



## CAMP POLICIES AND INFORMATION:

In all our summer programming we center:

- **Land stewardship:** Appreciating how the land takes care of us and learning to offer our care in return. We cultivate an ethic of stewardship with campers through land-based projects, discussion, and everyday practice.
- **Nourishment:** Seeing how food grows and understanding how it helps us grow! Campers will get to know a variety of edible and medicinal plants at the farm and have the chance to harvest and prepare them to eat.
- **Curiosity:** Nurturing a sense of wonderment and interest in the world around us. The farm provides boundless opportunities for curious, creative minds to learn through play and experimentation. We encourage campers to ask questions and solve problems collaboratively.
- **Respect for youth:** We center the experiences and wisdom of youth, welcoming their valuable contributions to the world. We invite their autonomy while providing safe, age-appropriate structure and boundaries. We are a trauma-informed, social justice-oriented team.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Camp educators are trained in strength based and trauma informed approaches to social and emotional learning. Through cultivating autonomy and meeting the needs of our youth we create an educational environment where young people can thrive. **We are a multicultural educational space that centers the wisdom and resilience of Black, Indigenous, and POC campers, families, and educators.**

We embrace disability as a normal and valuable part of human diversity. We welcome neurodivergent and disabled folks to participate in our programs and strive to provide dignified, connective experiences for all. Full disclosure of your camper's medical, emotional and behavioral access needs upon registration is required in order for us to create the most enjoyable, safe and

harmonious camp experience for your child and for all campers. **Note: Zenger Farm's outdoor facilities are physically inaccessible and quite hilly.**

Summer Camp leaders work with camp groups to establish community agreements at the beginning of each week and will use this to set basic group norms. Educators will work towards cultivating relationships and community by consistently reflecting on and honoring students' humanity.

**Adults will be communicated with daily in person. Please allow for a few extra moments during camper check-out to talk briefly with your camp educator.** If you are carpooling, the person who is signing the camper out should be prepared to check in.

**Please contact us if you have questions about what accommodations we can provide to summer campers, by emailing [Brianna@zengerfarm.org](mailto:Brianna@zengerfarm.org) or by calling: 503-282-4245**

#### **EXPECTED BEHAVIOR:**

We try to create a safe and fun camp experience for students by following the expectations below:

- Be safe (with your words and behaviors)
- Be respectful (to yourself, others, and the land)
- Listen (to yourself, educators, and the land)
- Have fun!

#### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:**

- All forms of harassment
- Destroying property (structures, land or equipment)
- Repeated pattern of disruptive or disorderly behavior
- Improper use of restrooms
- Offensive, Inappropriate, and/or Unwanted physical contact
- Inflicting harm or hurting self or others (verbally or physically)
- Using or being under the influence of any intoxicating substance
- Bringing weapons to camp
- Bullying others, Violence, threats of violence, or violent language directed against another person.

- Violation of any federal, state or local statute or ordinance

### **IF YOU SEE OF EXPERIENCE CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS:**

- Report incident to Summer Camp staff. Look for a staff badge, a radio, and/or a camp bag. Zenger Farm Camp Staff are available and prepared to help in the event of a violation of our code of conduct.

### **TAKING ACTION:**

#### **How Staff will respond when a Code of Conduct violation occurs:**

- Remind campers of the rules
- Redirect inappropriate behavior towards helpful behavior
- If possible, switch campers out of groupings that feed negative behavior
- Discuss any underlying issues with campers
- Allow campers the option to reset in our sensory reset room
- Create a mutual behavior contract with Camp Director
- Reach out to parents or guardians for ideas and support

#### **Steps taken when primary responses are not helpful in redirecting camper behavior:**

- **Call made to the Camp Director to come and help.** Campers are given the option to reset their behavior away from the group. Next steps are explained to the camper.
- **Call made to parents to inform them of the situation.** The camper has one more chance to practice positive behavior. At this point parents should be ready to pick up their child early if needed.
- **If negative behavior continues,** calls are made to parents to come and take their child home early. Campers are welcome to return the next day if they are able to change their behavior. An internal incident report is filled out and kept on file.
- **If negative behaviors continue the next day,** parents will be called to pick up their camper. The camper will not be returning to camp. Unused days of camp will not be refunded due to behavior violations. Unused weeks of camp may be refunded, dependent upon our Refund Policy.

- **Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.** Anyone asked to stop unacceptable behavior is expected to comply immediately. If a Participant engages in unacceptable behavior, Zenger Farm may take any action it deems appropriate, including warning or expelling the violator from the event with no refund. For more egregious behavior, Zenger Farm may, in its reasonable discretion, temporarily ban or permanently expel a Participant from the community.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Lunch and morning/afternoon snack
- Water Bottle with camper's name visible
- Sunscreen and hat
- Swimsuit or water clothes (campers sometimes have optional water games in afternoon)
- An extra set of clothes (shirt, pants/shorts, socks) with full name on items.
- Rain jacket/Rain Boots (if necessary)
- Medications (if necessary)

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

Campers should be dressed and prepared to be outside on the farm every day. Please bring layers that are weather-appropriate. Campers should dress in clothing and shoes that can get dirty. Please wear sturdy closed-toe shoes (flip-flops or crocs can be brought in addition to closed-toed shoes).

### **DROP- OFF AND PICK-UP POLICIES**

The camp day always starts at 9:00 AM. Drop off will open at 8:45 AM for regularly scheduled drop-off. The camp day officially begins at 9:00 AM but campers can be dropped off any time between 8:45-9:00 AM (we'll have activities and staff ready). **Please arrive no later than 9:00 AM.**

During registration, and at drop-off, please provide the names of people who can pick up your camper. Individuals will need to show a **photo ID** to pick up

their camper (**no exceptions**). Drop-off and pick-up happen in front of or inside the Urban Grange, depending on the weather. The Urban Grange is the largest red building on the west side of the property. **Pick up will be between 2:45-3:00 PM.**

### **AFTERCARE: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 3PM-5:30PM**

Aftercare costs \$25/day (scholarships available if needed). Aftercare at Zenger Farm continues the enriching camp experience and gives campers the opportunity to cook, explore the farm, and play games with a mixed age-group, supervised by our dedicated Aftercare Educator. You can register for Aftercare when you [sign up for camp on our website](#). Please be sure to bring a picture ID and pick up your camper before or by 5:30 PM. **Please pack lots of snacks for your camper, especially if they are in Aftercare.**

### **COVID POLICIES:**

We are closely monitoring summer camp health and safety protocols required and recommended by the State of Oregon; We will continue to implement our careful health and safety procedures and policies during our camp sessions. You can refer to the [Zenger Farm Communicable Disease Management Plan](#) for more current procedures and policies, guided by the CDC and Oregon Department of Early Learning. Procedures subject to change.

### **EXTREME HEAT/WEATHER POLICY:**

**In the event of extreme weather conditions, including temperature extremes in the 100s or above, Zenger Farm summer camps will operate with the following modifications:**

- Camper's starting spots will have AC, which we will keep going all week long to keep the space cool.
- We will alter our schedules to have more outdoor activities in the morning and indoor in the afternoon.
- Water games will be planned to cool us all down.

- We will be keep a close eye on all campers and make sure they stay hydrated and cool as much as possible.
- We are keenly aware of the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and will be looking out for that.
- **PLEASE:** send your camper with icy water bottles, sunscreen on AND packed with them, breathable clothing and a sunhat, if possible. If you can, let us know if you decide to keep your camper home.
- **In the event that this plan cannot be followed, camp families and guardians can expect to hear from Brianna Brawley (Summer Camp Coordinator) for an updated course of action.**

## SMOKE POLICY

### Zenger Farm Air Quality Index Policy for Program Changes and Cancellations

This guidance is based on documents used by [Oregon Public Health Guidance](#) for School Activities during Wildfires and the [California Department of Education](#).

**Level 1:** Everything proceeds, campers will enjoy their time outside!

**Level 2:** Indoor camp activities are available, it is still OK to be outside.

**Level 3:** Most all camp activities are indoors.

**Level 4 and Above:** Summer camps will be canceled.

### **Levels & Corresponding AQI Numbers:**

Good (0 - 50): Everything proceeds, enjoy your time outside!

Moderate (50 - 100): Indoor activities are available, it is still OK to be outside

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (100 - 150): Move activities to indoors if possible

Very Unhealthy (150+): If not completely indoors, cancel program or event

## HEALTH CONCERNS/DIETARY NEEDS

**Please pack a hearty lunch and snacks for your camper. Must not require refrigeration (special exceptions, including behavioral/medical reasons, can be made).** In addition to the personal food your camper brings, we will sometimes make snacks to share from our farm fields and gardens. **Let us know if your child has special food needs or food allergies that you forgot to**

**list on the registration form. We are not an allergy-free facility,** but we do try to accommodate allergies as much as possible.

## **BEES**

We keep honey bees on the farm. While we always keep a safe distance from active hives, we do walk by them and even visit on occasion. **If your child is allergic to bees, please be sure they bring any necessary medication and notify Zenger Farm staff. Camp staff have First aid/CPR & EpiPen certification.**

## **REFUND POLICY**

**If you need to withdraw your camper from camp, please look over the following guidelines:**

- 30 days or more before date of camp: Full refund
- 29 to 11 days before date of camp: ½ refund
- 10 days or less before the start of camp: No Refund.

## ***Zenger Farm COVID-19 Summer Camp Cancellation Policy***

**Campers are eligible for a full 100% refund for all summer camp programs if:**

- Zenger Farm cancels or reschedules any summer program due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Families are adversely impacted by COVID-19 (job loss, illness or suspected exposure to COVID-19, caring for sick family members, etc.) and have to cancel their registration.

\*As we are a non-profit and dependent on community support, we ask that anyone who is able to donate their full or partial camp tuition to support the organization to please do so. We will of course give full refunds when needed.

## **PARKING**

**Please note: we have a very small parking lot.** Whenever possible, consider carpooling, biking or taking public transit. When pulling into the farm, please drive slowly and watch out for pedestrians. If you cannot find parking in the lot, street parking is available.

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE FARM:**

11741 SE Foster Rd. Portland OR 97266

### **BY CAR**

From the West:

From I-205 take the Foster Road Exit and head East on Foster Road.

Go through the light at SE 110/111th Ave. You will pass Franz Bakery on the right as you begin to go uphill on Foster Rd.

Zenger Farm is on the left at the crest of the hill, at 11741 SE Foster Rd. You will see the red urban grange and farmhouse from the road.

Turn left into the farm parking lot. If you reach the light at SE 122nd Ave. you have gone too far.

From the East:

SE 122nd is a direct North/South access to Foster Road.

Heading West on Foster Road, Zenger Farm will be on the right, at 11741 SE Foster Rd. You will see the red farmhouse from the road.

Turn right into the farm parking lot

### **BY PUBLIC TRANSIT**

To plan your trip go to: <http://trimet.org/>

Bus 10 and Bus 73 run on Foster Road. Get off at Stop ID 1773 if you are heading East, or Stop ID 1774 if you are heading West. Walk to the Zenger Farm entrance at 117th Ave., you will see the red farmhouse from the road.

The MAX Green Line and Bus 14 will get you to Foster and SE 94th Ave. From there you can transfer to the 10 or 73 to reach the farm.



*If you have any questions or concerns please email the Summer Camp Coordinator , Brianna Brawley, at [Brianna@zengerfarm.org](mailto:Brianna@zengerfarm.org)*