisman's set was amazing as was the Weir tribute. While I really love Kimock's guitar playing I thought that Lebo carried the day.
- I saw several good music performances this year! I loved Sierra Hull and the Sam Grisman band. The Bob Weir tribute really moving.
  The midnight show was disappointing. It doesn't compete with all the other stages doing music. I really miss seeing vaudeville. The lighting wasn't on the performers so we couldn't see their faces! It was sad when the disco cart sound totally overwhelmed a mainstage act even if you were seated up close. I could see the performers trying to decide whether to pause until the interruption left. I stopped by entertainment camp, but couldn't hear the performers and the energy level was low. I went to bed early for the first time on a Saturday night!
  Incredible volume from the Oasis and Spoken Word at night until they shut down. Then it got quiet! Recycling didn't blast us in the morning, but they were grumpy about not having their energetic music. Maybe they could use headphones like a silent rave.
- Huge props to the Royale Famille DuCaniveaux for pulling off the seemingly impossible, given their sudden and overwhelming family emergency. A really terrific, heartfelt show. xoxo
- I performed at the Fair all weekend, and by the time my final set wrapped up, I had no realistic way to also fully break down and vacate my camp by the Monday departure deadline. Performers and many fair staff are often still fulfilling our commitments to the Fair right up until the end — asking us to then pack out on Monday so early is unrealistic.

  I understand a special late departure voucher exists, but requiring performers and staff to track that down and request it separately adds an extra hoop that shouldn't be necessary in the first place. A simpler fix would be to build a later default departure time into the schedule — either for everyone, or automatically for anyone with a performance credential — rather than making it an opt-in exception people have to know to ask for.

Etiquette/ Code of Conduct

- I know this is largely out of your control, but staff armband wearers bragging about how "the real fair is at night" is very off putting and against the spirit of the whole thing (love and radical inclusion). This isn't just young people.

- Can we find a way for everyone to have a good time? And it harm none, do as though will. But if it's harming others (including the wildlife! And the older folks who have sacrificed decades of their labor to sustain this essential event), is it fair?
- Construction: Zenn Achers and Construction conflict is rooted in lack of acknowledgment.

  We, as a collective need to acknowledge more the wonderful and important job they provide the Fair. The benches and fences that enlighten our eyes and hard work they do is very important

  Construction needs to acknowledge that others are working for the same good.

  Simple……We need to move past rude words, signs and tapes. Our language should not start with "do not" but "how can we help"

  They deserve more recognition and we deserve a level of civility.
- One more thing—I've always loved that the Fair is a place where everyone is supposed to feel welcome, no matter their religion, whether they are Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, or Christian. But honestly, the sign over at Politics Park that says "the pope shit here" with a picture of the pope covered in shit just doesn't sit right with me. I get that Politics Park is all about free speech and pooping on politics, but this doesn't even feel like a political idea. It just feels like a mean, highly disrespectful shot at Catholics. Many of my family are Catholic, including me
  If the Fair is TRULY committed to respecting ALL paths and being a welcoming space, we shouldn't be having displays that just openly mock people's religious figures. I really hope management can take a look at this and ask to have that sign replaced with something that actually fits the positive, respectful vibe of the Fair. Or focus on politicians in our government rather than religious leaders
- I showed up Tuesday evening and the first thing I overheard was a group of teenagers shouting racial slurs from a tent in miss piggy's. On Thursday night a group of rowdy, loud, disrespectful teens (maybe 13 to 16 years old) were shoving people and grabbed my butt non consensually at Main Stage. On Saturday that same group of teens slapped me and my friend on the back really hard and shoved us out of the way at dance pavilion, almost falling over. I know and understand how difficult managing a situation like this is, however, consent culture was very much missing from OCF this year.
- Not sure how to address this issue but the amount of people talking during performances was very rude. As well as people just standing and talking in the dance areas was inconsiderate.
- I wish Fair was more political. It's our job to speak out, to show what we can do as a group, as an organization, as a community.
- your Humanistic Intervention training triggered me honestly. the example used was "if a man is accused of sexual relations with a minor, the protocol is to politely ask him to leave the property". frankly, it was a triggering suggestion that that is fair's response. consider a different facilitator for this delicate training material with more experience communicating with care and forethought about challenging human interpersonal scenarios.
- Women telling other women to smile please don't
- I am writing to report an incident that happened at the OCF Saturday July 11th at the Rose City Circus performance at 4pm at the WC Fields stage.

  I was with my sister and 12 year old niece visiting the fair for the first time this year. We had been at the fair all day exploring, and we arrived about 35 minutes before the scheduled showtime and there was already very limited space. As the performance was starting, my sister and I were standing near a plant in front of a fenced off area to stage right. An older Caucasian man wearing a rainbow hat and a bright colored button up came up behind me and said "You are in the way of a bunch of people behind you." I replied "OK, and what would you like me to do?" as the performance was already starting, and there was no space to sit down. He continued to stare at me. I said "Should I try to sit down?" and gestured to the plant that I was standing on top of. He said "I mean, that would be nice" and walked away. I tried to scoot closer to my sister so that I was more off to the side. I continued to try to stand as close to the side as possible throughout the performance. About 40 minutes into the performance, a woman in front of me who was sitting on a pop up stool stood up to stretch her legs, and we were shuffling around to try to make room for her, then I felt something hard hit my bare back. The man who had spoken to me at the beginning of the performance had thrown a stick at my back and also at the woman next to me who had stood up. I turned to look back and he just pointed for me to sit down and stared at me. The woman next to me then said "He threw one at me too" I then turned back to him and said "You just threw a stick at me, that's crazy, you need

to calm down." To which he just kept saying "You're blocking everyone's view, you need to sit down" And I said, "I'm going to be reporting you." Then we left the performance and were able to leave out of the staff gate. The staff were confused as well, and I ran into a woman who didn't introduce themselves by name, but said they were either the stage coordinator or act coordinator and wanted to know what was going on since I was briefly telling staff what was happening and was saying that I needed to get out of that area to get away from a man.

I explained to her what happened and she said to point out who was throwing sticks. I pointed him out, and she said "Oh it was him? He's like in charge of this whole thing" and then said she would talk to him. She came back to me shortly and said "He said that he asked you to sit down before, maybe you didn't hear that part" And I said "No, I understood but there was no where to sit down and regardless it's not ok to throw things at people" She said "Absolutely not, well next time you should try to get here earlier and try to find a place to sit down so you're out of the way" And I said "well I'm not going to be coming back" And she said "OK, well what would you like to do?" And at this point, my sister and I both said "We want to leave." We were in the staff section at this point so didn't know where to go. She then asked which way we needed to leave. I remembered I left my bag in the spot I was standing and needed to grab it. So she said, "OK, well go ahead and grab it, it'll be OK" I then had to walk through the staff gate again to grab my things while the man was still sitting in his spot observing everything and watching me.

The woman next to me who also had a stick thrown at her was in tears at this point, and had followed through the staff gate. She said that the coordinator had yelled at her and said it was her fault. She said that she had her kids here and what do they expect us to do? At this point the coordinator was showing us the way out and I left the woman with the coordinator and made my way out to leave the fair.

This whole experience was just plain wrong. I cannot explain how humiliating it is to have a human throw an object at a fellow human just because they think you are in the wrong and that you deserve some sort of punishment or call out for your behavior. Then for someone in charge to have been the one that threw something, then someone else in charge seemingly continue to make excuses for that person and say how I could have made the situation better is unbelievable to me. Especially at an event that has the following mission statement: The Oregon Country Fair creates events and experiences that nourish the spirit, explore living artfully and authentically on earth, and transform culture in magical, joyous and healthy ways.

I wanted to make someone aware of this incident because I strongly believe that the man who threw an object at me, and the coordinator who spoke to me, need extensive training in how to manage ticket holders of events and fellow humans. That man needs to learn how to use their words and not to resort to physical violence and humiliation as the solution to a fairly insignificant problem. I would also like to point out that as a woman, I should not have to tolerate physical violence from a man in this way at an event like this.

I was in the wrong for standing in an area that was in the way of some other audience members, but it is absolutely wrong for someone to physically hurt someone this way, especially someone associated with the running of the fair itself.

I don't even know what else to say other than I'm extremely disappointed and hope this experience is shared with your Board of Directors and that I hear back about the steps taken to prevent this type of occurrence in the future.

Exodus

- Monday feedback: need some more staff working Monday, lots more directional signs, maybe a special broadcast on the community radio station with some seriously fun/witty commentary. Consider charter bus with A/C to winery so people with less than one cart worth of stuff could put their stuff under bus in piggy's and get ride to their cars before driving directly off the property, would sweeten deal for winery parking folks. Also need maple gate to be open longer in day.
- I know this is hard but something has to be done about the traffic situation. I'm sure everyone has thought about this 1 million times the traffic as a vendor coming back into fair to pack up. I don't know if there could be a way if you're just going into the eight because many many people are not going into the eight and you have you have to wait on this massive line to get in. I wish I had a really good idea about this and maybe there's nothing to be done. In my dreamworld, there's just a line for people coming into the eight that separate from everybody else moving their cars closer when they're using a cart or simply trying to exit. However, the traffic people were so kind. .

- Monday move out. Pre post instructed everyone to get in line and it took hours just to be siphoned off into the correct direction. Came down bus road needing to get to Zenn, was told by chickadee aero gate that we could enter and that traffic/Prepost would allow me to get there but when I got to bus road/wristbands was told I had to go right into the long line.
- Traffic Monday: The new traffic pattern and extra attention to cars in the 8 seemed to work well - I noticed fewer traffic jams and more happy faces.
- Maple Gate Monday! This continues to be one of my favorite changes of the past decade, and makes getting out of the fair SOOOOO much easier.
- The Monday driving into the eight situation was a fiasco to me. I understand the idea of changes being made to limit cars in the eight. But this was the absolute worst year I've ever had for packing out, and I was packed and ready to go sooner than ever. I didn't get home till 7:30 PM. It was exhausting and felt unnecessarily difficult. We were waiting for hours, and eventually I needed to pack the booth items I was responsible for taking home out into three cart loads along with my camping gear. My booth member who was responsible for the other half of our booth gear was never able to get in before she had to go home. All the booth members that were waiting to help load had to leave so that booth member had to come out on Tuesday and do it all on their own. This has never happened before. We have a smooth system that we have been doing for 20+ years where we have booth members scheduled to help load out on Monday morning. Everything was ready to go. We just needed the truck in. We would've been packed and out of there probably within 10 or 15 minutes. If my husband wasn't an ultra runner, I would've been completely at a loss. It was hot and I would not have been able to move all the gear on my own physically. I bring the boot gear in as a full load teddy on Sunday. Any remaining items I have, or things that aren't great to leave out for too many days, I load in on Wednesday on a gator. When I inquired about a gator for Monday as an alternative to driving in, it seemed impossible. I was told gators were often requested on Friday or Saturday and that it was unlikely I would be able to get one. Just a really unfortunate experience all around.
- Traffic on Manic Monday was noticeably and consistently poorly managed which impacted our crew's ability to efficiently operate on Monday. Carts took 45 mins to get which delayed pack up and traffic waits were much longer than ever.
- What happened in the lots on Monday?! We all know Monday requires a lot of patience and team work and I love those things as much as the next person but it was utter mayhem out there. Not moving for Hours. Wildly inaccurate directions from traffic crew, who works so hard to get us all where we need to go and should b treated with the utmost respect but i think it was so bad people stopped listening and then traffic kinda gave up.... i saw a lot of sad vacant stares ??
- Traffic could have used more direction and directed cars more. Leaving Monday at noon we saw few traffic helpers and there presence could have made the experience smoother for every line going ever which way.
- The exodus on Monday seemed more chaotic than usual and line cutting/just driving wherever across Trotters was rampant. There were zero volunteers in evidence in trotters and volunteers directing traffic were often uninformed (e.g. didn't know what Marshall's Landing was or that it was not part of the 8) or gave conflicting directions. The paint marker applied to my windshield was hard to get off.
- Monday Traffic needs professional evaluation

  I spent 2 hours and 40 minutes trying to get my vehicle onto the 8 from long term parking yesterday.

  During my ordeal, there were several times when a driver in front of me found out that Aero Road was not the best way out, so after sitting in line for 2 hours, they finally turned around and headed for the "weigh station" gate.

  I was also surprised and disappointed that incoming traffic was given equal access to the 8. I could have gone out on 126, looped around on Suttle Road for over 2 hours in time saving.

  Meanwhile, my partner was waiting for me in the shade with her walker at quartermaster/hospitality, from where she was occasionally able to reach me by phone. She kept asking me what was taking so long, repeatedly saying "there's hardly anybody on the 8." I kept guessing out loud that many of the vehicles in front of me were trying to get to Chickadee via Aero Road.

  At one point, I exited my vehicle and asked a driver to allow me to merge. He had been in his vehicle for over an hour, but was understanding when I told him I had been in mine for over two.

  Some observations:

1) better shuttle access would not have helped us retrieve our gear from Energy Park

2) some parking volunteers had no information. One even told me “I don’t know where the 8 is.

3) There’s no signage to augment the work of the volunteers. One has to get to an intersection and ask a volunteer how to get to a destination.

4) it feels a little selfish of me to bring my personal vehicle onto the 8, but I know of no alternative on Monday.. Where’s all those equipment trailers I see during Pre-Fair?

5) if this is any indication of the difficulty we would have exiting during a disaster, we’re all dead.

Please please please find someone who is a traffic engineer to smooth out Monday egress. Or find a way to decompress the Monday timeline, or something!!

- Load out on Monday has become ridiculous. Long lines of cars, moving slowly, no one directing cars at the end of rows. Sitting in my car for 2-3 hours, not good. What about a time for load out assigned to each crew, physical location, etc., so we aren’t all trying to leave at the same time.
- Monday pack out was rough. Where was traffic crew? More guidance was needed for sure for staff grabbing their cars.
- Monday traffic was horrific. Not only was there no direction, but all the parking lot bathrooms were removed. Took us 4 hours to get our car out of the lots. Worse then any year in my 37 years at fair.
- Shutting down maple gate at 4pm, leaving a 2 hour wait to exit the field due to a crash after we died directing traffic for 4 hours, brutal.
- Manic Monday: That was rough. SUMMARY: 1. Something was real broken, and whatever traffic patterns are decided on need clear enforcement and LOTS of traffic cone marked lanes 2. Sort cars early, at dead lot portal into lanes if possible 3. Encourage parking and carting in close in lots with an express lane to that spot 4. Use camp hosts to distribute information about routes, one-ways, timing etc.. Longer observations: Sitting in the rule-follower line for hours while people drove wherever with no consequences and skipped the entire line was demoralizing and upsetting. Folks in my group had wildly different experiences: I got stuck for over an hour in a single row of Trotter's parking trying to join the line to join the line to wait to get to camp in Marshall's. No PrePost folks anywhere in sight and people thunderdome mad maxing all over the place. But before I even escaped that ROW, my spouse walked off site to other side, got our other car, was directed around me through piggy's, got to the left bank, and packed up our entire booth. The delta between these experiences was wild, and suggests something profoundly broken. Some ideas: Label and sort cars into multiple CONE PROTECTED lines coming out of dead lot portal (one for piggy's / Xavanadu / chela / left bank / south woods, one for the main 8, and if possible another for Alice's / Marshall’s / zenn / etc. - maybe not possible with the auntie em choke point and nansleez needing to stay open for emergency traffic but maybe there's a way here). Include a procedure for integrating folks coming in from off site parking/scoff etc down Bus Road. I also wonder if you could provide a fast track express lane to park in de-comissioned Medallion Row & Kermit's, maybe via Aurora Corridora, and strongly encourage people to cart out to there if able. Finally, I have observed very little communication to rank and file family about which roads are one way when, which gates are open when, what one's routes should be etc. This is aways printed in the what where when and was on those blue cards, but unless you're "in the know" it's a giant mystery (possibly even to some of the prepost car directing folks, too). I wonder if you could activate camping crew & the camp host network to proactively distribute those manic Monday survival cards. Maybe ask camp hosts to connect in person on Sunday with their residents, and review their route to their cars & back in. Especially if they know to expect sorting and lanes out of outtasite/winery. It could also be a good time to touch base about recycling etiquette and encourage pack-it-out norms.
- Monday traffic out is a mess. We are still trying to figure out how to get our vehicle in a timely fashion. We have no extra room to park in SCOF and cannot park outside the gates if we retrieved our vehicle for loading Sunday night.
- Was stuck in camp until 4. Have to drive 6 hours north.
  When it wasn't a big push to get everyone out at the same time, the same day, it had flow, and support. Why were my friends, old time crafters, who have a huge heavy load, rushed out on Monday? That has never happened before -- they are up high on the 8. Why was there a feeling of afternoon abandonment? Please! Reassessment? Redesign?
- It is too difficult to get to the winery during public hours of the fair and how to get there is unclear. We were sent from the main entrance to Cable gate, then to the registration hut, and then to outta site to catch a shuttle. Then

found out we could have stayed at the main entrance. We have a 3.5 month old and we're very frustrated to continually be sent further in the sun, only to discover it was all wrong. This is unacceptable given that the winery is not safely accessible on foot during hot days. It would be really helpful if traffic handed out info sheets on how to get back to the winery before Monday.

- Monday exit this year - need I say more?
- In years past we came back Monday after fair to take down camp without issue. This year we were directed to the end of the line which would have resulted in a several hour wait. Fortunately for us, we could just go home and come back the next day. I felt sorry for all those people waiting in line for hours. It seemed to run much more efficiently in the past.
- Leaving on Monday from the fair. Stuck in long lines. Took an hour to get out of there. Never had that happen before. What can be done?
- I'm sure there will be much feedback regarding the mass exodus on Monday and the traffic jams it brings. However this year was probably the worst one I've experienced and I noticed there are probably some better ways to optimize the flow of traffic. Our booth always requires a full Teddy but we sat in line for nearly 2 hours just to get through every car exiting. Once we passed the exit, there were very few cars waiting to enter the grounds. This leads me to believe a separate line for people bringing vehicles on the grounds would help shorten wait times for both groups. I've worked on many different event teams and many will of them will perform a drone study to get an aerial view of traffic to find ways to improve the flow. I think this something like this could greatly benefit the OCF crews.
- Pack out traffic. When getting our camping package place a color code on it to help traffic direct us to the right entrance. The rights need to enter from above. Campers need to enter near where they are camped. Driving everyone the same place does not make sense. Pay longer hours to keep the exit open on 126.
- People cutting in line across the parking lot really hurt those of us staying in line. The drive through parking lot and cut in line. Traffic helpers had no ability to help. Need more skilled traffic people working on pack out.
- Exodus on Monday is a circus. I was told of four hour wait times to get out by camp mates. I would highly recommend hiring a company to work with such as the team with High rock security who has successfully crafted the Burning Man exodus to deal with Monday at OCF. Even I could see that there were no clear lines or instructions for thousands of people. It seems that part of the issue is that many people are going INTO fair to break down booths but all traffic is stuck leaving by the same routes.

  Not only did we have to wait in long lines to get our cars from the very rear of the property (the winery?) but then getting back we were stuck in lines that seemingly went to no where. Hours of waiting in lines that weren't even going where we were going. Nothing about that worked and it seemed in all effect that no one was in control of traffic.
- Traffic was a disaster on Monday morning. It took me almost 5 hours to get from the winery lot to our site near Main Stage. In previous tears, it was never much longer than an hour. Traffic was backed up everywhere heading in. There didn't seem to be Traffic crew at critical intersections (merging) heading in. It became a free for all as several lines formed. There was a traffic crew member at one of those intersections (going behind/around registration) which helped those folks, I guess. There were no traffic staff anywhere else near the rest of us trying to explain what the issues were or offer alternatives. When I finally got to the main road heading in, it was still at a standstill. People were trying to leave from the road heading out from the main entrance to the 8, the road out was not moving, people trying to turn left from the road going in were not able to, and were literally blocking the flow of traffic heading in. Finally a traffic crew member came over and asked people if they were headed in or out. If you were headed in, you were instructed to go around the cars waiting to turn left. My observation that at least 75% of the back up was due to the exit being backed up and cars waiting to turn left to leave. It seems like a simple solution. Traffic would have flowed much better. I was at our camp site near Main Stage in 10 minutes. I think this could and should have been avoided. The number of years of experience with traffic situations should result in various scenarios and solutions. This situation nearly ruined what was a good Fair for us, and I'm guessing many others. I don't know where things fell apart, but there were obvious gaps in planning and execution. Maybe some people didn't show up
  for their last shifts? Regardless, this situation needs to be reviewed and addressed by the Traffic Committee.
- Traffic on site. realize volunteers are not all familiar with site roads, but routing cars after Fair should be able to run more smoothly. 3.5 hours from dead lot to Alice's is not OK!
- I avoid the Monday exodus, but heard from several people that it was a real challenge, and that Maple Gate closed at 4:00 (possibly due to agreement with ODOT?) This makes no sense since the message from Sunshine

database told people to exit until 6:00 on Monday. Plus, an extra exit could probably help with the sh%t show aspect of Monday.

- Traffic on Monday. This year's traffic on Monday was quite the worst I've seen. It was also the latest I've ever left Fair in the evening of Monday. This was due to not being able to get our vehicle up towards the shower/sauna at the Ritz or we parked near the dragon water feature to load our gear into our vehicle and trailer. As I've mentioned I've been camping in Killgallon acres since 1999 and typically usually we can get up there by about 4 o'clock or so without too much struggle. This year we were not able to get up into the area until about 6 PM. We did not leave Fair site until 8:30 PM which is the latest with ever left. This was due to traffic congestion issues.
- Lots of talk about loadout on Monday. Any chance that we could load out by zone, using different exits. Childcare, Entertainment, Ritz, vendors using Chicadee to Aero only makes sense. I was sent down Bus Rd, only allowed a right turn, out to 126 to turn around and get in a hour's x 3 line CRAZY
  Also the individual directing traffic at Suttle and Aero, was maybe the rudest person I have ever encountered.... lots of shouting calling everyone names.... sad to put people who can't cope in high stress positions
  Also better communication, Top of hill by Ritz says no problem for travel, but then stopped at Snivel and told no
- Traffic was managed so poorly Monday I spent 3 hours just getting my truck close to my camp spot near Shower Central. I could have gotten there in 10 minutes if the traffic to the 8 was separated from traffic to Dahinda's Acres/Alice's etc. Volunteers allowed line jumping, creating massive ill will.
- Traffic needs some engineering help on Monday. It was a free for all with no one going anywhere. No synchronization.
- Traffic was a mixed bag this year. Getting in on Wednesday was fairly smooth, but getting out on Monday was noticeably slower than last year. I only saw one FARTS bus by the time I walked out to Outta Site. Traffic moved very slowly or not at all for no apparent reason. I don't know what went wrong, but the process could definitely benefit from improvement. Monday is a hard day for many reasons - making the exit as painless and efficient as possible is always greatly appreciated.
- Monday: Not very good. Lined up at 530am to get in to the 8. I was about 10 cars back. The guy that pulled in behind me said he was first in line and another person behind me had been third in line but they were told to line up on the road the busses take in instead of the correct road. Then someone came along and redirected them to the correct line but they lost their place. Then while waiting to get in, my wife calls me from the booth at about 615 and tells me she just saw 3 cars drive by. So I go up to talk to the traffic guy and he knows nothing, only said he was told not to let anyone in. He didn't even have a radio. And while I'm talking to him, a red pick up drives in through the gate at Xavanadu. Guy on a bike that does have a radio finally pulls up and tries to reassure us we are in the right and only line but by that time it was not reassuring. We did have to wait a long time to get in and they started letting us in about 7 am. But THEN two gals with no ID, no traffic shirts or anything start trying to stop each car to "register" us or something. While they had the two cars in front stopped for whatever they were trying to do, three other cars drove past them from a different direction. When they tried to stop me I showed them the yellow tag I had been using for the last three weeks to ID me and place in my dashboard and they said that would work but still wanted to give me more stuff and at that point I told them we had all been out there since 530 and if they wanted to register us they should have been out there 2 hours ago and drove off. They yelled on my way by that I would get yelled at by someone for not having the correct whatever but after I got past them everyone just waved me on through and it was a very pleasant and easy drive to my booth. So...PLEASE make sure Sunday night and Monday morning traffic crew all are on the same page and DO NOT try and stop people at the last second on some made up whim.
- Getting back to Piggy's from the 8 on Monday morning: I was out of the 8 by 930 and returning to Piggy's which went fine because I knew where I was going but traffic trying to direct me from Bus Road were going to make me get in the line for the 8 because they said traffic at Piggy's was exit only, which was ridiculous. Again, please make sure that all traffic members know what they are doing. I completely understand that it must be terribly stressful on Monday so maybe find some extra well earned compensation for those folks and add more staff on Monday. With radios.
- Maple Gate needs to stay open after 4pm. I waited in line in Trotter's for an hour when I could have just left.
- Leaving on Monday after fair. The traffic was awful this year just trying to get to dead lot, or dead lot to scoff. I was informed in line about 200 ft from registration that it would be over 1.5 hours in line just to pull into scoff and I should park and find something more productive to do. Which I did, others in my family did not (we all went to dead lot together at same time). Eventually got off property around 4pm after leaving scoff at 1030 am to get car from dead lot to load car in scoff and leave. Crap happens I know. Heard there was an issue at the street level. I would like to give kudos to the pre post traffic team on shift for their kindness and patience. They were really

having to deal with some extreme heat and extremely grumpy people. They all were so pleasant and kind even through all that. They deserve all the kudos and love we can give. THANK YOU PRE POST CREW!!

- Another reason exodus was so difficult is because of the juggernaut associated with the Back Road (is that what it is called?) which gets us to the South Woods. There were far too few carts to accommodate the removal of camping gear from the camps in South Woods on Monday. And for some reason, camp host staff was up in arms about making that road one way, so instead of driving 200 yards to unpack and load, I spent over 50 minutes (!) driving around, past Piggy's, through Wind Gate, and around the back road. It was insane. This further exacerbates dust issues throughout the site AND takes us so much longer to get out of the site in a timely manner.
- Exiting the Fair Monday. Was a zoo. Vendors tells me they are usually are allowed to drive in at 6 am Monday, but there was a line of vendor cars stretching to wrist banding after 6:30, causing more congestion for a long time. I wish the FART and carts would open at 6 am also, as exiting on Monday is probably the busiest day getting in and out of the Fair. I walk to Out of Site for my car about 6 am rather than wait, load the car near the Dance Pavilion, then park in the Miss Piggy area so I can walk in for breakfast. There was a man at Wind Gate (separating the Dragon Plaza & Xavanadu, saying I could not exit that gate because there was a line of cars incoming. I had my passenger check, and there was one car. I persisted and got to drive out. My son was directed to Ho Gate and beyond where he waited in a long, constricted line to exit the Fair and was very frustrated. Not the way to go, and he could not get back in for Breakfast. So exiting was a big mess on Monday and it should not be that way, and usually is not. It was a sad ending to an otherwise good fair.
- I had no problem driving to an unloading area near camp and got to longer term parking without being sent all over in circles.
  Getting out Monday was another matter. I got directed out Maple Gate which took hours and wasn't the direction I needed to go.

Fair Family News

- I miss receiving the Fair Family News in hard copy. When it used to arrive in the mail, i would read it and be more tuned in with what's happening. Now i have no clue, because I'm not actually willing to read it online, i have too much other content to process online and it's more than i can keep up with.

FarSide

- Please consider working with Farside Co-cos to allow specific crews to load into Farside on Tuesday evening if possible. (I realize this would be tricky as suddenly everyone would probably find a reason they need in on Tuesday).

  The current policy of some are allowed to if they ask nicely but others are told no, or given a literal 20 minute window at 8:30 am on Tuesday morning to get in, drop their stuff and get out is super inequitable.

  Many on my crew (External Security) start working shifts early Thursday morning and/or have crew meetings all day Thursday.
  Being able to get some basic items of our camp into Farside on Tuesday would be really helpful. I know personally quite a few folks on External were allowed to come set up at their leisure, some of us (me & my camp) were told only if we could do it in 20 minutes at 8:30 am.

  None of us that asked for a Tuesday drop off window wanted to stay overnight Tuesday, just get the bulk of our tents, etc. in so that we could take care of waiting in line at registration Wednesday, finish setting up and be ready to get to crew meetings late Wednesday and/or early Thursday.

  Thank you!

FARTS

- The FARTS - on Thursday when I moved my car to out of site parking, I was at area 508 when the pink FARTS came around (it was 10:35am). The driver of the FARTS waved me on however when I went to the back to get on the woman was very rude and said "we aren't taking bodies yet", I was confused so I tried to explain that the driver just told me to get on when she interrupted me and yelled over me "I said no". I then asked what they were even

doing out there if they're not picking up people. She didn't answer and I had to walk my disabled self from out of site to Xavanadu - ouch. No compassion from the traffic or FARTS crew, once again.
- More FARTS! On Monday at 1pm I waited for 30 minutes before seeing a friend and deciding to join her for the walk. I am 58 years old and I didn't have my walking stick, but I did it anyway. The FARTS didn't catch up to me until I was already Outta Site, and I could see that I had been so far back in line that I wouldn't have been able to board it anyway.

Feedback

- Someone noted that the Feedback business card should include the URL address.
- Why is it that after being invited to submit feedback on Facebook using the feedback link, people proceed to list their comments on Facebook rather than follow directions.

Fire Crew

- Sunday night in south woods a grease fire was going on in a BBQ. After it was put out the person who was cooking the food got extremely violent verbally and physically. When the camp host was informed of the situation it became clear that they had no radio and no quick way to get help on site. Their radio had been taken earlier that day. It took about an hour for an appropriate response. If the fire had spread, there would have been no time to deal with the situation. Peoples lives were in danger. The camp hosts must have a proper way to communicate with emergency services at all times during the event.
- I think fair needs to inform people what to do in a fire. Maybe general public have info about this; but I don't know evacuation plans in the case of a fire. Luckily it was a very mild year but the last 2 were not and I don't know what the protocols are there. I have fire trauma living in CA
- Note to Fire Crew. I was told on Monday by a fellow camper and the tiki lounge in Killgallon Acres that the Fire crew had come through and went to the camper's spot and said there should be a path here. I was told that they were insisting that there used to be a true path at the back of the tiki lounge towards Sanitation camp to the Long Term River. The space in question has never been a path there's always been a berm of debris and in fact the Sanitation crew or whatever camp is back there has moved closer and closer to our camp space over the past many years. As I've been trimmed by Camp post for the tiki lounge in Kilgallon acres since 1999. There's another camp behind us called Hose Beast Hideaway and there also has not been through there to the Long Term and or Sanitation camp at least since prior to 1999. I'm not sure where the Fire crew thought there was a cut through but it was not through the end of our camps. When I started camping in the Tiki lounge in 1999 it was the year folks were beginning to move up to Alice's Wonderland and I was given the job of Camp Host because I was the camp host for WC Fields on Vaudeville crew for a few years to ensure that only people camping back there were supposed to be there. I do know that the site that the Fire crew thought there was a pass-through had been camped there prior to 1999 and it has always been occupied by campers and has never had a pathway through the back of the tiki lounge to sanitation camp. Do used to be a wire/line for Tinker Bell communication system that would come down every year that basically ran across the back of the camp and over the berm of wood debris. Each year we frequently have folks coming down the path towards our camp trying to get to the bridge to the Far Side, and we have to tell them that they need to go back out the gate to the left until they got through Pike Street to get to the Bridge Too Far. As far as I'm aware pathway through our camp that had access to the Long Tom area. I'm happy to look at Killgallon Acres with some of the Fire crew, and I can share my collective memory of where tents have been for the past 26+ years.

Food

- The food was top notch! I especially enjoyed the variety of delicious, refreshing and creative, NAB's (non alcoholic beverages)
- Love how diverse the booth people were this year. So many good flavors / food and beautiful art. we can ask these cultures for their feedback on what they see could be ways we improve our relationship to the land and with each other. Could we share this land with the native tribes and host their gatherings with ocf providing the umbrella anchoring entity that generates cooperative land use management
- More food options close to chela mela would be really great!
- Encourage all food booths to have a vegan option. It sucks to wait in line for a cup of coffee only to discovery there is no dairy free milk option. Not what I expect at OCF.

- On that note, why is Askewed allowed to cater for the 4th but has continually been denied entrance as a food vendor? Micha is a Pinoy chef serving excellent Asian cuisine. We need more affordable options at fair, it's becoming impossible for people to afford to feed themselves.
- I think that food booths should disclose common allergens that are in their food items. Specifically, peanuts. Friends United BBQ (BoothX20) served Peach Cobblers that had some sort of peanut, or peanut sauce crust as opposed to the traditional pie crusts. Nowhere on their menu did they mention an alternative crust that used nuts. My boyfriend, who is extremely allergic to peanuts, almost took a bite of the Peach Cobbler, until he noticed how oily the bottoms on the paper boats were becoming. He became suspicious, then looked closer at the crust to realize that it had peanut chunks, and was made from grounded up peanuts. The dessert came free with our order, so we ended up giving them away to our friends.

  I understand that if you have an allergy, you should always double check about the foods you're buying. However, peanuts are one of the most common allergens in the US, and if you, as a restaurant or food booth choose to put that in a food that doesn't traditionally have it, then it should be your responsibility to disclose that information to avoid accidents.
- Encourage places to bring enough food to still feed staff come Sunday evening, it's better than it had been in 2022 but it's a hell of time trying to run from spot to spot trying to find food after our last shift
- So VERY few food vendors participate in staff special/silver star, it's a huge bummer. Even OCF institutions like Toby's this year said NO to any staff special when I asked. Why can't OCF require minimal staff special participation when we are trying to make our vouchers stretch at the vendors we love??
- Orange juice at the exit is mind blowingly good. Yes please!
- Multiple booths with gluten-free options didn't make it in the food vendors list on the peach pit. Many folks rely on this allergen sheet and I wish there was a more thorough account of food options like there is for craft vendors.
- Food Booths - when is the Fair going to bring in Askewed? I have had them twice at Fair sponsored events and it was absolutely delicious - but have yet to see them at Fair. When I asked the owner why they didn't vend at Fair they said they had applied but hadn't been accepted.

  That's weird.

  I would like to see this business at Fair - local company, a minority business owner, delicious, healthy food you can eat on the go - perfect for OCF.
- I want to see more meat entrees as well as soup options for after hours
- The quality of food at the perogies and ice cream sandwich booth was horrible this year. Total rip off.
- Really enjoyed the food throughout
- Palettas Popsicle Stand competing business about 150 feet from my snow cone stand tanked my business. zero profit year.
- I don't know if my tastes have changed over the years, but it seemed harder to find good food, especially for full meals. The pricing has soared and portions are smaller.
- Favorite food: Captain Durazno's Galley (fish), and Brandywine Fisheries cart on the river side of the 8 (Shady Lane?). Pretzel bites at the Calzone booth are fabulous but they charge $1 for mustard. Who charges for condiments?! Food prices rival restaurant prices now. I limited my spending in that area.

Food Vouchers

- I love the additional seating this year - thank you for that.
- Food vouchers are barely covering a meal these days.
- Food has gotten very expensive and vouchers have not kept pace. Increase amounts of vouchers and/or require or encourage booths to offer reduced rates for customers with staff bands.
- Teen crew workers should always be given food vouchers when they work- preferably before their shift. This seems to be hit or miss depending on the crew.
- Thank you for increasing the value of vouchers. Do it again please. Encourage food vendors to have a staff special.
- Glad to see the food vouchers go up to $4 this year- makes a big difference for our hard working crew members!
- Food vouchers barely cover a meal. More people are cooking in camp with dishes being washed at the sink.

If there is a staff special, it is usually a watery tea drink I don't like. Staff are not being offered anything special. If that's the best we can do, maybe just quit doing it.

Garden Crew

- As an organization we encourage low impact sustainability and to this end please add a garden crew that could be responsible for a semi permanent greenhouse designed to withstand but not interfere with the ebb and flow of the area's natural environment. The garden crew could work pre-fair to start an assortment of fruits like blueberries and vegetables like squash that have a mostly harvest time around fair opening. The site of the garden could provide seeds, starts and educational materials designed to teach us how to start, grow, control pests naturally and maintain our own gardens in our urban and non urban worlds. Just throwing it out there as a possible inspiration for a better world.

Gators

- On Thursday morning I went to Quartermaster to set up a Sunday evening gator ride from booth (at Sallie's Alley)to campsite (South Miss Piggy). Was told I had to do it Sunday morning. (Why?) came back Sunday morning and gave my name, booth number and address, and said I would definitely be ready by 9 pm. Waited for hours. Because the Verizon/Wi-Fi service sucked (that will be Feedback #2) I did not receive a phone call/voicemail that they sent at 10:32 asking if I still needed a ride, and that they'd be about another hour. At some point (maybe around 10:30?) one went by, I flagged them down, they said they couldn't do it then, they'd come back. About another hour went by, and I ran to one at Pooh's Corner, and they said well, ok, but they didn't have room for everything (it's probably about one trailer load or less). I said, ok, I'll just take the jewelry and guitars (the valuables) and drive in on Monday for the rest. (If I realized that was going to happen I would have walked the valuables back before 9 pm.) The gator crew then threw in a bunch of other stuff (I know they were trying to help, but!) a heavy wooden booth sign, some large bulky chairs. When we got to Piggy's, they couldn't or wouldn't drive in to my campsite, and just dumped everything at the gate for me (a small older woman) to deal with. I had to get a friend to drive over from the campsite to help me haul the gear that I didn't even want them to grab. Didn't get back to camp until midnight, and missed partying with my friends that night. I know it's volunteers doing the best they can, and everyone was tired, but it ended the lovely fair with an exhausting bummer. And then I had to drive in the next day anyway! It basically sucked, though I stayed grateful. Will try to avoid using gators ever again

Growth

- On the first day we were totally overwhelmed by the sheer size of the crowd. I asked my volunteer security-crew daughter why OCF didn't cap attendance, maybe 10,000 fever? She told me that that had been attempted in the past and lead to problems with people trying to sneak in, etc. so then, I wonder, since there is so much demand for this experience, is there a way to expand it? Multiple weekends? A whole week?
- Still too crowded. I wish it would open like at nine or 10 instead of 11. I get there early, I get in as close to the front of the line as I can, and I still have to leave around 2:30 because there's just too many people and too much dust and it's overwhelming. Bumper-to-bumper people is no fun. Too many strollers, too many wagons blocking the paths.
- Keep the ticket cap forever!
- Way too many people camping. Passes are given out willy-nilly. I hear about it all the time. It's just total corruption out there now.
- Please consider limiting the amount of people that come to fair. I experienced a first at fair this year. I was stuck on the back loop in a throng of people. This, for me, was extremely triggering and had a huge effect on my mental health for the better part of the day.

  I don't think that's the type of experience we want people having that come to be with us at Fair. It was just too much.
- On the whole, it was a great Fair. But every year there's a feeling of fragility and a concern that the system could completely collapse at any time. It's magical what a ton of volunteers accomplish. Let's not tempt fate too much.

Guidelines

- “Manic Monday”. Like everyone in the Sunshine Database I received an email pre-fair with some information. I included a reminder to read the Guidelines and a link to them. It also mentioned a new traffic management program for post-fair Monday and game a link to an info sheet about it. A printed version of that sheet was also distributed at fair. The sheet said we should be sure to fill out our Manic Monday form. NO ONE AT FAIR could provide me with a form or tell me where to get one or submit it. I made repeated visits every day before and during fair to QM, Fair Central, Info Booths and asked numerous Traffic and Security people. No one knew and ALMOST NO ONE had even heard of the form. Why the complete lack of information and communication on this??
- The Main Stage blanket situation was dysfunctional. People placed blankets hours before the show and then got angry if anyone tried moving near them. Other events and venues, like Red Rocks has banned placing blankets to save spots. Might be something to consider.
- We had several trail sellers throughout the weekend not buskers people selling.
- Is it ok for cameras to be installed in our volunteer location, without us being informed, and have our crew and our children recorded while we are doing our volunteer duties?
- How do we motivate people to read the Guidelines? So many questions asked about Fair on Facebook are answered in the Guidelines. I was appalled that a long-time Fairy was unaware that every camp must have a fire extinguisher and it must be re-certified every year. Their companions seemed oblivious that Guidelines even exist.
- The institutional knowledge that people know not to damage the forest while camping is long gone, or how to be good Family. Kids today don't know about burlap sacks and pack-it-in-pack-it-out. And they're not actually reading the guidelines. Pre-Fair awareness emails need to be sent out by crews to volunteers and their SOs with camping guidelines and any other non-negotiable rules.
- If the Guidelines are passed as policy, who and why waive guidelines. Specifically this year bikes in the 8 were waived. On Thursday of fair I witnessed a person injured by a bike. Also it was very scary on foot as bikes whipped around. Some were electric bikes. Who waived the Board's policy?
  The week before this, service vehicle passes were relaxed. A former Board member told me it was to have less gators on the path. Not every bike rider was going to have a gator. This is faulty reasoning.
  Bikes increased the dust. I do not see why people can't walk, I guess I don't know who these people think they are. I have also witnessed the waiving of dogs on site in the first few days of June and the last few days of August. This is disrespectful of the Board's policies and of the people who follow the guidelines.
- Guidelines
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  Had a couple of interactions with people that shows that there's some work to do getting people to read the Guidelines:

  o Asked someone in a nearby camp to turn off their amplified recorded music. While they did it, they seemed to think that the Guidelines had changed to allow it.

  o Similar interaction with someone going into the Fair carrying a loud speaker.

  o Really happy that this got addressed in the Guidelines before it became a problem - asked someone running a generator in camp in Dahinda's to turn it off. They had no idea that it was against the Guidelines.

Hospitality

- On the same theme above re: lowering food cost for staff, perhaps we could expand hospitality hours so staff who are up working late night/early mornings can also have a chance to eat the delicious food they generously offer from 12-5.
- Hospitality food was excellent and there were some great bands, and I had a wonderful fair except for these points
- Main camp hospitality food is delicious!

Ice

- Reefer storage. Smaller each year. Is that safe?
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Info

- Could we organize something for solo fair attendees? I don't know what yet but something maybe it would connect us a little better.

IT

- Our biggest concern was the internet connectivity for making sales. It was non existent until Saturday afternoon. I heard a few reasons. Only one “cow” (from T mobile) on the property, an IT team member who was a slacker about making proper arrangements. I only had a password for one vendor Wi-Fi, and it was often overloaded, or not working at all, even after Saturday afternoon. Fortunately we used paper slips for many visa sales, and most have gone thru….but for vendors with very high ticket items this may have been too risky; it has always been a trust issue to take payments that way.
  I am sure fair management knows quite well how important economically OCF is to many of the artists, and not having this part of infrastructure together was a huge faux pas. Who ever is The Person or Team to make it happen should be a PAID job, not a flimsy one-day-a-week volunteer. I also heard that in the general Suttle Road and Veneta community the Wi-Fi access is not great, if available at all, and a big impact of that is poor to no access to 911, for medical and fire protection. I hear that OCF is able to donate huge amounts of money yearly to local community agencies and projects—why not help subsidize internet access for Veneta?
- Internet connectivity took a toll on our sales. We work so hard to have enough stock and then to have to turn away sales due to lack of connectivity is really challenging and concerning.
- Vendor Wi-Fi: I'm hopeful laying fiber cable this winter will help with vendor Wi-Fi. But many vendors (especially 1YO) are never told that vendor_net even exists. Improving communication around vendor Wi-Fi specifically, and really making the service robust, would help. If Verizon is refusing to bring a COW going forward vendors NEED to be able to make credit card transactions with Wi-Fi. There were a lot of confused upset vendors out there. If bandwidth is still super limited post-fiber installation, consider killing family net and staff net entirely and prioritizing vendor Wi-Fi and mission-critical event operations / admin internet.
- Wi-Fi connectivity for booths SUCKED. We camp with crafters and they were screwed. They pay money to have a booth and no access to internet is unacceptable. We stood in long lines to get cash
- Cell phones. I use Verizon and there was literally no service. I would check my phone throughout each day but there was never any service.
- Vendors. I hope they were able to navigate the lack of cell service. Great selection.
- As always the endless we are working on it internet problem. Year after year after year. Always the same for those of us on the outer side
- Harder better faster stronger Wi-Fi for sales please please please! This would be such a gift to food vendors and artisans alike.
- The phone/Wi-Fi service was sketchy. I needed it to stay in touch with family with health issues and for possible sales. Each Venmo sale took 10 minutes, and some just gave up. And I didn’t receive the call from gator crew!
- Wi-Fi Friday was bad. People should not use the internet to stream their music during business hours.
- Wi-Fi: Had a serious issue Thursday morning and walked up to the Wi-Fi place up past the Ritz for help. They were not able to get me connected either but did figure out there was an issue and started working on it. The person in the Wi-Fi room was great to work with so I’m sorry I don’t remember his name. We were able to get one iPhone connected for using one of our Squares Friday morning and Saturday and Sunday the connection was fast with all bars showing so great job getting that fixed. I was concerned a little that Apple was telling me there might be too many Channels on the router, and I heard non vendors saying they couldn’t even play their music on their devices which led me to be concerned that the vendors would not be able to do business because others were trying to use the Family site and it was interfering. But since everything worked out great Saturday and Sunday maybe that wasn’t the issue.
- No Verizon cell phone towers? No Wi-Fi in Xavanadu? Phone calls and texts already stopped working by the Tuesday before Fair, and on the Camping crew we need to talk to each other to site volunteers in the South Woods. We had to use QM's tinker bell to reach our camp hosts. Next year we're probably going to have to get 7 radios to do our jobs when a simple phone call or text thread would do.

JYD

- Took 2 trips down in mid and late June to get booth set up prior to Fair and arrived for the duration on Monday 7/6. Every interaction we had on arrival and getting to where we needed to be went smoothly and everyone had a great vibe. My truck was full on all three occasions and I was able to get a full load teddy with no hassle. Everyone understood what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go and facilitated that easily. Thank You!

Light Pollution

- The LED lights are getting out of hand. It's painful to walk around at night sometimes.
- The "Temu" LED lights were outta control. They get worse each year. Hippie Mace. Too bright. Unnecessary.
- Lights: Too many. Soft lights in the potties are nice, but there is way too much light everywhere. I like to see the stars at night.

Lot Crew

- I worry about the horses. I love having the horses around, and they add so much to the fair. Where they are sleeping though is still very loud: porta-potty doors slamming all throughout the night, and loud music at nearby camps. Maybe there can be something we can do to help give them a quieter space to relax and sleep at night.

LUMP

- Stewardship is a great set up at fair. We are looking good on paper - we can go beyond performative and get the crews committees and operations together to anchor the real work. We can “Walk our Talk “.
  Riparian restoration, reforesting food forage forest regenerative land management for flood zones. We know the water is moving through let’s work with it and cover our roots and ground with the plants that mend. Also conservation recreation grants are available and they can be tied to school district university to elementary school programing.
  Funds available to assist in restoration
  This could be a program like culture jam - stewardship camp field trip.
- There was way too much plastic purple flagging and signs about the oak tree saplings. It was like litter all over site. I hope someone is going around to pick up all that plastic flagging and stapled signs.
- Land stewardship: I was coordinator for the Green Earth Booth from '93 to '03, and returned in 2022 through Security. The largest difference I see is that now the focus appears to be the party, not the land. We are here because Jill promised our stewardship. I saw staff/booths pulling leaves and moss, climbing trees, and cutting vegetation without vegemanics. Worse, there was litter (empty cans and butts) along camping paths and trampled trilliums. This saddened me greatly.
- Stewardship of the land feels like it has taken a back seat to profit. The 8 is sooooo eroded from foot, water and vehicles. The tiny gravel was a pain to navigate anything with wheels.
  There used to be hay bales in the off season to help control the water erosion. As someone who spends a great deal of time on site in the off season, I would love to see some of this Stewardship come back. Grass was planted at one time, and it was amazing
  I believe that this is part of our dust problem. There is nothing to hold it in place / we just keep putting band aids on the problem.
- Have we considered a quick growing (native if possible) groundcover (clover?) for the grassy areas that are not growing back with the goal of reducing dust? This could reduce our water use as well and improve air quality for our volunteers and public.

Main Camp / JYD

- Pre-Fair Kitchen Crew did a great job this year. Good job, Fam.

MainCamp/PFK

- Please provide an opportunity for old kitchen / fire kitchen workers to connect to current kitchen crew workers to help them understand the nutritional balanced meal planning for masses. So much fresh veggies in this valley

and roasted or steamed veggies w meals is nourishing to hard working family getting the work done. Step up hydration and bring back 24/7 coffee and beverages. Easy to brew herbal concentrate to add to ice water for creating nourishing refreshing beverage's for masses. Again - not too much of expense.

- Food prices are astronomical. I know kitchen is open 12-5 but every time I came through there hungry, there were 100 people in line and I couldn't spend an hour waiting to eat. So thankful for kitchen/hospitality, obviously they are doing such good, hard work. Maybe someone making pb&js with a cookie in a bag just lined up for staff that don't need a hot meal, just something that isn't $18 to fill the void.
- PreFair hospitality was amazing!!

  I made 18 preFair working visits. The quality of the food is far beyond anything I expected in outdoor food service. I worked in kitchens at summer camps for decades. I've also seen what for-profit food service companies like OK's Cascade do for fire crews. PreFair hospitality food quality is top notch. While the foot traffic in line for service is inconvenient, the wait is usually worth it.
- 4th of July Food: A very tiny note but I loved the idea of giving pre fair kitchen the 4th off and bringing in a vendor. However, it was kind of a mess in execution. Dinner after 8 PM with small kids after a long day of work is hard on all of us. Consider aiming to start at 5 PM (early holiday dinners are great! And that means they might actually hit a 6 PM start) and tell them to limit the hell out of their options. One meaty one vegan some gluten free no choices. NO! CHOICES! only get through line ASAP. No chat only move! lol
- The salads from main camp kitchen were awesome! I really appreciated the meals and fresh veggies when on shifts
- This feedback is not near as important as the above. I'm just saying that the company that catered on July 4th at Main Camp wasn't good. They didn't get dinner out until 8pm and no body on my crew liked it (both options). One server was also really rude to someone when explaining that you could only choose one option. We were hungry so we ate it. I do appreciate that Main Camp Kitchen got the night off to celebrate so I guess I'd sacrifice a delicious Main Camp meal for it. Having a catered meal was a first for me, what a let down!
- Dear Kitchen--your food and tone are on point. Please apply some of your fantastic talents to serving food on time and reducing the food lines on weekends. Amongst you all, there must be some ideas...please--try them. the old ways are not working. much appreciation.
- Main Camp Kitchen was amazing! The food was delicious, the service prompt and kind, and it really made it possible for me to work onsite longer. I appreciate it so much!

Managment

- Require BUMS and board members to be familiar with and abide by the same principles for wise speech, conflict resolution, and meeting people where they are at that the rest of us have been encouraged to abide by. In recent years the way some folks at the top have engaged with fair family (crew leaders& volunteers) has been less than empathic (to say the least). The public discourse from board members attacking each other has resembled something I'd expect on Fox News - not OCF. Let's all try to do better. Perhaps a healing board retreat and/or training on nonviolent communication is in order?

Miscellaneous

- So our job this year on survey crew was to survey staff and specifically try to survey as many Booth reps as we could. My assigned shift was Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. I tried my best to locate as many Booth reps in my assigned area during that time, but since it was a very busy time with them talking to the public, it was hard to get them to fill out my survey. Their feedback that they wanted me to share was to ideally work either before or after public hours, if the goal is to survey booth reps.
- one last thing! please no countdown clocks!! i love the idea of opening up someone to eternally new time, but at night, at fair, i don't want to think about time at all!!

Mosquitoes

- Mosquitoes: There were hardly any mosquitoes. I thought it was because it was so dry, but I heard the the fair put up a bunch of bat boxes so maybe the bats also helped cut down on the mosquitoes.
- Did not miss the mosquitos- thanks for the bat boxes and/or sterilization or whatever you all did!

- Mosquitos were for once not a problem this year. Maybe it was caused by the dry year but if the bat boxes had anything to do with it, I say keep doing that.
- The bat boxes really made a difference with the mosquitos. THANK YOU!!!!

Motor Pool

- Gator and golf cart rentals
  In the last ten years we have more than tripled the amount of gator/ golf cart rentals..
  Yes, they can make things more convenient, however for most operation needs the gators are way overkill. They have all terrain tires that destroy our turf and almost all of them have exhaust pipes that point down stirring up the dust badly.
  Golf carts would suffice in almost every instance except for pulling carts around.
  Limiting the amount of gators and renting mostly golf carts would drastically help reduce wear on our property and create much less dust.
- I love that there seem to be less Gators moving through the fair during the day this year. I also appreciate any time you switch from gas powered to electric powered vehicles at the fair.
- I'd really think it would make sense to have an education program every year to educate people who are driving vehicles at the fair, especially gas powered ones that they need to be turned off when they're not in use. I saw many trucks that were just sitting around idling for long periods of time when people weren't going anywhere. This is a waste of gas ($) and also just increases the amount of pollution in the small area where there are thousands of people.
- Lots of fast moving gators on the Fair roads. Too many fast one wheels including in Chela Mela/Xavanadu; you don't hear them coming. I'd love to see a regular transit route on backroads which everyone can use.

Parking

- For the main parking lot, 90% of the Post-Op crew had no idea what was going on, cars were running out of gas in 90+ degree outside temperatures with little to no movement for hours, traffic was bottlenecking with multiple lines due to there being no adequate direction. Something was different this year than in the past. Kudos to the volunteers in the hot field that seemed incredibly frustrated with their lack of direction, yet they kept a great attitude with everyone.
- Hello there! I've been coming to the fair for 30 years, 15 years on the FARTS crew. This year the situation with the winery just seemed like another example of prioritizing the public and their money instead of taking care of the people who work for free to make this happen every year. I really think it should return to first come first serve parking and not the bizarre system they tried out this year. People were really frustrated and confused. We've also tried to work with the winery buses to coordinate and they are never receptive so we don't ever know what to tell people about that schedule or what have you.
- Perhaps clearer signage for temporary parking areas :)
- Parking rows in alter abled area need identifying letters, numbers. It's difficult to recall which row your car is in.
- Parking on Wednesday was weird. Taking everyone to the winery early from 4-10 did not work. The only route around it had us driving out to park after 10
- Elders should be allowed to park up close for the whole fair. We started this fair. We are getting old and we have every right to. Can you continue being here until we die. Make it easier for us. Many of us are handicapped, but many of us are just old and don't want to ride the shuttle way out to secret house. Come on please.
- One other thing. I got out to the OutaSite lot at 4:05 Wednesday. It was roughly half-full and we were directed to the winery lot. I asked the guy at that intersection what was going on. He had no information other than they were told to send us to the winery lot. Once out there and waiting for the shuttle, I did hear that they were told to send vehicles starting at 4:00 to the winery lot, but no other details. We learned later that it was to avoid people who arrived later having to walk in the dark from the winery lot. I understand the safety aspect, but again, communicating this to crew members so they can answer questions would be great. Thank you.
- I went to park my truck, from registration lot to long term parking, Thursday around 9pm. There were zero people directing traffic or letting us know where to park. I ended up speaking to another driver who was looking to park as well. We ended up finding a sign that said 'stickered vehicle only past this point'. It was in the lot right before 'out of sight'.

  When we came back on Monday to look for the car, it had gotten towed. I paid $100 to get it out of impounded lot.

The rear tailgate was also dented and scratched up.

I don't think it's Fair to have parked where the signs told me I could and then get towed, have to pay a fine and have my truck damaged.

Even if there were like 1 or 2 people on the road near registration letting folks know where to park , that would have helped avoid this situation.

Really not stoked on that situation.

Path Planning

- The rebuild of Snivel has damaged the flood plain. This is a reconstructed road. This violated county rules. I was told it was for dust, but a review of the 2025 feedback does not identify this area as a dust issue. The fields and 8 are identified. Was this treated because of who camps there?
- Front Door - lacks. Bus Zone to front doors is kind of ugly. Not very inviting. Redesign?

  New installations?

  We are trying to limit our cart drop offs to Wally's Way and what we call the Dragon Drop (out side the Dragon Plaza) so we are no longer driving or pulling carts through the public front door. For extra service needs we go discreetly. If carts and gators could be directed to avoid that area to could be so more pleasant and inviting.

Paths

- More path magic please!!! More performers hidden along the path at night and day. Bring back Axon Orchestra, maybe my best stumble up in the path moment...
- the roots on the paths make it difficult for parents and anyone hauling carts. more woodchips on paths to smooth the paths please.

Peach Pit

- A fairgoer suggested adding a crossword puzzle to the Peach Pit. I second this idea. I would also like to see individual maps distributed instead of including them in the Peach Pits. Many times fairgoers get a Peach Pit solely for the map and many just take the center map out and recycle the rest of the Peach Pit leading to a large amount of waste. If we were to replace the map with a crossword and print individual maps for folks we could reduce waste and also make the Peach Pit more engaging.
- Peach Pit
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  I thought that the Peach Pit was for public consumption. As such, I am very uncomfortable with the Community Village section on page 10 announcing the Om circle that happens before the gates open. Seems very inappropriate to tell the public that we have stuff going on to which they're not invited.

Pre-fair Kitchen

- Pre-Fair Kitchen knocked it out of the park this year. Mostly always delicious and on time. I appreciate all the time and effort it takes to cook for us. Kinda amazing all things considered. Hats off to the lady in the back who kept the dust down in front of main camp and down the path. I see you.

Pre-Post

- Knowing that the entrance to Bus Rd is lighter heading East, it was a bit disconcerting that the Pre-Post crew waved me past the entrance on Wednesday. Granted, I'm not familiar which turn it is and didn't have my turn signal on. (unlike entering Aero) Fortunately, I was able to turn around in a neighbor's driveway and a kind fairy allowed me entrance after a brief wait. Pre-Post crew should be mindful of travelers from the West. And, perhaps we could have a sign on the road saying, "Fair entrance, next right."
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QM

- Interactions with QM regarding food/meals/kitchen were consistently rude. Kitchen saved the day every time and thankfully had proof of communications that QM said never happened however the behavior from
  The folks on the phone in these situations made chaos out of nothing.

Recycling

- The garbage/recycle was much better this year!!! It was rare to see overflowing bins.
- This year it seemed like trash was constantly overflowing sitewide. I'm not sure what happened but this was not a good scene.
- Garbage/recycling: should be Monday at gate close or Tuesday morning or a set time after most camps have disassembled.
- Showers were down almost all day Friday in far side camping.
- Recycling did a great job, as always and I am so thankful for the crew. Keep it up!!!
- The trash and compost were overflowing at a lot of stations during fair this year. I'm sure that's a huge job but I haven't noticed it as bad as this year
- Keep looking for ways to promote less landfill
- I slept better this year, however, I really missed the morning recycling crew music blaring through fair. Another hallmark of fair. Bring it back please. Ill sleep next week.
- One of the hardest jobs, I think, is working on the Recycling crew. They did a great job, directing people in sorting through their waste, recycling, and trash. Again, always being positive and cheerful while dealing with people. And I always look forward to hearing the Recycling truck in the morning changing the barrels.
- Recycling crew rocks! THANK YOU! OCF family take your trash home or at least separate it correctly.
- Recycling - In Oregon, Tetra Paks and other food and beverage cartons are accepted for recycling, following the statewide Recycling Modernization Act. Folks can place them directly in mixed curbside recycling or drop them off locally.
  I was surprised that booths were instructed via recycling signs handed out by recycling crew to put these in the garbage. I'd like to see this change in the future to decrease the amount of waste that Fair creates.
- In our booth we use many tetra-pac containers (for oat/soy milk, etc). The city of Eugene recycles these, but at OCF the recycle crew does not recycle them. It would be awesome if OCF could start recycling them, which would further align Fair with its goals of sustainability.
- Recycling: Thank you recycling crew. You are awesome!

Registration

- Registration was noticeably, incredibly, wonderfully WAY BETTER this year!! We made it through in less than an hour (in comparison to two plus hours in previous years). Good job OCF!!
- Databases are helpful tools, but they operate in a way that eliminates opportunities for human interaction. Efficiency is great for some things, but too much digitization and paperlessness means that we miss out on chances to work together and solve a problem on a human scale. When a paper system has a hiccup, we touch paper together to find an answer. When a digital system has a hiccup, we sit alone with screens. I hope the fair abandons its goal of paperless registration.
- This year at fair our survey was getting feedback from booth reps and crew coordinators. I didn't personally survey any crew coordinators, but I did survey many booth reps and there was a common theme of Booth folks get the short end of the stick, Booth folks are not respected and not valued at the fair. Some common complaints were extremely long- 2.5 hour registration lines in the hot sun, similarly long lines for having to pay cash line.
- Registration went very quickly and smoothly for me and my team. Could registration be available pre Fair in Eugene so people who want to avoid the lines on Wednesday can get banded without driving to the site and potentially adding to the growing pre Fair population?
- A different Booth rep had this feedback to share, they waited in the pay cash line for 2.5 hours. They noticed that the volunteer working the cash line took 5 minute breaks between each customer that they were helping. Their feedback was maybe figure out a different way for the volunteer to get a break during their shift.

Ritz

- Hi there, thanks for asking. I think one of my highest interests is seeing the Ritz electrified. I've come away from the weekend with a very sore throat. That is often from singing, but wood smoke is just not really our friend and we should be doing everything in our power to transitioning the Ritz from a wood fired entity to an electrified one. I've been doing some research on this and I will write up an article with my findings. But I would really like it if someone more closely associated with the Ritz would encourage this discussion internally.
- MORE WOMEN'S HOURS IN THE SAUNA!!!!! Because of the patriarchy.
- We paid $30 for a Ritz on Sunday and had to stand in a line for showers because half of them were shut down. 0 communication on what was happening and if we would like to continue with paying for the experience of being hounded by a line of cold hippies who wanted a shower.
- Is it true that the Ritz doesn't incorporate solar power to heat water? The carbon footprint could be reduced by passive solar as well as panels. Of all places, Fair is the absolute best place to incorporate renewables. Maybe there is already a collaboration between Energy Park and Ritz, but if not please encourage!!!
- Hello Fair!

  In all seriousness, I read a thread online concerning wood smoke from the Ritz and I might have a valuable comment. If I remember correctly the suggestion was to electrify. I have some experience with, and hope someone can please inform the minds who may or may not be into reducing smoke emission from the Ritz boiler, to consider a rocket stove retrofit instead of electric. A proper rocket stove would use a fraction of the current wood use and almost eliminate smoke from the fire. Correctly built stoves produce mostly steam and very little ash. All of the materials needed to build it probably already exist on site. Hoping to have helped, thanks for all you do!
- LOVED the increased security measures at the Ritz!!! Thank you all for taking that seriously.
- Would love to have a 2nd women's hour during the weekend at the Ritz.
- The Ritz - I had issues multiple times with insufficient heat in the showers during pre-fair. I found it pretty shitty to be filthy and in need of a hot shower, only to get a tepid, barely warm experience that left me cold and shivery while trying to get clean. There are other showers available on site, but The Ritz is the only spot to bathe that is scheduled to be cleaned during pre-fair.

  During the event the issue was just the opposite and you would get blasted with scalding water. This water was well above the safe heat zone. Too hot to be comfortable let alone safe. I could immediately move out of the way and turn the water off, a slow moving senior or a child might not be able to do such a thing and avoid injury. This kind of temperature flux should never happen. The Ritz needs to work on their Mixing Valve to assure scalding water does not enter their distribution systems and burn people.
- I know the Ritz is private run and not OCF but I'll give the same feedback I have for past few years. It's too crowded at night. Lines are long because they are booking bands that should be on stages not the ritz. And it's gross once inside with no space to move or use the saunas or showers. I miss being able to visit the Ritz at night
- PLEASEEEE ?????? have women's hour at least once a day!! I went on Friday for the first time ever, and for many women there, they only ever go during women's hour. When I arrived, 30 minutes early, there was already a significant line. It would be such a gift to women to have more access to safe sauna like this. It would be incredible if there was one during public hours, as well as one in the evening, each and every day. When I told my friends about my experience there and how beautiful it was, so many wanted to go, but since it was only on Friday, I told them they would have to wait till next year. It would be so so sweet to have more of these !!!
- More days with women's hours at Ritz
- Incorporate BIPOC hours at the Ritz
- This one is for the Ritz: whoever was working at the private showers on Saturday around 2:30am(?) was very good at their job! I don't think I've ever received such a thorough (yet concise) explanation of where to put things, etc. (I wish I'd heard it the first time I went years ago!) They also did a great job giving timing reminders in a kind way. (At least, it felt that way to me!) I just wanted to give this person a shout out because I know it's probably not easy to communicate all the info & hold folks accountable to safety rules & such, and I appreciated their diligence & kindness while doing it!
- I would like to be able to dispose of my hair at the Ritz, currently the only solution is just letting it drop onto the ground (yuck for everybody!)
- More women's/femmes hours at the Ritz! To be clear, this needs to include trans women and non-binary folks assigned female at birth. At least once per day.

- BIPOC hour at the Ritz! Offered daily.

Safety

- You all get a zero for safety my mother sat for two hours pouring sweat while the young creeps cut up laughing and then allowed others from the other side that had hardly any traffic build up keep going through and I called to express my concerns only to be gaslit and told I was being rude while they where the one actually being rude by dismissing my concerns as like this happens every year not allowing me to express my concerns of what happened or allow me talk about what happened while talking over me telling me their going to hang up if I don't calm down and stop yelling while she was talking over me I still never got to express my concerns
- Is it possible to have an area at the fair where drugs can be tested? Saw several scary overdose situations, maybe a drug testing area somewhere hidden would work?
- Every year I learn more and more of the massive amount of work that goes into fair. It is just so incredible and I am so grateful to experience the magic.

Sanitation

- Stilt walkers are not readily accommodated by the porta potties.
  We need to have stilt-walker accessible Porta-Jons!
- The portable toilets were in bad shape for a big chick of pre fair and during fair. When they were cleaned toilet paper was sprayed down and some toilet paper doesn't have holders and was found on floor and other places that weren't hygienic. This was the grossest year ever. This new company did not do the fair justice and all I heard from people throughout the fair was talking about the terrible quality of bathrooms and the lack of hygiene due to lack of soap and washing stations.
- Hand washing stations weren't functioning well. Many didn't have soap or water working or portable ones near Ritz weren't filled. Very disappointing and unhygienic.
- I wonder why there aren't men's porta potty urinals this year. They are quick and handy for the men who just have to pee, and make the lines shorter for women who are waiting for vacant porta potties.
- The porta potties this year were often out of soap and hand sanitizer at the same time. In past years OCF has been very on top of maintaining their porta potties and providing sanitation so I was worried about the state of the ports potties this year and was wondering OCF if using a new service or has switched something in their sanitation plan.
- Better stocked toilets in the public areas during the day. There were shortages of toilet paper & soap, though I do think it was better than last year.
- Sanitation - week before fair - must have substantial hand wash station at each porta potty site - no water is no good - huge risk in setting of this many people. Cleaning is a constant must do daily - multiple times as much as needed a spray them down!
- I camp in Piggy's ADA. This morning Monday the 13th they were removing the porta pots before 1030 am! Everyone had just finished coffee and there was no bathroom! Please extend the pick up time of the portal pots on Monday to mid afternoon.
- I'm not sure how many ways for how many years we have to say this, but the bathroom situation must improve. The budget committee and every board member has got to take this more seriously. The condition of the portapotties at Ho Road and in Piggies was absolutely disgusting, no toilet paper too often, trash and god knows what else on still on the floor right after the crew came but to "clean" them, no soap or hand sanitizer, I watched an OCF crew member remove the soap dispenser from the Ho Road pack at 8am Monday morning while we were still all there using the bathroom. She said it was they didn't float away over the winter, fine, but couldn't that be Decon's job? It's so gross and disrespectful to people who volunteer so many hours, pay money to be there, and then year after year management keeps letting the situation cross the line of a public health hazard. It has to get better. I've been to festivals where sanitation was a priority so I know it's possible. It's just got to be an actual item that the board evaluates the ED on effectively addressing, because it has not gotten better after years of complaints. It's THE complaint most common. Now make the budget match the severity of the issue, and hold management accountable for fixing it. This is why membership feels like the ED and the board don't listen to membership. How many years do you have to hear us beg to address it?
- The toilet situation for the volunteers is completely inadequate to provide a safe and sanitary place for us to fulfill our basic needs. Please do better, like… much better we would appreciate it more than most things.

- Insufficient sanitation. Not enough soap, water, TP both within the fair and at camp. Especially bad Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning and Monday. Inside fair sanitation was especially terrible at night.
- The porta potty's were noticeably worse. Really bad. Very concerning. Unstable stalls that I were afraid would tip over. Toilet paper shortages and toilet paper they wasn't stocked in a stable way so it fell onto the dirty floor. Stalls that were not cleaned properly.
  Services that were after 9am instead of the historical 7am.
  OCF always did a palpably better job than other festivals and this year it was a disaster and a major hygiene issue. I'm hoping you can contact with someone else next year. Yikes!
- This year the porta potties were fairly terrible. Toilet paper was constantly out. They were not cleaned really at all. Just sprayed with a little water from time to time which usually ended up soaking the toilet paper. Hand wash stations were either not functioning, out of water, and usually had no soap. The porta potties themselves almost never had sanitizer. It was definitely a hygiene problem. I have often discussed in the past what a great job the fair does with porta potties. This year was definitely an exception.
- I'm just concerned that with the thousands of people that volunteer and come to enjoy the fair, we should have better sanitation. I'm surprised we haven't had an outbreak of some kind .I guess like me who brings my own soap and water to wash my hands after last years disgusting porta pottys we all need to be proactive to protect our selves.Too bad for the public visitors.
- Thank you for increased bathroom cleaning/ servicing. Noticed markedly cleaner bathroom stalls in Marshalls Landing this year.
- Handwashing stations were out of soap at several locations like near kitchen camp and In Wally's way by the Childcare. And not just once but many times.
- - run site wide porto survey by recording porto cleanliness on Likert scale, exact sampling method tbd based on scale of project
  - 0 sparkly fresh clean potty
  - 1 Empty but not especially clean OR clean and very lightly used
  - 2 TP and other porto contents are below blue liquid line and free of offensive odors, TP is still well stocked
  - 3 still okay amount of TP, definitely used, not urgent
  - 4 some odor or very mild issue with cleanliness, pile growing slightly but well below lid, needs cleaning at this point, but still usable
  - 5 gross, tall pile, still below rim, TP supply dangerously low
  - 6 pile is to rim, tp is out, or other offensive messes
- Soap: Lots of "not my problem" energy going on around soap this year, sad to see. Could we go back to Oregon Soap Company soap for OCF sinks? Gentle on hands, foaming soap easy to dilute and lasts longer. Gentle on planet, good way to support local business with soap that needs less water to get off hands. Clean hands with stocked facilities make for way better fair experience
- Maybe publish porto cleaning route on .net site or otherwise invest in information campaign to set expectations around Porto cleaning for fairgoers and staff, strengthen potty triage system
- The Porta potties down by Main camp kitchen across the bridge there by the entrance. There was no water for quite some time. The sink wasn't even installed. That's a health hazard. You cannot have porta potties open without places for people to wash their hands. Also on Monday morning, The urinals in front of the main camp kitchen. They took the toilet paper away. People are still there packing up their stuff and they also turned the water off. That is a health hazard so that was very disappointing.
- Pre fair portapotties- No soap or water or hand sanitizer at any I visited from Monday until Friday morning. Unsanitary, I'm shocked more people didn't get sick. Did the contract w United include soap, water, hand sanitizer prior to Friday morning? How can we keep our crews safe and available to work without this essential thing?
- Porta Potties - United Staff was great and polite however, the porta potties were not serviced enough and/or there were not enough of them, unacceptable, no water in the sinks MOST of the weekend?! If I was a member of the public, I would not attend this event because of this issue
- Pit toilets at Politics Park and Community Village - amazing! Only place I use the facilities if it's an option. Sanitation Crew was amazing, always had TP, seats were never gross, super friendly doing a dirty job! I realize these pose their own environmental issues, but there has to be a way to make these stay and even expand their use somehow. If Politics Park turns into PortaPotty Park, there will be 500 campers listening to slamming doors 24/7 AND will have a sanitation truck running through camp 2x a day for subpar facilities?!? Please think big picture about this before making any final decisions.

- Porta potties - we were short porta potties in the far side of Farside and it caused us to run out of toilet paper hours before they would be serviced again, also they were only serviced once in Wednesday and Thursday and the Farside is 80-90% full by Wednesday night so they really need to be serviced twice a day. The Farside is full of crews who work Thursday
- Shady Grove 6 Pack: It seems like it maybe didn't get pumped out during the event, and it was open pretty early. By Monday morning it was kind of a hazardous situation. Would love to see a pump truck run during the event there. Also the new signage on the 6 pack doors advising people to knock instead of pulling was attractive and effective.
- Back Lot/Middle Parking Portapotties on Monday. They took the portapotties away from the back-lot early in the day on Monday, which left a thousand people with only half a dozen toilets (which had not been serviced as of the time the rest of the potties were taken away). This was a bad mistake and should be remedied in future years.
- Porta potties need emptied at least 3 times a day at min 4-5 would be ideal on a consistent schedule. Cleaned and restocked during those times as well. It was not as bad as two years ago but it no where near the standard we are use to. Board-line unsanitary. I know money can be tight but this should be priory number one.
- Hand wash stations need refilled and restocked on a regular basis.
- Hand wash stations at the reefers also should be a priority to be refilled. It's important we all have clean hands when going in and out.
- The Community Village six packs were constantly out of soap. Multiple times a day. Our sink was leaking badly. I did hear this will be addressed next year. I do like the general design of the sink with rows of low facets. I went to the six packs near the library, those are lovely. I like their wood handles. They seemed cleaner than ours. But their sink was not great, particularly for children. It was really high and hard to reach. Having a childcare booth next to the community village bathrooms it has been nice having a sink that is more easily reached by littles. I still would love a stall with a lower toilet for the kiddos. When we take them to the bathroom, we have to basically hold them up over this giant toilet, which can be very scary for them. I'd love one that is closer to the ground and we could add a kids toilet seat to make the hole smaller. I also have a couple of short friends who have a hard time with their legs dangling down.
- I had someone camping with me who was new to the fair. They do go to burning man. They left hoarse corral to go find a bathroom and were lost for quite a while. When they returned, they brought up the fact that there's no real signage or beacons to point out where bathrooms are. I guess at burning man there's like a big blue light or something that guides people to them. That's obviously very different since there's not trees and Obstructions. But I realized our bathrooms are kind of hidden. Which I like that they're out of sight, but there's not a lot of signage that I see pointing them out. And definitely not at all at night. You very much just have to know where they are, or if you're there for the day constantly check your map. Maybe some lit up bathroom signs or signs pointing the directions to bathrooms from little further away might be helpful. Particularly when you're in Xavanadu or Chela mela.
- Taking the porta potties first thing Monday morning was really rude. I wouldn't be surprised if there are a few 'consequences' left behind as the coffee hour caught up with many just to find there was no place to go!
- Here to add another comment about the bathrooms! I'm sure it isn't easy, but there absolutely must be a better way to have the portapotties kept sanitary at Fair. I've been for several years and it has gotten progressively worse. This year it was so bad that I couldn't in good conscience tell my older family members to come visit fair during public hours. It seems like a real health problem at this point!
  Suggestion - if it is just not feasible due to the hours and locations of the porta potty workers to clean more often, can we add a volunteer bathroom crew that does small cleanings in between when the workers come to pump? The volunteers could (wearing appropriate PPE of course) do a general wipe down, restock toilet paper, ensure hand sanitizer for when the water is out?
  Thanks!
- Hi. Sorry to say-year 3 of terrible portapotties. The Fair really needs to do something!! We have given United a fair chance but the quality of service is nowhere near Honey Bucket quality. Several times the portapotties were "cresting" at the Y of Chickadee and Snivel. Water was almost always out for handwashing and no toilet paper was the common occurrence. PLEASE OCF move on from United-spend the extra $ to bring Honey Bucket back!!!!
- Bathrooms/porta potties awful this year and possibly a human health hazard. More cleanings need to happen early in day like in previous years. This is the first year that multiple times in later day I came across sinks with either no water or soap. Tp on floor or none at all. Please consider another porta potty vendor next year
- There were one or two days there where the porta potties in crafts lot and near the pavilion were downright disgusting and the mud horrible. Could always be improved.

- The hand washing stations at multiple bathrooms ran out of soap and water Saturday and were never refilled.
- Can we develop a five year plan to do away with plastic, toxic chemical portal potties and move toward 100% self composting toilets?
- the recycling spots and porta potties in the morning are grotesque testaments to waste and thoughtless behavior. the heart of fair's cognitive dissonance on display. the extensive surround of automobiles, and hundreds of people engaged in managing that is the other aspect of that dissonance with original impulse for Fair. both those eat at fire's capacity to feed the good it hopes for. every year post Fair(now until June?) i weigh my personal costs of those things with the benefits(both for myself and for my biggest understanding of the community and for the sustenance of the underlying values of the fair's impulse. This year the costs outweigh the benefits in several important categories- maybe for the first time; it has been close before but it wasn't that this year.
- This is the 3rd year in a row I've have reached out about sanitation at fair. In my opinion the least the fair can do is to make sure people have access to bathrooms that are cleaned regularly, stocked regularly and have soap and water to wash hands. It's absolutely disgusting that the porta-pots get filled to the top, run out of tp and the handwashing stations do not have soap or water. I've been to other festivals where they have someone attending to the porta-pots. Could we have a sanitation crew that fills tp, soap and notifies United to let them know when they need pump? We need to do better.
- United Site Services is getting marginally better.

  The number of unusable sani-cans and hand wash stations I observed actually seemed to decrease as Fair went on. Thursday night was bad at the Wally's Way location. And I witnessed some vandalism there on Saturday. The United employee on hand-wash assignment said he didn't have a radio to contact anyone doing porta potty service.

  I know sanitation has been a tumultuous thing over the last few years. I hope the small improvements I saw turn into big ones.
- Staff Handwashing stations had no soap or water Wednesday or Thursday morning, as well as running out during the day.
- Porta potty pee troughs were missed.
- Something must be done about sanitation in and around porta potties. The potties across from entertainment camp were just gross all weekend, and especially Thursday AM. No toilet paper, feces and paper high enough to wonder if you'll sit on it! Handwashing stations without water, soap and paper towels.
- Sanitation was extremely frustrating this year, and has been every single year since we came back from covid.
  I camp in Marshall's landing and our toilets are along the main path by Wrens Nest. Used by many, many people every day.
  We didn't have handwashing set up for over 2 weeks. Then, we had water but no soap. The sanitizer in the pots themselves were always empty.
  My wife and I brought our own soap and sanitizer because we have completely lost trust in the organization to care for this basic need. This is the first time since covid we have left illness free, with no help from this organization.
- The toilet situation was abysmal this year. More toilets, less pumping? That's the strategy that seemed to be employed.
  Disgusting and disheartening. At one point every single toilet in Marshall's landing was near overflow/out of toilet paper / or otherwise unfit for use.

  I have donated my time for the past 10 years, this year I stepped into a new leadership roll and I can't help but feel like this organization does not care about its volunteers.
  It's the volunteers who make this thing happen, and we deserve better.
- The new handwork stations are lovely, however they often ran out of soap and paper towels.
- The hippies are always messing up the toilet paper situation. So often I found rolls of TP on the floor of the pots. This is so unsanitary, as well as wasteful, and I would love to see the bars and pins replaced so this doesn't occur.

- Sanitation was good during early pre fair. After the 4th of July it was bad. Portapotties were not pumped between July 2nd and the 6th. Thursday before fair was even worse. I could not find a combination of soap and water anywhere besides Main Stage. Sinks by the urinals by youth stage were not hooked up until late Friday afternoon, non of the ports had hand sanitizer. The large row of bathrooms by dance pavilion had no sink at all on Thursday, and by Friday one tiny sink for about 40 bathrooms. There was no way to report sanitary conditions. I was told at fair central at 8pm there was no way to replace soap until the morning and the volunteer did not write anything down about which station had no soap. The gallons of pump soap did not last long, people used a huge pump. The only reason Marshalls landing had soap was because our camp found a box of foaming soap and were replacing it ourselves. It lasted much longer than the gallon pumps.
- The portapotties were a travesty. Absolutely disgusting and completely unusable on Saturday night. Plan better, do better.
- The Porto potties in Farside were not loaded with soap until Thursday and were often without TP. On the 8 there was numerous times I attempted to use a toilet and they would be overflowing with waste.
- United wasn't the best at making sure there was more water in hand washing stations, especially in the south woods. Please can we get a contract with honey pot again. They do such a good job in many years before
- The portas were disgusting all weekend. The portas at Wallys Way were only half open on Thursday night (the other half were locked) and most didn't have TP. The toilet paper rolls were put on sticks and got wet during cleaning. Cleaning once a day, only for the public, is not enough. These are restrooms near the playground. I can't imagine how the kids deal with it. One of the kids in our camp was sick with diarrhea and had to go to White Bird, possibly from poor sanitation. The portas will be what eventually break me and cause me to stop coming to Fair.
- The toilet situation was absolutely horrible this year, just a shade better than the first year United got the contract, way worse than last year (which had shown improvement.). Prior to United, the toilets on Chickadee were serviced early in the morning, usually by 6am or somewhere in there, and then throughout the day. This year they were not yet serviced at all by 10:30am when I left camp, and they were already full the nights before. They were overflowing, with no toilet paper. Also, we have a sink at the Upper Refer and require that food vendors wash their hands before entering the walk in, but we were out of water a couple of times, for hours, and could not get serviced. At 2:30pm on Saturday, I used the toilets near the bridge by the fair entrance, and they too were overflowing without toilet paper. I went to Odyssey to let them know but I'm not sure how long it took to get this dealt with. This is a public health hazard. All I could think about were the food vendors who were using those toilets, without toilet paper, and then touching food. Of all the things fair deals with, except for perhaps fire hazard, the toilets and sanitation should be the absolute highest priority. I get that sometimes the crowd is just so dense it's hard to service some of the toilets. But there is no excuse for Chickadee where they can drive right up, anytime. Or the front toilets which have easy access. This was another epic fail by United, which has now happened in 2 of the 3 years they've been under contract. I called Fair Central from our new Tinkerbell phone at Upper Reefer to request the hand wash station be filled ASAP, on Friday mid morning. When I called, the woman I spoke with asked if this was a water crew issue or a United issue. When I said it was a United issue, she said "We're having a United crises this morning." It was only Friday morning. Saturday and Sunday weren't much better.
- Sanitation was a huge issue this year. I have volunteering for 13 years. Never have I seen it so disgusting and unsafe for people to use. There is no reason for the toilets to be overflowing or for them to not be cleaned every 5 hours. The health and safety of the workers should be #1 priority. People can and will get sick from how gross and dirty and unclean all bathrooms were and how hand washing stations ran out of water so you couldn't wash your hands. Again extremely unsafe and very gross. Bathroom service needs to be going the moment you start having people on site on Wednesday. I really hope next year is 100000000000 times better and that it gets figured out. Too many people, too many children, for it to be so unsanitary and unsafe for human usage
- We need to improve the porta potty scene! At the very least soap, water, TP and more frequent cleaning, etc.
- The porto-potties in Farside were kept really nice and clean for the most part! But very often had no supplies inside them.

  I never found a porto-potty in Farside that had not had it's internal hand sanitizer container removed. Combined with no handwashing water at all in the sinks on Thursday this was pretty icky. If the company can't provide handwashing until a specific time during fair, there should be notices posted that folks need to come to the bathrooms with their own supplies.
- Portapotties running out of tp was extremely unhygienic. If its going to be silk thin, please make sure there's plenty of it!

- Handwashing outside of portapotties, specially outside the ritz, the water wasn't hooked up. Again horribly unhygienic.
- Locking/removing portapotties around 10am from Miss Piggies was inhumane.
- The Toilets: I know everyone has said "the toilets" but.... the toilets :(One data point: Our small bank on the Hub / Snivel-Smile split in Marshall's did not have soap or water in the hand washing station even once between pre-crunch week Thursday 7/2 and event Saturday. Sunday night was the first time soap or water ever worked there. I am very concerned that the sanitation issues could cause a serious illness outbreak, and I genuinely fear for fair liability given the track record of complaints and logged issues. I know that porto rental and service is heart-stopping expensive, and I recognize that I'm not making those hard budget decisions. But from a liability and event management perspective, it feels preferable to cut every possible corner before compromising on the Big Three: Sanitation, emergency response infrastructure, and water. I also think every porta-potty and every hand wash station needs to have permanent ROBUST signage of who to contact when (pre fair, during, after etc.) about servicing, soap, water, and hand sanitizer. Regular folks I talked to had no idea they could report outages; the attitude seemed to be basically hopeless despair. (Not great!!) I also know that hand sanitizer is less effective than full soap washing but god it sure is better than the nothing we had.
- I didn't bring bar soap to share after realizing the error of my ways. However, there were several times over the weekend when soap was empty. I would love to help with this. Suggestions?
- My daughter loved felted arts and crafts up by the ritz. The portapotty smell was intense in there.
- As always y'all did a great job! My one criticism is that often the Shady Grove porta potty sink had no soap and thus i saw folks not washing their hands properly.
- Porta-potties were hit or miss. At least they weren't removed from SCOF lot early. Hand washing was iffy with no soap. Occas sanitizer was available
- Porto potties - the strategy of just opening the door and spraying solution in is not cutting it. By Saturday I actually stopped using them all together because of how many had mold (not dirt, it was black) growing on the inside by the doors. Super gross and not healthy. There was never any toilet paper, water, or soap/hand sanitizer.
- SANITATION!! We have a new very bad virus and need better service in the porta potty zone. It is bad enough that folks do not close the lids and we do not need to add to that with poor sanitation stations. Not enough soap and water in Wally World is keeping folks from coming to fair and taking sick children home. PLEASE keep soap and water available in kid packed places, as well as a water barrel to keep dust at a minimum level.
- Sanitation !!! (I have worked with porta potti vendors. Honey Bucket did a good job. United, yuck). We need to spend more time and money making it better, way better.
- Bathroom maintenance during the fair is horrible. The toilets by the ritz were out of TP on THURSDAY!!!!?!?! Makes using the facility in this area fraught with PERIL. Why are the bathrooms that bad? We can do better.
- SANITATION! SANITATION!! SANITATION!!!

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  - We need to figure this out. At Saturday market there are separate potties for food vendors. Get with the program OCF. This is disgusting and I hear over and over from so many who will NOT ATTEND BECAUSE OF THIS ISSUE. Only food vendors have the keys. Place them by other potties or ?
- SANITATION! SANITATION!! SANITATION!!!

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  Maybe there needs to be a cap on how many people come it just seems like the only thing OCU board cares about now is money. I hate to say cause I've been going to the fair for 42 years since I was in my mom's belly, but the country fair has really lost its magic. It never used to be like this now it just feels like a cash grab, get away with the bare minimum and make the rich richer. Not fair spirit booooooooooooo

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  Everyone here needs to fill out the feedback form. Piggy's lot was full of feces on the floor and seats this morning. I feel that a huge component is that there are WAY too many (and more than ever) people crammed into the camping spaces and too many people makes it hard for a once-a-day service to be sufficient. And people are up 24/7 using facilities

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  There are too many of us!! All the crews need to harden their hearts and tighten their staffing, the board needs to implement a no growth policy. It's hard to stomach, but we are the biggest cost. If we don't was services cut, we need to cut our numbers

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OCF is a family affair,
We need to protect
Our children????

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I want to share some honest feedback about my experience as a crew member this year.
The toilet paper provided was extremely poor quality. It often took nearly half a roll just to properly clean yourself after using the restroom. This was only my third year as a crew member, and I brought my 12-year-old child with me this year. She was very uncomfortable using the portable toilets because many of them were dirty and felt unsanitary.
The workers cleaning the portable toilets near the Ritz often appeared frustrated and seemed annoyed while doing their jobs. In my opinion, the toilets need to be thoroughly cleaned every three to five hours to keep them reasonably sanitary, especially with the number of people using them.
I also want to know what happened to the handwashing sink near the Ritz and the portable toilets. It worked for a few days before the Fair, but then stopped working. The mobile handwashing stations were also frequently out of water. Access to working handwashing facilities should be a basic priority, especially around heavily used portable toilets.
Unfortunately, the Ritz has also lost my business going forward. My partner and I took a shower together, and he finished before me. I told him he could leave and wait outside while I finished. It was his first time at the Ritz, and he accidentally went the wrong way while trying to exit. Because I still had all of our shower supplies in the stall, he was not carrying anything that showed he had just showered. Staff accused him of sneaking in to look at people who were undressed, kicked him out, and treated him very poorly. It was an honest mistake, and the situation could have been handled with basic respect and communication.
I was also told by a longtime Fair crew member that the Ritz operates for profit. Whether or not that is accurate, the treatment my partner received was unacceptable.
I also question where OCF funds are going when basic sanitation needs, such as clean toilets, toilet paper, water, and handwashing stations, are not being properly maintained. Crew members put in long, difficult hours to make the Fair possible, yet many people feel that their basic needs are not being taken care of.

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Glastonbury Festival does compost toilets with sawdust and it works great. That place is many times the size of fair
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The new company really dropped the ball. They would clean a toilet and only leave one roll of paper. So many times there was no paper to a less than half full toilet. Worst ever
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I think the company did a piss-poor job, maintenance-wise, with one service a day, and an inadequate supply of paper, not too cool. But I ask myself, what level of service did our contract specify? Did we get what we paid for, or perhaps, just what we paid for? Inquiring minds want to know
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Additionally, not a single porta potty I went into had hand sanitizer. Not even the cleanest ones way out in the parking lot. There was no way to even wash your hands at the ones by the Ritz because the water was off. Totally gross.

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Sounds like United was really hit or miss and a lot of people's experiences varied greatly. I was pleasantly surprised Monday morning that the porta potties weren't stacked all the way up to the seat. 10/10 there. The toilet paper quality: holy cow. You could see right through it. There's single ply, and then there's whatever the heck that was.
My most disconcerting experience was going into a buck that was fairly recently cleaned and getting hit with an overpowering, absolutely flooring blast of ammonia. The blue liquid level was quite low and obviously not enough to make a dent in the urine-generated ammonia situation.
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It wasn't just one line one morning.
Things has been unreasonable at best since whoever pissed off whoever between fair & honey bucket. IT IS

DISGUSTING.
All weekend I was curious why that isn't an issue to OSHA
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Also of note… the number of porta potties by the Ritz was greatly reduced the year things changed. Has never recovered. There also used to be a big community urinal porta potty the guys called "the trough"
The Time Sink was also out of order this year, so hand washing was not happening for many. That blew my mind.
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Been working at White Bird 28 years. Potties were TERRIBLE this year. No TP, no sanitizer, even on Friday morning!! Terrible company - go back to Honey Bucket!
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They took all the porta potty's from the south woods at 11 am on Monday- with 500 people trying to pack out.
South woods usually not very full- kept having stray campers relocated there-
It went from 100 to 500 human bodies- and they never addressed porta potty's for those people- and they took them at 11 am on Monday.
Thats not how you treat your hard working volunteers. It's disgusting.

-A true leader steps up and takes responsibility for things no matter who or what is the cause.
Maybe it is time to change leadership from profit back to family values.
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Every food booth should have a separate potty that is not used by the public.

Time to listen to the folks making your profits for you at the cost of their health…

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- Bathrooms were not maintained within the fair on a regular basis. There should be at least 2 sets of bathroom crew that spends 3-4 hrs every day on rotation (morning/afternoon, afternoon/evening) refilling tp and cleaning up the trash that gathers around the stalls at every bathroom station throughout fair. A sanitary fair is a fun and safe fair for all.
- Potties. When I arrived at Wednesday, 9 AM to Farside, I was surprised to find no hand sanitizer, nor water and soap in the sinks. There was a supply of tp.
  The toilets that actually had rods for holding TP typically had 2-3 rolls, but the ones lacking rods, of which there were many, simply had the TP sitting either near the seat or sitting on the floor of the restroom. Gross. There were empty sanitizers up until Saturday evening. By Sunday, sanitizer and hand washing stations seemed to be well stocked, but it appeared to be 3 inches or less of solution in the bottom of the toilet. Stinky! TP was still hit or miss.
  It would be great to have slow-close doors to reduce the loud slamming near camps.
  It was great that the timing of the emptying of our neighbors tank was before the public was inside this year. Imagine 30 people lined up to order their food while a pumper truck is blowing nasty air over your omelet station. I don't bother with the toilets within the fair because of the stench. I am very grateful that I can walk out to Farside when I need to use the facilities.
- ATMs. Reports were that the machines at Main Stage were well stocked in the mornings. Exceptionally important if cell phone coverage is nonexistent.
- Please service porta potties more frequently. The ones in south woods a little beyond dance pavilion were constantly out of toilet paper, and rarely had water in the hand washing stations
- Bathrooms everywhere need to stay open and serviced on Monday. Removing bathrooms before people have even started packing is unhealthy. Leaving no where to use the bathroom as people try to exit. I witnessed this on Farside, and I heard about it Fairwide as well. People still need to poop when they are packing up.
- The port-o-potties were horrific. No toilet paper or hand sanitizer. They were filthy. Especially out in the fair proper. For the pubic paying for a ticket, it must have been extremely disappointing, especially for how much they had to paid for a ticket. I can't imagine how gross it would have been for families with kiddos. The last few years the port-o-potty situation has gotten progressively worse. I remember a time when it was not a bad experience to use the public potties. I'm assuming it was a cost saving measure to change companies or something, but holy cow! If we all donated for a better company to provide the potties, I'd pitch in.

- Need to expand the hand washing sinks at Main Camp. This sink holds up the chow line - kitchen is waiting to serve while people are washing up. This seems like an obvious solution to help make that food line move faster. No one wants to wait in line longer than they have to.
- I thought the man stocking the bathrooms during pre-fair did an excellent job. I never found myself without toilet paper or hand soap and towels. Thank you.
- Main Camp hand washing sucks. It is hard to get to, being all weirdly elevated like it is. Uneven access areas make it hard to use if you are unsteady on your feet, disabled or a child. The current system doesn't serve a large volume when the meal count is high and creates a bottleneck and slows down the service line a lot. Frustrating to be in line and see servers waiting for people while they are held up in this hand washing area. We have so many talented people in our fair family a simple solution could be found and executed before next season to correct this.
- What happened to the sanitation this year? Everything was fantastic prior to the 4th and that is when it got weird and stinky. Some pots were not sucked for over a week. Poo'canos started to form in many areas and soap to wash those porta potty hands was hard to come by in several places. I hope everyone on that crew is OK. The change was so startling it made me think something had happened to people on that crew. With that being said, thank you for all that you do, Poo Crew. Sanitation is vital for all of us to stay safe.
- Hand washing sink at Main Camp needs a redo. It is awkward to use and needs to fit more people, comfortably. It is a hold up when things get busy and the lines are long.
- Please better hygiene facilities in camp and fair next year!
- The portapotty situation was bad again this year- lack of toilet paper and water to wash hands and overflowing pots. Yuck
- Sanitation - On Wednesday & Thursday there was no soap, only water at the handwashing station in Zenn Achers. On Friday, Saturday & Sunday, the water ran out but there was plenty of soap. The sinks and Zenn kitchen was removed, yet a handwashing station was not provided by the lower bathrooms of Zenn. It's absolutely unacceptable to have a row of porta poties and only 1 working sink. Not even a handwashing station. The way United leaves the portapoties after a cleaning is awful. I had to use so much toilet paper just to sop up the pools of water so I wouldn't get my clothing wet using the toilet. The health of the volunteers at fair should be more important then what you are showing us.
- The toilet bank near HC was made larger--and the toilets were vastly improved in cleanliness and availability. Unfortunately, there was rarely water in the handwash. It appears to have leaked--leaving a muddy pit that you had to walk through to get to the toilets.
- I have been Fair Family for almost 40 years. In recent years the Porta potties and hand washing stations have become unacceptable. Although I now camp in my camper on the outside and have clean bathrooms, I still feel I must give feedback on this issue. I'm reading so many stories online of unsanitary conditions that I wouldn't be surprised if it became news worthy! I care about our Fair Family and our public attendees. I feel this is the NUMBER ONE issue that must be addressed. It wasn't an issue in many years past so I know that it can be fixed. Let's do this, no matter the cost! Let's keep our event safe and comfortable for all!
- Bring back the honey buckets! Or at least stricter sanitary guidelines for the current porto company (United). This was the worst I've seen sanitation in my 11 years of being a volunteer at OCF. Water stations regularly empty, no soap, no toilet paper, poop on seat after being sprayed down, not wiped clean after being sprayed down etc.
- This is about the outhouses. There was no toilet paper, no water in handwashing stations and not enough upkeep. It was particularly bad this year. We need to go back to the honey buckets. They did a much better job, cleaned portapotties several times per day and did a much superior job. Sure, I could underbid the contract by cutting services, but we all see what we get with that. Please pay for the proper job we need to have a sanitary event.
- The porta potties were not serviced often enough, and that was a huge concern as there weren't enough clean bathrooms for everyone. Monday a bunch were removed and there were still plenty of people at the fair. I heard so many people complain about this, they were so full that you couldn't sit down :/
- I have just returned from attending Oregon Country Fair for the 32nd time. Since 2012 I have worked as a volunteer on Solar Stages Crew, doing Pre-Fair / Post Fair and Stage Manager at Hoarse Chorale. So I have seen a lot of OCF over the years, good and bad.

  The sanitation service this year was horrible. At The Entertainment Camp, where most of my crew camps along with musicians, vaudevillians, and ambiance entertainers, the potties along Chickadee tanks were near overflowing with excrement. They were not sanitized (sprayed out with disinfectant) all weekend, and the tanks were emptied at most once per day. Toilet paper was often missing and hand washing stations were without

water and / or soap much of the weekend.

Down near Hoarse Chorale, the public facing potties were no better.

It's a small miracle there was not a mass dysentery outbreak.

On Monday United removed porta potties from the parking / registration areas during the Manic Monday exodus.

This is unacceptable.

There can only be one or two reasons for such poor service, either the Fair would not pay the vendor (United) enough to service properly (budget), or the vendor failed to uphold their contract. If the latter then payment should be withheld.

However I suspect it was the former and the blame for that falls on Executive Director, and Fair management and the Board of Directors.

Two years ago Fair changed sanitation vendors from Honey Bucket to United. That year, 2024 sanitation was the worst it has ever been. I wrote to you then. It improved slightly last year, 2025 back to almost near Honey Bucket level. However this year it was a major step backwards.

As volunteers we don’t ask for much. The food vouchers we receive barely cover meals for two of the four days. We spend our own money to travel, to park, to purchase our SO passes. We often spend our own money for crew supplies.

But we DO deserve a clean and sanitary place to urinate and defecate and wash up afterwards. What we received instead this year was a threat to our health. And frankly, it’s fucking insulting.

It’s insulting to us volunteers, and it’s even more insulting to entertainers who come here from all over the country, are underpaid, sleep in tents, and are then subjected to third world refugee camp level sanitation.

If the Fair can’t financially afford or functionally execute to take care of decent sanitation service, Fair needs to dramatically reduce the number of tickets sold and the number of volunteers.

Shame on you for allowing this to happen. We deserve better. We deserve an explanation. We demand accountability and we demand that these horrible conditions are never allowed to happen again.

- Bathroom experience was better this year, but handwashing was not available and I feeds like it could improve, possibly plumbing direct water to our main bathroom/ high traffic porta potties, the handwashing provided by United ran out quickly and were leaking causing dangerously slippery conditions and sets us up for catching fair bugs. Not sure why sanitizer is not provided inside each potty
- Long trip out of fair. Super hot, not moving, angry attitudes, no bathrooms and no direction from crew on how or what to do
- We've got to do better on sanitation. The portapotties were the worst I've ever seen, and United was clearly understaffed and not equipped to deal with an event of this size. They were bad last year, and an order of magnitude worse this year. We didn't even have soap until Friday. This is a major sanitation issue and we owe it to our workers and our guests to have a reasonable bathroom facility.
- The potties upon chickadee were too full on Friday morning. It was really gross.
- Hand washing stations - not nearly enough of them. Of the ones that were there, they were without water or soap daily.
- Porta pots - again not nearly enough nor were they serviced regularly. Often lacking toilet paper. ZERO hand sanitizer in any of them, compounding the lack of water and soap to wash hands.
- UNITED RENTALS - pulling porta pots in high traffic camping areas first thing Monday morning. Asking thousands of volunteers to pack out by 6pm and removing access to toilets was problematic to say the least.
- We camp on South Park/Fire Road in the back lot. On Monday morning, they took our porta-potties away while we were all still packing down! We were trying to stay hydrated in the sun, so we were drinking water…and that led to

a need for using the toilet of course...the whole area was much delayed and inconvenienced by this early grab of our potties. Maybe next year that could be an afternoon thing? Or a Tuesday thing?

- The Fair was gorgeous this year except FOR ONE THING! I was camped back by Alices Wonderland, and there was no toilet paper all weekend. I got there Thursday -- no paper in the porta-potties. Friday morning -- no toilet paper (and VERY full potties -- not really usable without gagging). Friday afternoon -- no toilet paper (the potties had been cleaned out but no toilet paper). Saturday morning -- there was a bit of toilet paper but it ran out before noon. So, I guess my feedback is GET MORE TOILET PAPER! Ha! (Those of us needing it did share from what we brought to camp so it was not a complete disaster.) Otherwise, it was a pretty perfect Fair! Thank you!
- More frequent TP checks at the portapotty tunnel south bridge just before entering Xavanadu AND maybe figure out how prevent a marsh from forming so intensely at those sinks
- Love the squatty potties
- Sanitation--The bathroom/handwashing situation is very unsafe. I did not see the overflowing portapotties that other people saw, but I did experience a lack of handwashing/sanitizing availability. I can understand that the plastic sink units sometimes run out of water, but I don't understand why there are not functioning hand sanitizer dispensers in all of the portos. These are especially lacking in the portos owned by the Fair. Can we please at least replace these and keep them refilled through the weekend? Or, what about the free standing sanitizer dispensers you see in other places? Can they be added?

  I would like to say thank you for the plumbed hand washing stations that I have seen added in certain places. These are the best!! Please keep adding these as much as possible!!
- The porta potties in SCOF lot were very well maintained this year! It was such a huge relief. I've heard this wasn't the case with other bathroom areas, which is unfortunate. I hope that the success in SCOF lot becomes the new standard!
- Once again, the backlot stickers were not distributed until the last minute. Ent Services people were scrambling--along with many others--to get this important credential to the right people. Is the delay due to forgetfulness? some misguided sense of security? what ever the reason--people who have responsibility for much more important inventory like food vouchers, oversized stickers, vehicle stickers and more can be trusted to keep the backlot stickers secure and place them with the people authorized to use them. By distributing the stickers late--many people have to go out of their way to get the stickers where they need to go. It is disrespectful and unprofessional.
- Sanitation. I did not attend OCF this year or last year, but after reading many comments, the sanitation problems still haven't been addressed. Basic sanitation needs not met. Toilet paper, handwashing water and soap unavailable all throughout the camps and fair all weekend long in 2024. I'm reading many had the same experience in 2026. This cannot go on. Working all day in the heat, to go to the toilet have no paper, then pump soap into your hands and there's no water coming from the wash station? Then you have to sit in your filth for hours in the heat to exit just to drive into town and purchase your own supplies while working 6 hours a day? It really really needs to be addressed before I ever come back. I went to SOAK last year and the toilets were clean and stocked. Please hire a company can meet the needs of the fair or add volunteers to check the toilets and stock what needs stocking or radio water crew to make sure water is available for hand washing especially in all of the camps.
- Please do not remove the port-a-potties on the fire road until most campers have left. Removing them on Monday morning created a complete quagmire at the bank of toilets on the path from south woods to miss piggy, as they were the only ones left for the entire backlot during the exodus.
- Closing port-o-potties on Monday after the Fair is silly and dangerous. I'm confused as to why this even needs to be said. Thousands of people do not magically disappear. People are still working and breaking down camps and booths. This is a major heath and safety issue worthy of a heath department complaint. I think OCF need to prioritize the sanitation needs of the staff. These issues have gone on for years and frankly I am tired of writing and begging for relief. Water is a base need. Clean toilets are a base need. Monday to Monday. Please get these things in order.
- Politics Park has been around and served tens of thousands of people over the years. But it needs work and renovation. The wood holding up the toilets in some stalls appears to be rotting and toilets are unstable, including the alter-abled stall. The gaps in many doors are big, and hinder privacy. The sanitation crew that cleans the stalls did a good job. Many doors had latches that were broken or missing. This was the case for a few doors throughout the weekend. The cleaning crew does not address that issue. Apparently another part of the crew deals with that. It would be great if these issues were communicated to that crew and addressed in a timely manner.
  Finally, for those of us in the Main Stage area on Monday, shutting down Politics Park as early as they do,

including cutting off water for hand washing is a concern. I believe it is between noon and 1:00. There are a number of us there. Not having a bathroom or handwashing available is a health and safety concern. I understand the idea of walking to the port-a-potties by the Ritz, but that is not always possible for people. And the traffic coming in and going out can be a safety concern. Keeping Politics Park open later, maybe until 3:00 would be a great idea. Thank you.

- Sanitation is one of the hardest and least thankful jobs. The crew cleaning and stocking the toilets at Politics were great. Always positive and cheerful while dealing with a tough and challenging situation. Sanitation did a really good job addressing the mud situation at a leaking handwashing station at Politics and kept it from getting out of hand.
- I am so upset that the toilet situation was so bad again this year. I feel so bad that the Public pay a huge fee to get into Fair and the toilets are a mess and no one can wash their hands. Water was all gone, no TP , no hand sanitizer. I want the public to come to a safe environment so they will return year after year. I hope the fair board will explore giving less money to outside causes and try hard to fix what is broken on site. There has to be a better way. I know better toilet paper exists. This is a health and safety issue that really needs attention , for both public an the volunteers. Thank you.
- toilets need to be improved, emptied more often, hand washing water and soap refilled. for years honey buckets company did a great job. why did united replace them?
- Restrooms continue to be an issue since switching service providers. Bathrooms were often out of toilet paper, or the toilet paper was placed in odd places instead of on holders, causing everyone to have to touch the roll to get toilet paper. Multiple handwashing stations had the soap bag just laying on the dispenser instead of in it. (Some had no soap at all.) Considering how full the bags of soap remained over time, and how many people I had to point the soap out to, I'm certain this led to less handwashing. Gross! Some stations had no water and/or no paper towels. I also encountered bathrooms that were wet inside (presumably, hopefully, from the cleaning), making it difficult to know if it was water, cleaning solution, or pee on the seat. I also encountered nearly full toilets a few times throughout fair. We need more toilets and/or more frequent cleaning, more attention to properly placing products, and handwashing stations need to be properly restocked many, many times throughout the day. It's worth whatever the cost is!

  I also heard that some bathrooms were shut down on Monday, which is really not ok.
- Porta potty's need to be better
- For information my first Fair was in 1992 : There have been Continued issues with the Porto (Porta Pottie) and hand washing situation, throughout fair. Especially at the top of the 8 next to the Void near the Ritz. I have been coming there and Camp host in Killgallon Acres since 1999. I am open on site for the various crews over the years I have worked on around the beginning of July, or from the weekend prior to fair. There are not enough or any open/unlocked portos up at the top of the eight (8) prior to Wednesday (or Thursday) of Fair week. As mentioned I have camped in Killgallon Acres since 1999 and at that time all the camping back in that area was all crews, Lot and/or Security Pre-Post. At that time I was on Registration crew and much of the Tiki Lounge was mostly Registration crew and were out on site working. Regardless, this year there was an attempt at getting the hand wash sink started and running on Wednesday which is fairly common. However it was more plumbing needed and apparently the drain was not functioning properly so on since were turned off. They tried to fix it again on Thursday that failed. At 5 PM on Thursday I watch them placing two yes only two handwashing stations next to the sinks. Before 9 PM they were both empty of water. The next day they placed two more which also had the same issue once the public got there. In years past there have been at least one men's urinal Porta potty installed which has helped the line when the public and/or just family after hours is there. There was not one installed this year which was a huge mistake. If I needed to go to the restroom I ended up needing to walk up towards Water Camp or/Entertainment Camp as the Porta potty's were the only ones that were not disgusting and had a functional handwashing sink with running water. Historically on Monday none of the Porta potty's near the Ritz/void or serviced due to traffic entering and trying to leave the main age. This is understandable but still a tragedy. We need to do better with Porta potty's at the top of the eight for crews and or booths that are camping and or working. I know this year there was a concerted effort to put in more plumbing and then washing stations which is appreciated. We need to do more near the Wherebarn and by the Ritz sauna.
- Sanitation. Often there was not soap at the potties, both the porta potties and the wooden "6 pack potties". Sometimes there wasn't even water. I love the potties that had foot pedals, seems more sanitary. Maybe eventually that could happen for the "6 pack potties" Though the porta potties seemed better, I do think even more or needed, or they need to be pumped out even more often. They were still filled to the brim too often! Thanks Sanitation Crew for doing your best to keep all of the potties clean and stocked with toilet paper.

- Water: The sinks for the "6 packs" by the Community Village had dripping faucets through most of the fair both this year and last year. I worry about all the water being wasted! And then it got really muddy, due to the dripping faucets or something else. The sinks also got plugged up there and at a few other ones around the fair. I tried to clean ;them out but was not successful...
- I wonder why there aren't men's porta potty urinals this year. They are quick and handy for the men who just have to pee, and make the lines shorter for women who are waiting for vacant porta potties.
- I will just add on to the probable overwhelming number complaining about sanitation and port a potties..... could two or more companies work together to get the job done - right. Maybe also consider by zones. It is clear that any one company can't do the job.
- Lack of soap and water at pit toilets by Main Stage on Wednesday and Thursday morning was hard on workers
- Porta potties at Piggy's were atrocious. Lack of water and soap at Piggy's was not acceptable. They are full by mid day due to the sheer number of people. There needs to be double the amount of the trucks can't come twice a day. The sink leaked the whole time and caused quite a swamp. Also removing them Monday morning before 10 was unacceptable.
- Portapotties were not cleaned frequently enough and were completely full at least on 2 days near Shower Central
- I believe the portapotties were not good. Not cleaned enough.
- No hand washing stations on Thursday when food begins. Then having only one soap pump with no soap at Politics Park. Just not enough being done to keep things sanitary.
  Portos gone Monday AM! Didn't anyone think this through.
- Portos have been a very serious concern for as long as I've been coming to the fair. Simply put, they need to be serviced more often and better. Increased service should start at least on Wednesday and continue through at least Monday. Getting into the 8 is obviously impossible when the Fair is open, but servicing other areas such as by the Warebarn can happen at any time. This is a basic matter of comfort and hygiene. When a major illness breaks out, it will absolutely be foreseeable, people will suffer, and the Fair will get sued out of existence. Nobody wants that.
- The number of toilets available at certain locations (most specifically the Y at Chickadee/Snivel&Smile). The number of toilets has decreased from past years and this is a highly trafficked location for bathrooms. The number of available restrooms is not enough for the number of people using them. Conversely, the amount of restrooms available near the Ware Barn warehouse is fantastic.
- Cleaning for restrooms at the Y. I'm not sure if the service contract does not begin until the official start of fair or something like that, but Thursday through Friday morning rapidly becomes an untenable situation and a major hygiene issue because, at least this year, there was no cleaning service until midday Friday, at which point the toilets were literally overflowing.
- Obligatory note about the porta-potties. Most of the porta-potties I entered did not have hand sanitizer, and an unreasonable number did not have toilet paper. I know we've been struggling for a few years after the agreement with honey bucket fell through, I'm hoping we can either find reliable quality services or perhaps more permanent bathrooms can be built so we do not need to rely on outside services. Sanitation crew does a fantastic job of keeping the toilets clean and stocked and I am forever grateful to them.
- I am sure people say this every year and I have no idea how it would be made to work but the porta potties are the thing that nearly makes me not want to go back. They are disgusting. They're hot. They get full. We were in SCOF lot and there was about 12 hours where we had no TP, water, or soap. If nothing else, more of the herinals would be great.
- The handwashing stations outside the bathrooms kept running out of soap. This creates a health hazard. The soap at sink between Shady Grove & Community Village needs to be refilled more often.
- The porta potty persist plunder.
  This new company is not doing an adequate job with their cleaning and servicing of their units in addition to their scheduling.
  Having the trucks rolling thru the Main Stage area during Opening Ceremony was incredibly unprofessional.
- Hand washing stations in South Woods ran out of water often and the porta potties didn't have hand sanitizer to make up for it.
- The toilet situation is not okay. I camp at Camp Eden near Alice's and our toilets were not serviced adequately prefair. On Thursday, all of our toilets were unusable because they were overloaded and filthy. United has not provided the best service since the switch a few years back. It's really unacceptable to leave everyone without hygienic access to a toilet. Everyone I talked to at fair seemed to have the same issue. Please do better next year.
- I was surprised and happy, then dismayed to find the potties at Politics Park open with toilet paper on Wednesday. While the potties were open, there was no running water nor soap. This is unacceptable. Either they

are open with full services, or they should be closed. With everyone moving in, they should be open with full service. I was subsequently surprised and happy that the rumor was true that the potties at Shady Grove were open, had tp, soap, and water!

- No surprise there was a leak at the Shady Grove handwash station on Wednesday creating a muddy puddle. 1)it's a waste of water. And 2) it's dangerous -- someone could slip, fall, sprain an ankle or worse. Seems there is one there every year that I or another Villager calls in, although this year it was worse. It was finally fixed by Sunday. Is there any way to test the system before Fair opens so these problems don't arise when we show up.
- Shout out to Sanitation Crew for maintaining the six-packs in Fairly good condition throughout the weekend.
- On Friday afternoon, there was not a single porta potty with toilet paper in Xavanadu. It was still only 5 or 6pm, so there were several hours with no TP. This needs to be kept up with.
- Port a potties. Please consider renewing your contract with Honey Buckets or whoever the previous service provider has been. Last year was terrible and this year not much better. They were never really clean, and were never really cleaned though they were emptied, but at odd times. Nothing worse than a full disgusting pot to start your day or end your evening. The interiors were never cleaned. Mud and dirt and old paper everywhere and always. In addition, the hand washing stations (in Piggy's anyway) leaked and did not or barely worked and made a huge mud hole around the stations which then inevitably got tracked into the potties and back to people's camps, etc.. It was unnecessarily disgusting. Again.
- Chela Mela Handwashing Stations: Needs more than 2, and they need to be functional by Thursday morning before the Fair opens. Crews are setting up camp on Thursday and ours goes to work at 7 PM. We need to have access to bathrooms and handwashing facilities before shift. I also suggest more space for them so that when they get refilled there isn't a swamp. Imagine being a member of the paying public on a hot day and having to step in questionable muck to both get to facilities and to wash up- assuming that there might be water/soap/paper towels for washing up.
- Chela Mela Portable Bathrooms- Yay, there were plenty this year! Mucky but they were there.
- I am a disabled elder and found it very difficult to find an open bathroom in the 8 on Monday. Usually some at Politics Park are left open, but not this year - where are we supposed to take a shit? At least leave the handicapped ones open, please.
- earlier toilet cleaning in the morning please
- The bathrooms are unsanitary and water and soap was not available outside all of the bathrooms.
- The handwashing station at the 6 pack needs many repairs. Faucets, trough, strainers, plumbing, and greywater discharge all need some tlc.
  Faucets tightened and glands re packed, trough rebuilt to stand the seasons made of one piece materials, strainers courtesy wired, plumbing to a grey water branching leech field.
- There are staff members who start camping in the South Woods the Friday before Fair Starts (a week early). We are prepping the campsites and working on Xavanadu the entire week before. The nearest open portapotties were at Auntie Em Bridge, even though there were already two banks of them staged at Ho Gate. Walking all the way to Dragon Gate in the middle of the night is a no-go when you're 60 years old. Does a peach shit in the woods? You bet it does! Pre-Fair you should open at least one at every bank.
- Honey Buckets was worth every penny even at the inflated prices. Peach Pots and United are a disgusting health hazard. No No NO! Removing portapotties even while people were still on site on Monday is inhumane. No, it's not an incentive for us to leave faster. You know we don't all live in Eugene, right?
- The porta potty's in scoff lot were much improved this year. Frequently cleaned and open on Monday for those who were still moving out. Thank you!
- OMG ?? I know fair has tried different porta potty vendors... isn't it specified in the contract how often they are to clean each bank of toilets and how many times a day and at what times and who's overseeing this double checking this?? The stench is just horrendous!!!!!!!!!!!! I was sitting around the fire across from the Ritz and I had to finally leave because all I could smell was the Porta potty smell drifting in! I can usually sit there for hours around the fire and enjoy the music. I know this is an ongoing problem, but my goodness we've got to find a solution.PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE that wasn't the only bank of toilets that was having the issue! There's got to be a common sense fix!
- As many have noted - the sanitation was horrific in many areas. Last year was wonderful. It was a problem throughout the event, and the removal of the port-potties in Miss Piggy's on Monday morning was very problematic. Was this due to United or OCF?
- The portapotties need to be serviced more frequently. That is across the board (everywhere at fair) but specifically the ones at Entertainment Camp (on Chickadee next to Flowin'Notes and at the Junction next to

Shower Central). They were cresting daily and there were not enough sinks/needed to be filled more frequently. It was unsanitary multiple times.

- The portapotties at Entertainment Camp (on Chickadee next to Flowing Notes and at the Junction next to Shower Central) need to be opened and serviced earlier in the week. We have 4 crews up there that span prefair, during fair and post fair (Entertainment Services, Fire, Showers & Water) that use these. Additionally we have crews that are there early to fix and set up their stages (Vaudeville & riggers, Main Stage, Solar Stage). We have almost half of the folks that camp at Entertainment Camp there by Tuesday to ensure smooth performer arrival and experience. The majority of the portapotties up there were zip tied (except the fair peach pots) until Wednesday. More available portapotties and serviced more frequently is necessary at this location starting Monday of crunch week.
- The portos needed WAY more regular servicing.
- The hand washing station at Entertainment Camp port-a-potty area was very rarely operational. I feel like this is a significant health issue (at least 2 of my crew members caught norovirus at fair this year)
- The Monday exodus was rough for the Xavanadu Art and StewardShip crew. We ended up spending time looking for water and bathrooms instead of packing up and getting out. Frankly, no water in the heat of Monday after the canopy came down became a personal safety issue - even Little Bird didn't have water. I understand the desire to get folks out, but its very difficult to get public and personal camps packed up by noon on Monday, so we respectfully request a few more hours before essential human services are removed from the site.
- Porta Potty. The last couple of years using United has been horrible. Please switch back to Buck's.
  - The handwashing stations were out of water & soap for the majority of Fair.
  - TP was frequently out.
  - The units were not cleaned each day. When a unit starts to become messy, the mess grows exponentially. Buck's would clean all the units early in the am everyday and refill all the tp, handwashing stations, etc.
  Please request a standing room only porta potty at each bathroom hub, which would limit the mess & lines.
- Toilets
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  Seems like we have it mostly dialed in at this point. At least after the Wednesday morning cleaning. Guessing that we still have too many people on site on Tuesday without an appropriate cleaning budget.

  Heard a grumble that makes me think that we need to include information about crew camping when scheduling pre-Wednesday cleaning. Sounds like there were too few open units where Pre-Post Security camps.

  There were a number of gaps in keeping soap and paper towels stocked.

  One of the units in our camp had a light rigged for night-time use. Was nice. Suggest putting some LED strips over the rows of portas for night time - the units are cleaner when people can see what they're doing.

  The units that had vertically stacked versus horizontally stacked toilet paper rolls didn't work as well, the paper was often out of reach.
- Outhouses: often a dirty and difficult experience, and sometimes I had to hunt through several outhouses to find toilet paper.
- I heard a lot of complaints about porta potties, especially in the south woods prefair. the ones in Marshalls were fine. There were large puddles in the alter abled porta potties. It seemed like there were fewer hand washing stations. And If you found one, usually no soap and almost never paper towels. Hospitality showers near me were closed for at least a day.
- I hear the plastic port potties had issues--I am so sorry. The in ground potties between Shady Grove and the Village were cleaner than ever this year, always had TP, and the sinks always had soap. When the lines were long I strolled up to Politics Park and consistently found the same excellent conditions there.
- The sinks by the Shady Grove potties always leak underneath. Sometimes they leak only a little, and some years they flood out to where hand washers are standing. The drain that looks like it should be attached to a downspout behind the sinks seems not to be attached. They were leaking during the Picnic yesterday.
- Wow, Fair family, we really rocked it this year! Everybody was dressed so fabulously and having so much fun — the energy all weekend was just magic.

  I especially loved the "Sight-ations" crew that Stewardship put together — the fluorescent neon, the fence, and the portable court complete with a judge and jury. What a brilliant, funny, and genuinely effective way to get people to think about their impact on the site. It was playful and pointed at the same time, and it really added to
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the spirit of the whole event.

Everything went so smoothly this year, and I was thrilled to watch all of the magic come together. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. We did it! Fair thee well & see you next year!

Security

- Sweep far too slow and lengthy and inefficient.
- Main Stage schedule can negatively impact sweep.

  The band for sweep is entirely a Value Added experience for paying guests. The more cheerful we can be in escorting people to the gate, the better their overall memory of Fair is going to be. The overtime from Sunday's mainstages caused an unbearable wait for some volunteers around sweep band, who quit and wandered away.

  Main Stage programming certainly serves a lot of guests — more guests than are still lingering on the 8 who got short-changed by a less-than sweep experience?
- Warrantless searches of tents. Fish ladders was started to intercept unbanded people on the path. This change of duty to have them go tent by tent--and opening them to examine them--is unacceptable. Enlisting unwilling camp hosts to open tents was outrageous. The lack of sensitivity in a day of ICE raids and challenges to human rights is so tone deaf. Imagine if a non-English speaker (we have some of those in Chela booths) was in the tent, didn't understand a request, then faced half a dozen people opening her tent and demanding something. Not okay. The enabling guideline for this, under Sweep, is so poorly written that it appears that anyone who does not empower Security's enforcement of invasive procedures could be kicked out of the fair. Even if this search program was vetted legally--the people who were pressured to implement it had no warning, no training, and no legal advise--just a few shirted people pressuring them to unzip tents.
- My only complaint is that there was a weird (new?) security crew calling themselves the "fish ladder" that came in and wanted to go through our entire camp, call on every closed-up tent and if there was no answer, we were asked to open the tent for them to look inside. Not only was this a hassle since we have something like 150 people or something in our camp, but it feels *very* uncomfortable to open other people's tents when they aren't there to allow strangers to look inside. ALSO: we are largely a camp of entertainers who perform both during day fair and during night fair and they try to grab what little sleep they can whenever they can (including during the day).
- Hello there. I had an experience that caused me concern on Sunday of fair this year.
  One of my workers who was affiliated with my booth through a day worker pass was not allowed to help us close our booth, and was forced to leave at 7:10pm by two individuals affiliated with the sweep.
  I explained multiple times that she was in on a day worker pass, and had been hired to help us with close up Sunday- these two individuals claimed they had never heard of day worker passes and acted as if I had made it up that they even exist.
  We showed them the day worker ticket but it did not sway their opinion.
  Two individuals affiliated with the sweep who took my worker away at 7:10pm
  As far as I understand it, day worker passes allow a worker to stay onsite until 9pm to help a booth close for the day.
  No matter what, individuals involved with the sweep process should be educated about the existence of day worker passes.
  Thank you for your time reading this, happy fair.
- Security routes should be expanded to include Politics Park after hours. As you know, things get a little wild, and some Fair Family get a bit out of control. I know of 1 door torn off its hinges overnight, I think that's when many latches are broken. There were also 3 pairs of underwear outside of a stall. I have no idea what happened, it could have been stupid drunken revelry. But it leads me to question the safety of using those toilets at night. Having security patrol that area should help minimize damage and improve safety.
- Security Checkpoints
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  Haven't thought about this in a long time. I remember how rude people were to the folks manning the security checkpoints in the early years of wristbands. It's really changed over the years, most people are really pleasant to the workers now.
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The black light floodlights work really well. But, suggest putting the up higher and pointing them down so that folks are not hit so hard in the eyes.

shade

- Thanks for the shade tents at Main Stage, and the shade sails at WC Fields. Excellent and much appreciated!!!
- I thought it was great that you tried to add more shade around the mainstage area but instead of using whatever that fabric was that was over the tents It really would make more sense to use something like Aluminet or maybe the same fabric that is used by the people who put up the tents all around the fair (Intents) which really provide complete shade. That orange and red shade cloth didn't really do as much as it could have to protect people.
- The shade structures are epic, thanks for prioritizing them. Compliments to the Country Fair for making the most of a great weather year.
- The shade and misters at Main Stage was the best addition please make sure to bring that back next year and years on end. It made that area so much more manageable.
- Firstly fair was really incredible this year! Some of the new art this year was so cool and I really appreciate all of the effort that went into making more shaded areas and places to rest in the eight, that being said there is some room for improvement (as always)
- Way to go with the Main Stage shade structures. Everything looked great - the solar system stage set was gorgeous.
- The additional shade added to the event this year was GREAT!
- LOVED the extra shade cloth and trail waterers!
- I loved the new shade at Main Stage! Kudos!
- The shade at politics park was also a nice touch for lines in the sun.
- Love the new shade shapes at Main Stage
- Main Stage - The new shade tents were appreciated! Now we need to work on improving the sound system.
- THANK YOU FOR SHADE AT Main Stage
- Thanks for the shade tents at Main Stage, and the shade sails at WC Fields. Excellent and much appreciated!!!
- Main Stage shade was great !
- Thank you for the shade structures on Main Stage field! So important, and so appreciated.

Showers

- Much thanks to everyone who built managed and created showers in miss piggy - they were so good this year. Thank you !
- Shower Central - ideal for staff on the top of the 8! My 15 year old felt comfortable showering there, staff was always warm and welcoming, facilities well maintained! Great job! Essential.
- South woods camping NEEDS a shower truck, with piggy's and SCOF lot having their own showers and them also being down makes it so hard for staff to get a shower that isn't walking all the way to the ritz. Which is a nice time but we should do better for the folks working the fair.
- Possible to have an additional late night shower option? If they close at 9:30 and the reopen 11:30-1:30.
- Please increase the hours of the staff showers!!! It would be fantastic if they were 24/7. I wouldn't mind showering with a headlamp at 3AM if it means I'm not smelly.
- Loved the new showers at Piggy's
- we camp about a 2 mile walk from the Ritz so i just don't really go there anymore. too far of a walk and i got staph last year and the line is too long now. have concerts outside of shower area. have more women and femme only hours. OR make a women and femmes shower house on the Xavanadu side of fair! for showering!
- The new South Piggy's showers were SOOOO much better this year. Thank you!!

Signs & Banners

- Sign painting - again watching the seasoned elders get edged out as the new coordinators build their new crews. Also buying new plywood for fair signs should not be a thing.
  As one coordinator said - it's an expense for the fair - it shouldn't be. Recycle recycle recycle - use wood world get creative !
- Better signage and directions for the public to enter fair from the street and from surrounding camps off Suttle rd.

- I love the Oregon Country Fair, and I love the sign-making crew — the artistry that goes into all of it is such a huge part of what makes the Fair feel like the Fair.

  I was genuinely sad when the Silly Walk Zone sign disappeared from the front Dragon Gate area. It's such a fun, iconic little piece of the entrance experience, and it felt like a real loss to see it gone.

  Small idea: maybe the sign crew could make a few signs that say something like "No stealing the signs, please" — playful enough to fit the Fair's spirit, but hopefully enough to give would-be sign-swipers a little pause.

  Thanks for everything you all do to make the Fair so magical.

Site

- There is not enough seating for elderly people and those unable to easily stand up. Most seating is very low to the ground without anything to assist standing. In 40s & healthy, but saw a lot of older folks who could really use more accessible seating that allows them to stand up more easily. Having more places to sit would be helpful generally.
- A solar panel installation could really help with energy demand and support a greener and more energy efficient fair.
- The straw in the mud helped.

  Watering the path to keep down dust... it got a little overdone a couple of times, and slick mud was a hazard. Quick coverup with straw was a welcome decisive response on Sunday!
- Seating - please create some more comfortable seating spaces with the notion of serving those who might be elderly or (have mobility considerations. So much of your seating is uneven, awkward, small, unlevel, multi leveled, and mostly not very comfortable to sit a spell. Maybe that is an intentional design to move people along. It would be nice to have comfortable seating close to the stages and eating areas as well as the quiet areas off the beaten path. The most comfortable and cool that I have found are in the smoking areas... I don't smoke cigarettes and find them stinky and offensive to breathe their saw we, second hand smoke. I want to see comfortable, shaded, accessible seating that is not solely in the smoking sections around Fair.
- Road with treatment and small pebbles was fantastic.
- In particular, the winery yellow jackets need management. I work on the compost crew, and we had multiple stings on multiple individuals on multiple days within one week. We need to have yellowjacket management at the winery, other than an occasional can of bee-bop, after nest location by stings, before someone has a life threatening incident. The aggression of the yellow jackets towards the workers increases over the week. this is not normal, it’s an extreme population. I live in the country and I manage yellow jackets on my property.

  (Would also be great to be proactive in Wally’s way with early spring attractant traps, rather than leave kids be stung first by finding nests, as I have noted in other years.)
- The Bee book at the QM
  Would be more accurately label as the Wasp Book, or create a differentiation. We should be protecting the bees, and reducing the wasps. The lack of knowledge of the difference leads to confusion. It would be great
  To actually note and preserve the areas of native pollinators, like the bees on the hounds tongue by the new compost shower. Let’s teach the difference, starting with the book and the language we share.

Sound/Noise

- It would be great if there were a way to turn the noise down at night a little bit. I understand that people want to rock and roll into the night but having really loud music in some of the camping areas until 2 or 3 in the morning makes it hard for people who are having to work the next day. This includes the big bubble stay up all night thing that happens out by the registration booth on Saturday night into Sunday morning. That really needs volume control.
- My primary feedback concerns the incredibly loud electronic music at so many night stages, frequently all at once, late into the early morning hours, that it made going around inside the fair a painful experience! It also made it hard to enjoy a quiet moment at camp. I understand that the fair wants to please the younger generations, but it feels like it’s becoming just another west coast music festival, and all of the charming, soft

sweet moments enjoyed in previous years is being sacrificed for the pleasure of a certain slice of the fair goers. Does anyone care about the heart of the fair? Or is it just another blown out rave, and who cares about the ones who were there?

- I camp at dog control, by snooze gate next to the OCF fire show. On Sunday morning around 730 am the awesome softball game occurs. For three years now some alleged people have thought to turn the morning game into the loudest techno concert in fair. They have a freaking sound truck. My tent wall literally pulses with the bass. I know a person camped in an rv 1/4 mile away in SCOF who was knocked out of bed by this unpermitted show. I sleep 40 feet away. We were assured that this year would not have amplified music. That was a lie. Please please please don't allow this. We need to sleep and work. This isn't some stage with a show and a schedule, it's a random parking lot party that traditionally wasn't amplified. And as an aside, in my humble opinion, the music is horrible. My suggestion: enforce the no unpermitted amplified sound rule. Please. I have no problem with any event going on, like the fire show, that uses amplified music, it's the fair after all. But 7am?
- It was pretty unanimous at our camp, Crow's Nest, that there is a deep need for more quieter or chilling spaces at Fair, so fairgoers aren't constantly inundated by loud music and crowds and sounds. It feels that Xavanadu, chela mela and other places were Once nice, quiet spaces. Even the designated "quiet spaces" at Fair are not that and are inundated by music and noise. With more and more neurodivergent diagnosis since COVID, I think we're forgetting that not all young people (or older too) want and need constant stimulation and noise. We need a few sacred, quiet spaces in different corners of the Fair where elders, alter-abled, sensitives and others...can truly find rest and restoration during the packed days and loud nights. I was talking to a long-time Fair goer and ex-creator of the Beloved Festival, and we agreed that Fair is missing this element. Call it safe spaces, sacred spaces or chill zones but these are essential for the human experience. Fair shouldn't just be about constant fun and stimulation, it should also offer rest, reflection and regenerative practices and spaces, like Oasis and the LGBTQ2+ space. One per quadrant far from noise -
- I appreciate that the octave of music coming from Dance Pavillion has been lowered since last year when playing during Fair hours. The hardcore booming music of Saturday night was hell for us who camp behind the Pavillion. We're wondering why it can't be played in the middle of Xavanadu instead. The after hours octave went up significantly and I bet went beyond the "safe" level for human listening. Sound levels should be tested and rules enforced on "how" loud music can be played. That serious bass rocked our tents physically-
- Sunday night in xavanadu(beautiful meadow open to stars w various cool niches and crannies overwhelmed by the loudest music i heard at fair from a DJ electronic set-up maybe 100 ft from my booth
  until 2:30- for maybe 50 people standing around it like moths to an ugly light. no one in their booths slept.
  no one in the meadow had peaceful night w oak and stars, and hushed conversation. no individual niche
  could express itself or be experienced without the thrumming bass overlord. i was tempted to go drive a hammer through their sound system as i tried pointlessly to sleep, so many others for sure were driven from peace, equanimity, ease into resistance, disgust,
  etc.
- Plenty of room for acoustic music, especially on the river side of the 8. I walked up on many jam sessions and enjoyed them toughly.
- The loud amplified music at the softball game on Sunday morning is incredibly disruptive to our camp. I don't want to be a poor sport and know it can be loud at night at Fair but this feels excessive and violates our guidelines. I love the baseball game and think it's such a wonderful tradition. I am unsure why the booming bass is needed to enjoy a sunrise game. I really hope that this issue can be resolved. This is the third year we have been denied help.
- Loud music all night Sat-Sun next to Miss Piggy lot. The bubble crew annual Sunday morning champagne party started Saturday night. Super loud techno music amplified could be heard and felt ALL NIGHT LONG in neighboring camps. I was in Miss Piggy. I could not sleep even with ear plugs and taking a sleeping aid. It makes me not want to come back.
- The EXTREMELY, E.X.T.R.E.M.E.L.Y. loud amplified EDM roving the paths at night, especially Sunday night was utterly ridiculous and horrendously inconsiderate.
- Another concern of ours is loud amplified music (of all kinds) going late at night. I guess some comes from stages, but much of it is spontaneous shows and jams at booths or on the path. Most of us need a decent nights sleep so we can run our businesses with the public during the day. Can the fair have a curfew on loudness after a certain time? Maybe one am? Midnight?
- Amplified music in piggy's in the morning is tough when you have to work all day. Even if it stopped at 2am I would be happy. This year it started in the wee hours of the morning.

- Having experienced way more than my own Fair share of Fairs, having seen how our essential event has grown over approximately the last twenty years, I want to express my mild to moderate disappointment that we seem to have everything we need except a 24 hours per day amplified stage catering expressly to Tuvan throat singing. This situation clearly sits somewhere between neglecting the importance of an amazing subset of our international family and outright discrimination. So UnFair! Sad! Speaking only for myself, I sleep much better at night when some kind neighbor is blaring the soothing sound of someone screaming without even breathing directly into my REM sleep. The good news here is, I think with only mild sacrifice, we can correct this outrageous injustice by simply creating one new stage, both out of the way and conveniently centrally located, by recreating the Grateful Dead's Historic Wall Of Sound behind the curve of the Dragons in Dragon Meadow, aimed toward the Line In The Sand. It must be dedicated to authentic traditional Tuvan throat singing. It needs to be loud enough to make my ears bleed just enough to guide me through my sweet dreams. Thanks for all you do, and thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Amplified music needs to be under control before 2:00 a.m. in the original Aid North of Indian Creek. When the maze saying shuts down every Amplified Music Inside the original name needs to be shut down. We are continuing to have a problem of Burning Man taking over our Fair. We cannot allow Amplified music to take over the fair. In the past 20 years we have lost a lot of acoustic bands playing on the side of the path in front of somebody's booth. The fair was started with accusing music and the only way it can be unique is by honoring acoustic music. If we do not defend acoustic music north of Indian Creek we are just another pre Burning Man event.
- Please educate your internal security about the guidelines around acoustic music. As the current guidelines are written and acoustic music is allowed to continue after 2:00 a.m. unfortunately some of your internal security staff don't know that. If we're going to encourage acoustic music in the Revival of the history of the Oregon Country Fair we need to allow acoustic music to continue all night. Remember this event started with acoustic music and a drum tower that was allowed to go all night. Gato encourage acoustic music otherwise we'd become another free Burning Man event. Move the Amplified music south of Indian Creek and or into the parking lot.
- Stopping music too early is a problem. Let the young folk dance until the wee hours. Frankly I am nearly 60 and I wished I could do dance pavilion until super late. Let the kids go way late. They still came on shift and worked.
- I'm sure it's not easy pleasing everyone but I felt like this year really had something for everyone! I know the amplified versus acoustic debate lives on. I like both. And I felt like there was a great mix of all the options. There are always complaints about noise, but that is the nature of these gatherings. Ending amplified music at 2am is a civil compromise. Kudos
- On Thursday Horse Corral had a sound permit to go until 2am, in part, for the JYD party. The performers were lead by Marv Ellis. The soundboard, assessed by the chela sound team, had an unusually high amount of bass enhancement. Chela crew, booths and performers camp nearby. We were not consulted as a neighbor for the permit....we didn't even learn the end time until after 1:30am. The sound measured over 75 decibels in my tent about 1am...which I guess is about 100 yards from the stage (maybe more)....I have never been kept awake by sound at the fair before. This was loud, bassy, late. The coordinator did not warn us. The BUM in charge of permitting did not warn us. At 1am, Fair central said it was permitted until 1:30. At that time, FC said it was to 2am. The phase out time of lower volume is BS...supposedly it was to be quieter that last half hour. JYD should get a party. However, Thursday night of the fair is when many folks are going to bed early to be ready for the final prep of load in and set up and preparing for the opening. JYD was done....most of us being kept awake were still working. Please. no more 2am, high volume, high bass performances on HC on Thursday night. This was the worst night I have ever spent at OCF.
- Less electronics and keep things acoustic
- Lower the decibel levels
- Left bank Chela Mela had the worst EDM rave. Too loud. Invasive pounding beats. Could not get close to it. Went on till too late. Lots of complaints around fair.
- Thursday night on Main Stage was EDM rave music. We camp in Energy Park and we're out there trying to get to sleep after working all day. This booming awful base sounds like what we hear in town from cars. It's just invasive and unrelenting. Makes me want to scream.
- I would love to see a night where we encourage and celebrate acoustic sounds, soft lighting, and other more "vintage" vibes. I am not mad about the EDM or disco or any of it. But I sometimes miss the darker path and quieter tunes. There was a special kind of magic in that and it would be fun to make that a theme one night. A fun game we can play. A different way to be. Not every night needs to be loud and bright and over the top.
- Sunday night/ late night amplified sound. General enforcement is needed around late night (after 2am) amplified sound. I am a DJ and electronic music super fan. However, I would never play music at Fair that went into the wee

hours. Especially not electronic music which is what happened behind the woods in South Piggy lot on Sunday night.

My family has a ten hour drive home and would have loved to have been rested for our journey. Please send out notifications that camps need to comply with rules around late night sound and install consequences for camps that don't comply. Alternatives are earlier nights and silent discos which use headphones but are every bit as fun. We did a silent disco at our camp on Friday night that went exceedingly well and no one was bothered by our sound.

- Sound: Too loud too late at night! After midnight stages need to stop music or a =t least turn it much lower.
- There are way more people camping in Piggy's than ever it seems. The parties that go on until 6am with loud bass music keep people up who need to work early hours. Earplugs and white noise can't compete. Especially the group by the Piggy's Refers.
- It is really unfortunate that sound has become so loud. It's not fair for one person or group to impose their noise on so many others, especially at night. Whether it's a sound guy at a stage (and yeah, it's always a guy in those roles--why aren't there more women running audio?) or a mobile disco party on the 8 drowning out mellow late-night campfire singing at Community Village, it just gets really old. I know the Fair has been talking about this issue for years, but apparently that conversation is utterly ineffective, because the situation has gotten steadily worse. How about establishing quiet vs. sacrifice zones with clear volume limits, equip everyone with decibel meters (easy app on phones), and have a simple system in place for reports and security response 24 hours/day. We should not be able to hear Main Stage at the Village, volume there should be sufficient for people choosing to attend to hear it and not others. Both during public performances in the daytime and at night the sound at most stages is too damn loud, people. And those guys who run sound should all take the Human Intervention training, because they are consistently rude.
- With sound amplification permits---please start paying more attention to time, volume, as well as bass (esp. number of large subwoofers) and neighbor input. Please consider a midnight cut off for sound permits for Thursday night.
- Music at Main Stage was good, but the volume could have been up a tad.
- Extremely loud amplified music at night: our booth, near the junction of the 8, can normally hear, at a distance, 3 different stages, but it feels like the eye of the storm, i.e. it feels quiet at our booth and the sound is "out there;" this year it felt like we were IN the storm. We play acoustic music at night, but found it very hard to do so this year. And walking around, it was hard to escape something loudly amped/mic'd so that everyone anywhere nearby was forced to listen. And not just amp'd, but LOUD, and often DJ'd techno-crap, not musicians. One rave somewhere I get (preferably out in the parking lot, or Xavanadu where people are not camping), but not multiple.
- quiet hours at the Tooth and Nail really cut into the late night fun experience for people who work in the day. would love to see amplified music hours extended for Tooth and Nail or a late night music amphitheater built somewhere to accommodate late night music.
- No amplified music after 1am even in Xavanadu. Remember when we used to rove the 8 late at night going from one acoustic jam to another, active human creativity?
- Saturday night music in Miss Piggy: could there be a decibel limit? The music was exceptionally loud and shook the earth far away. Excessive. It shouldn't matter the type of music, whoever gives the sound permit should be monitoring this. It was the same in 2025.
- The amplified sound has a significant negative impact on the fire pit experience at Entertainment Camp. This has a rich history of bringing professional and amateur performers together around the fire to jam Thurs-Sun nights. The late night amplified Main Stage performances overpower the entire area and we have had performers that have played at the fire pit for decades complaining that it's not an option anymore. What about a Throwback Thursday- acoustic only throughout fair?
- Amplified Sound
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  Pleased by the year-over-year improvement in managing the after-hours amplified sound. Only a few outliers:

  o Thursday night Main Stage. Way way way too loud. I camp around 1,400' from the stage, and in Marshall's so it's not getting front of stage sound, and things were shaking off of our camp tables. To put it in perspective, one could estimate that there is about 7 million square feet of space where people camp excluding the Far Side. A 1,400' sound circle is about 6 million square feet. Halving that to exclude the Far Side, that one stage is covering around 40% of our area precluding others from making their own music. And this is from only one of our many stages. I'll cover this separately later but I believe that a good part of the problem here was poor sound
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engineering. But still way too loud covering way too large an area.

o Disco cart Saturday night. Why did they get an amplified sound permit after violating theirs last year? Undermines the whole permit system and the Guidelines. Because they're so loud and also mobile they drowned out a performance at a stage that I was attending. Please don't give them another permit. They are hearing damage loud and I don't come to the Fair to lose my hearing and families with young children aren't consenting to this either.

o OASIS Sunday night. Again, way way way too loud, exceeding the limit on their permit. And, they ran well past the 2AM cut-off on their permit. I ran into the person who was sent out to shut them down at breakfast on Monday who told me that they were excessively rude and aggressive to him. They should not get a permit again. This raises a possible policy issue - maybe the end time should be earlier on Sundays because security switches to skeleton crews at midnight leaving much fewer people to manage this.

- Late night amplified noise: I wish this was enforced after 2am, but my experience is that Fair guidelines are only sporadically enforced.
- Love all the young people w their JBL speakers! Let's be sure to be welcoming to the next generation of the OCF community. Less restrictions and micromanagement of the youth and their ways of expression and festivity please. We need them. The world needs them.

Spoken Word

- Spoken word needs some work, I was horrified and disgusted by the Gay poetry reading on Saturday at Chez Rays stage, talk of rape and sexual abuse in a dining area full of families and children was very disturbing. Chez rays has huge crowds and I understand spoken word but can we try to make it a bit more friendly?

Stage

- Some of the stage/sound management I think took away for the experience of some of the shows I attended. I think paying more attention to what stages are close together and what is happening at each might be good. A couple time I could not hear a show/musician I was at because they were acoustic or a theater production and they were very near another show with very loud dance music. Sound travels really far and fair and trying to put very loud shows in areas where their sound will not impact quieter ones as much may be good. Additionally some very big shows were put on small stages, like march forth and high step at the horse coral. That stage is way too small for the bands that were playing there, putting dancing music which lots of people will attend in a bigger stage with more open space may be a good idea.
- I want to draw attention to the volume produced at stages for two reasons. First reason is safety. For example, I measured the decibels at Dance Pavilion Saturday afternoon (a great show), which was consistently in the 90 dB range, peaking at 97 decibels. This volume is known to cause permanent damage to hearing and tinnitus. The second reason is Fair experience. We have great "intimate" tucked away stages, however the experience is diminished by the volume which creates cross-sound and pushed attendees away rather than drawing them in. I suggest Fair have a volume policy and educate stage crew. Fair was awesome. Thank you! Fair thee well :)
- The Fair is awesome in too many ways to enumerate. But my big concern, as an Ambiance performer, is the unnecessarily loud Main Stage volume level. It inevitably and inexorably gets louder and louder as each of the three days progress. Why are folks on paths near the Main Stage area, but who have chosen to not be at Main Stage meadow, forced to have their senses overcome by the loud sound system? It interferes with ambiance performance and performers HIRED BY THE FAIR, and it interferes with the artists and booth folks ability to carry on normal conversations with members of the public who are interested in their creations/products. From my experience of 37 years at the Fair, this has been a problem for most of those years, and no matter how many feedback forms have been submitted on the subject the situation fails to change. WAH! I have reveled in the music of artists who have performed on Main Stage, but that doesn't mean that people engaging in the wonder of the Fair in other ways and areas should have their experienced compromised by the LOUDNESS!

Sunshine DB

- Sunshine database
  The site is counter intuitive and not user friendly, lots of updates were made , however it seemed that the instructional videos were not updated. The folks that were available to help when needed did a great job.
- The Sunshine database was a horrible experience. Fortunately, the first year craft committee helped me through it, but come on. We're better than that.
- Sunshine database: I strongly support promoting folks within that crew who can build a user-friendly, modern tool relevant to current needs. I believe this capacity exists within the sunshine crew and should be prioritized. Sunshine could become a powerful tool that admins (like us in fair central) can access and use during the event. I also strongly support the adoption of the incident management system being tested this year, and would hope eventually sunshine and an IMS could even be integrated.
- The database made getting my kid on teen crew a giant challenge needing lots of trouble shooting and work arounds. Hopefully we are well on our way to a more functional database. I keep waiting.
- Sunshine database continues to have old-fashioned and clunky user interface. Coordinators' facing masked email addresses hinders getting up to date information into the database.

Survey

- A volunteer came around to our camp asking us to fill out a questionnaire on our experience. It seemed to only include questions pertaining to disability or sexual orientation comfort and inclusion. Since I don't fit those categories I felt not included in the questions for feedback. There was no space to write comments for feedback that was not addressed in the questions.
- So our job this year on survey crew was to survey staff and specifically try to survey as many Booth reps as we could. My assigned shift was Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. I tried my best to locate as many Booth reps in my assigned area during that time, but since it was a very busy time with them talking to the public, it was hard to get them to fill out my survey. Their feedback that they wanted me to share was to ideally work either before or after public hours, if the goal is to survey booth reps.

Teens

- My children will finally both be teens for the 2027 OCF, but I've been making them their own special "OCF TWEEN" lanyards the past few years. This year my 12 year old got some flack and grief from some sweep crew when he showed his lanyard, about "not looking 12" and "can you prove it?" remarks, even when he was walking with us- his parents.

  I also was working gates on shift and had some quite questionable looking self-proclaimed 12 years olds with no other credentials visible run through gates.

  Could the fair consider adding a "TWEEN" wristband for 11-12 year olds who can't get Teen wristbands yet? Maybe just charge like a $15-$20 fee for them?

Traffic

- I'd really think it would make sense to have an education program every year to educate people who are driving vehicles at the fair, especially gas powered ones that they need to be turned off when they're not in use. I saw many trucks that were just sitting around idling for long periods of time when people weren't going anywhere. This is a waste of gas ($) and also just increases the amount of pollution in the small area where there are thousands of people.
- Sorry this is a bit long. Back Lot/South Park Road Traffic Pattern - There's a one-way traffic gate heading into the backlot (bacon gate), where a lot of people camp. The traffic is one-way heading out in order to keep folks from going the wrong way on South Park into Xavanadu. However, people who are camped in the back lot and that area of the south woods end up driving through Xavanadu and up South Park to get into the area to pack/unpack which seems a bit silly. Maybe during load in/load out the back-lot section of South Park could be 2 way traffic with a second check-point by the portapotties just past middle parking road enforcing one-way traffic where South Park goes into the woods and becomes narrower?

- Traffic and the flow of getting in and out is so much better than it used to be. Love the changes and how thats flowing.
- Traffic could have used more direction and directed cars more. Leaving Monday at noon we saw few traffic helpers and there presence could have made the experience smoother for every line going ever which way.
- Traffic/parking people much improved from last year. Occasionally, someone still misdirected when I tried to leave from the front gate after everyone else was telling me to leave from the front gate, but I worked around it. I leave around 2:30 when the crowds get too much.
- A question about Alter Abled. My friend has a body that sometimes needs crutches to function. It's progressive and also sometimes easier to walk than others. I asked at the entrance if someone could come get her from where we parked and take her to the entrance. We were asked several times for a placard but she car pooled with us, and we didn't intend to park in alter able parking, just to get her a ride. The amazing parking guided us to Miss piggies lot. From there she got another ride up. Hooray! That was awesome. Day 2, Saturday she comes back with her husband. Still no placard because of the newness of her physical condition. They asked again at the entrance and were spoken to very rudely. They parked as everyone does. Then my friend (on new crutches) hobbled in. Luckily! Someone saw her after a while and took them both in. Talking to me about how we could have done better without having a disabled placard? I appreciate everyone dealing with traffic! Not a complaint, just an inquiry.
- I've never heard the same thing twice from a member of traffic crew. I heard 5 different things from 5 different people on Wednesday and had to move my car 5 times before I ended up in the correct parking lot. When I brought this up to the traffic team, they were very condescending and rude. I was constantly having traffic folks run out in front of my car yelling at me to slow down when I was going 5mph. I then would immediately have people coming up to my window yelling at me to speed up. At one point, i started crying because i was so overwhelmed with conflicting information. I drive a stick shift and the running in front of my car caused me to stall multiple times, to which I was confronted with more condescension and rudeness from traffic crew. In fact, one older woman from traffic crew laughed at me and made fun of me which just really seems to go against the spirit of OCF. In 17 years of fair I can confidently say they have no idea what they are doing and are always very rude. Please beef up the empathy and compassion trainings for this crew!
- Tried to leave Xavanadu by dance pavillion around 4 but there was a huge pile up because the Porto potties were being removed unexpectedly at the Ho rd. exit. It wasn't communicated that they were going to close that exit and continued directing folks there, which caused a huge traffic jam. I sat in my car for over an hour just waiting for cars to turn around and go out the other way by dragon plaza. It appeared also that no one communicated this to the crew that was at the dragon plaza exit, as the folks manning it seemed to panic and got aggressive when cars started coming their way. Overall it was a huge traffic jam down there with no one really knowing what was going on.
- I work Cabal gate during Thurs move in hours and have a few suggestions: 1) there is not great coordination b/w traffic and security. our job is to check wristbands, but traffic constantly lets people w/o bands down bus road to get to Miss Piggy's. On Thurs in particular it would be super helpful if traffic crews on bus road told people driving in that they need to park in Trotters and get their wristbands before doing anything else. It would also greatly help to put signs up on bus road "Step 1: get your wristband; Step 2: Set up camp". At least 80% of our Thursday headaches would be solved if there were clearer expectations about being banded before going through Cabal gate. The vast majority of folks doing this are trying to get into Piggy's, but some are also trying to drive out to Alices/Entertainment or into the 8. We are stuck turning cars around in front of or behind Cabel gate when there is a ton of foot, vehicle, and bike traffic and it is a very sketchy situation. Thanks for hearing these concerns!
- I liked the two way traffic for walking out a top if 8
- Allowing two-way traffic on the fire road at the Back Lot for pack-in/out days would make more sense because so many people camp near there and the road is big enough for traffic to move both ways. You could make it one-way past the toilets for all the backstage/garbage/water traffic. That would allow people to unload and load without the use of carts - freeing them up for others who need them.
- Have people (the security team could do it) ensuring that people drive extremely slowly on the fire road because when people drive fast, it stirs up so much dust directly into people's camps.
- Traffic on Monday. This year's traffic on Monday was quite the worst I've seen. It was also the latest I've ever left Fair in the evening of Monday. This was due to not being able to get our vehicle up towards the shower/sauna at the Ritz or we parked near the dragon water feature to load our gear into our vehicle and trailer. As I've mentioned I've been camping in Killgallon acres since 1999 and typically usually we can get up there by about 4 o'clock or so without too much struggle. This year we were not able to get up into the area until about 6 PM. We did not leave Fair site until 8:30 PM which is the latest with ever left. This was due to traffic congestion issues.

- Please make available traffic patterns for load in (Wed and Thursday) and load out (Monday) for all major roads.
- Please, please, please consider making that Back Road along the South Woods two ways until where the port-a-potties are located (near the entrance to where camp 52 is). While I agree there is a safety issue at night in going to ways on the road further past there, it is totally safe in that back lot where people are camping, especially on Monday morning/afternoon.

Volunteer

- I was put on the plus one list by my friend who is in a crew because I am interested in learning more and volunteering and have been for a while as many of my friends have been on crews for years. He gave them my name, number, and email. I received no confirmation, so I called the fare to ask if they could send me some sort of digital confirmation so I can get on the bus to go to the fair and pick up my wristband at registration since I live in Eugene. The girl on the phone basically only responded with "no this is fair, we don't do digital things". And then told me I was on my own and good luck getting there. How am I supposed to meet friends camping to join them for the weekend if I don't even have an email saying I have a wristband waiting for me?
- How about some sort of volunteer appreciation initiative? Like a volunteer of the day? Crew members or leaders could submit recommendations based on outstanding service that goes above and beyond? Maybe they get a free SO pass for next year, a pass to the Ritz, or food vouchers? It would be an easy way to boost morale and encourage loving service. A little appreciation goes a long way.
- What's going on with "volunteer appreciation"?
  The money used to put on the fire works show was supposed to go towards that appreciation. We got catering and a kickball game that the volunteers put on themselves.....
- Working sop should still be able to happen! I wouldn't have become a staff member if it wasn't for a working sop ticket. On our team it works so nicely so we can split shifts or take days off to enjoy/ spend more time inside fair during open hours.
- When you dump someone from the crew they have served for 4 years at least have the courtesy to give some lame reason rather than no reason whatsoever. It appeared to be age discrimination, frankly. I was easily your most experienced crew member. I have 24 years of experience as an administrator carrying a walkie-talkie and supervising huge numbers of people. I've completed 104 safety trainings. I had been on this crew consistently for 4 years with no problems. I was a mentor to new members because I know how to work a walkie-talkie and do active supervision. I was a crafter for 20 years. I attended for 40+ years. And out of the blue I was dumped and offered some ridiculous night time shift out in who even knows where, totally inappropriate for a 68-year-old tiny female. All you had to have said was due to reduction in force. Or some other reason. Not just because somebody said . Consider asking for volunteers if you need to dump somebody because I don't think this was that you just wanted to get rid of me, personally. But I've worked in HR related businesses long enough to know that this sucked.
- All staff/volunteers should be well versed in where the public entrances and exits are. "I don't know" is not a proper answer while having the job of manning the staff exit.
- Child Care Crew could really use more staff!!! We get amazing feedback from families and fairgoers about our presence in Wally's Way and Fair-wide. We work hard to make these zones of the Fair extra family friendly and safe feeling for our youngest participants and their caregivers. As the Fair grows in size, and as vegetation grows taller, we need more staff to cover our expanding and evolving child care zones- Sesame Street, Wally's Way, and the Moon Path in Xavanadu. The past few years we have been pushed to our limits and stretched thin. As the climate crisis pushes our summer temps to extremes, our staff need to be able to take breaks while maintaining ratios and sight lines in child care zones. Many people on our crew are working well beyond their scheduled hours to maintain the atmosphere we are striving for.
- I feel these issues seriously disrespected our crew members and all volunteers. We make the Fair magic happen and need sanitation and the ability to leave.
- Can not be said enough.
  Show more appreciation to your volunteers.
- I really appreciated the Main Stage back stage passes. Passing them from one human to another during the event is a challenge, but I'm happy that others on the crew were able to enjoy shows backstage, especially when they had shifts which prevented them from scoping out a good spot in advance. Thank you for offering this opportunity to crew leaders. It was the first time we took advantage of it, and we will definitely do it again next year!

Wally's Way

- Wallys Way - idyllic, quiet, a respite for families, saw so many parents sitting down and watching their children explore in a safe, monitored space made for them!

Water

- Thank you for all the drinking water stations!
- I loved all the additional spritzers that were around the fair.
- Drippy faucets need to be higher priority, massive amounts of water leakage attributable to leaky sinks this year could be remedied by empowering more folks with the appropriate plumbing skills to go fix things. If not, perhaps some buckets to catch leaks to supplement path watering
- Would really like if we returned to watering the paths!
- The whole no water on Monday situation was really rough, if it was like a uhoh situation i totally understand how much of a challenge fair is and no worries! But if that was the plan to remove all the potable water on packout load out day, that seems a touch cruel. We were drinking warm truck water somebody found and were very happy to have it...
- The water crew never delivered the water buckets for dust in Xavanadu. Also a sign is needed at the Xavanadu bathrooms stating that the sink is not drinking water. Saw tons of people filling up water bottles and brushing their teeth.
- PreFair Water Crew Kudos

  We got potable water into service earlier than in recent memory. Tuesday? What a lifesaver!
- A water station at left bank by the porta potties and history booth would be amazing. That intersection just over the bridge sees so much traffic and gets so dusty. We can use our own can to keep the path watered, but there isn't a water station close by to fill it. Having to work a 6 hour shift in a constant cloud of thick dust is quite miserable. Or have water crew water that path throughout the day.
- Water trucks... I am surprised that there is not one comment about the last 2 fairs and the failure of water crew to water the 8. Once upon a time there was a water truck that went around the entire fair to water the path in the early morning. I haven't seen it for at least 2 years. Also there was a big push to seed the path with grass so it wouldn't be so dusty. But someone has dropped the ball and for those of us camping in the eight it's especially bad for our lungs, that dust contains silica and it doesn't come back out. Now that the golf carts are driving all over before fair, it's far worse than just letting the vendors drive in. The air quality is an important piece to maintain throughout the fair and I hope whoever took over as the coordinator for water crew gets educated and the fellow that maintains the water truck is once again allowed to do this job. Some things just need to happen for everyone's wellbeing and safety.
- Dust, there was too much of it this year at Fair partially because nobody was driving the water truck around like Palmer with the peach truck. I understand Palmer is no longer active in the fair and that truck is not completely functional due to a leak in the tank. When I asked on Sunday prior to Fair at Quartermaster about if there was going be a solution in the main Eight E 13th for getting water on the path, their answer was that they expected booths to water the path with path water and watering cans. This is not a solution. It does nothing for the gator traffic and other vehicle traffic on or before Wednesday of Fair. I was mentioning that Site crew had put some very silty dirt on top of the gravel they had put down East 13th. It was extremely dusty on the Fourth of July weekend. This was before the majority the traffic would be driving up his 13th. Even when people were walking simply they were creating huge clouds of dust. The peach truck used to drive into Main Camp and the 8 through East 13th and of course Snivel and Smile and all the way out Aero road. I think we need to find a better solution. Yes on Friday morning at 5:30 AM I did see United rental company water truck driving up east 13th and watering the path. However this was a little too late. It should've started the weekend before happening in both the morning and in the evening like we used to do. I know there's technical issues and we can no longer pump water out of Indian Creek or wherever but there has to be a better solution than waiting until booths moving in to water the paths. Let's not try to reinvent the wheel, do it like we have done for decades.
- Water. More drinking water is needed for the south woods, PLEASE!
- I was so happy to be able to refill my water bottle from a big blue jug at the event evaluation gathering yesterday, instead of being offered a single use plastic bottle. I yearn for the day I'll be able to refresh myself at the Picnic itself in a similar manner.

- Another Booth rep had this suggestion. Could there be a path watering crew? They noticed that their barrels weren't filled up until Friday afternoon and things were very dusty even before that. It would be nice to have an assigned crew watering the paths in each area.

Website

- It would be cool if all the drinking fountains were lit up at night and easily found. I worry some of the fair kids are getting dehydrated.

WhiteBird

- There were several pretty intense incidents during my shift on External Security and I want to shout out Whitebird and Ex-Sec Supervisors for their absolute AWESOMENESS!!!

  My little nephew also became quite ill with a high fever during late night Friday and Whitebird took absolutely incredible care of him and his parents.
- During fair, the first aid kits ran out of Band-Aids and other basic supplies very quickly. If there was a way for White Bird to restock the first aid kits once during the day that would be beneficial to everyone. I understand White Bird works very hard and there might not always be someone to do this, but we were out of some basic supplies by Friday evening and people got upset they had to go to White Bird for help that we are usually able to give them.
- Whitebird was helpful for my Yellowjacket sting.
- White bird is incredible! Had a great blister bandage there, and I'm so grateful that they had electrolyte shots. It would be great if electrolyte shots were advertise more, because it's so important for people to have their electrolytes up and people definitely get dehydrated out there
- Please expand roaming White Bird services to include more White Bird people after midnight.

Wristbands

- For many years, people have been directed to the little dragon info booth for anything regarding wristbands or troubleshooting after 2pm on Sunday when registration closes. This is not the case nor has it been for over 20 years. Whoever has been telling people they are able to get wristbands that late into the fair is incorrect and every year it causes issues because we aren't able to help.
- Dispersing Elder (and other)wrist bands at the Unitarian church is fabulous. Alternate wristband dispersal seems to work well
- The wristband line was AMAZING this year!! I could hardly believe how quickly we got through! Even if we had to wait any longer, it would've been fine because there were so many shade canopies up, too. Excellent work!!!

Xavanadu

- Xavanadu art pieces were incredible. There was a lot of different art that was fin to enjoy. The puzzle at the doors was very fun. Night time in Xavanadu got very crowded! Maybe moving a few art pieces to chela mela or other places in the 8 would spread people out a little bit.
- I surveyed a first timer booth rep who was doing spiritual healing work near the mothership. She reported that people from the mothership did not like there being spiritual healing work near their Booth because of some of the loud noises that happened with the spiritual healing. She also reported that when she arrived to her Booth area there was tons of garbage that had been dumped in her area and she didn't know who to contact to clean it up so she did it all herself. She also commented that it would be nice to have some more support like a liaison for first-timers because she didn't know really anything about fair or fair culture. She was also a woman of color and she said her neighbors at the booth next door asked her name and tried to report her for not belonging there.
- I don't really know what the solution is here, but every day the smell of fermenting, molding hay from the water fill in the dining room in Xavanadu got worse and worse. I'm curious if there's some kind of solution to soaking up the water besides the hay, or getting more aeration there so it doesn't continue to sit and rot throughout the weekend.
- Stilt walkers in Xavanadu were incredible!!!!
- SO STOKED about the herbal elixir bar in Xavanadu!! Keepers for sure!!!!

- We need an End of Fair sign at Ho Gate. We need a pretty map in Xavanadu at either Ho Gate, Reefer Pass, or the Dining Womb.
- The music on the schedule and into the evening this year was OUTSTANDING! However, there may have been a few too many DJs in Xavanadu at night. The sound competed instead of complimented each other. How might we spread these folks out a bit more next year? What is the enforcement mechanism? Is it time to consider limiting amplified sound at night time? Maybe even an acoustic-only night in Xavanadu? Wow, that could be fun!