

Circle of Life Attendees

Dear Friends,

Please Read before you come to Ferry Beach.

This year, your experience of Ferry Beach will not be the same as it was in previous years. Ferry Beach is doing everything we can to make your experience **safe and enjoyable**.

For Safety:

- We are maintaining cafeteria style dining with less choices for each meal but still with the special need diet issues you come to expect. We reduced the price of the meal plan and eliminated a la carte pricing this year.
- **Please wear a mask inside and keep safe distance (3ft) outside.** The CDC recommends that in places where there are people who cannot be vaccinated or haven't been, that we maintain at least 3 feet distance outside and inside.
- When you line up for meals, we must mask and keep distance.
- When the weather is OK, **please line up down the pathway toward Morris** Avenue and not on the porch!

Take Care of Each Other

- This our chance to shine as a **COMMUNITY Conference – All of us pitching in!**
- Practice radical hospitality, paying attention to the needs of others and changing your behavior so that we can safely be in community together.
- **Pink wrist bands:** If you feel like you want extra special attention, please wear a wristband we will provide, it will let others know to keep distance and ask permission to come into each other's personal space. All of us will be looking for the wristband as we interact with others.
- *We are encouraging all children and others who are not vaccinated or would like special attention to wear a wristband. It will just be another visual cue we can have to remind us to keep our distance and ASK for HUGS!*

Conservation and Safety

- Please be cognizant and **close windows and doors when the AC is running.** If you are not in your cabin or cottage during the day, please turn lights and AC off or in the case of AC, up. On days that are super-hot, we will leave the dining room open at night for respite.
- We are also encouraging those who are **staying on campus to use the restroom in their lodging** building for safety and to reduce the need to continue to clean the public restrooms in DeWolfe.

Flexibility and Sustainability

- We will be following guidance to keep our 12 and under population and those with compromised immune systems safe. If something isn't working while we are all here, we might communicate a change in procedures during the week.

- **We won't be using our song books** during family weeks because of the need to wipe them down each time. We are also using less paper but have put all of our songs and the song book on the Ferry Beach app.
- **The conference schedule is also on the Ferry Beach app** under News. Please be supportive and helpful!

NEW Food Procedure for This Year!

- The food line will be open 75 minutes at lunch and dinner. Lunch will be 12-1:15 and Dinner will be 5:45 – 7.
- If your last **name begins with A through L, please plan on coming to the lunch line 30 minutes** after the bell rings for **lunch** at 12:30.
- **If your last name begins with M – Z please plan on coming to dinner 30 minutes** after the bell: (6:15pm.)
- Please wait on the porch or around the area as we will line up 10 people at a time. Volunteers from your conference will direct you.
- **The line will go out toward Morris, not on the porch.** Please do not line up more than 10 people at a time.
- All children who need help will be able to eat at the bell, even and especially children under 12 will need to line up with masks and distance!! Please help us do this for our safety.

Ferry Beach Staffing

The financial hit Ferry Beach took last year was devastating. We lost \$1,000,000 in revenue last year. That means less staff on campus this year. It means less gifting by Ferry Beach to people who work conferences with a free stay, meals and conference fee. We will be acknowledging those workshop leaders, coordinators and others who are here completely volunteering their time.

As a small staff, we are working twice as hard to keep up with everything you normally expect from Ferry Beach. Please be kind and patient with us as many staff are new and just learning about Ferry Beach. We have been shut down for a year including the shoulder season retreats so some items may be still in storage that your conference comes to expect. Ask us and we will see if we can find those items. A mighty group of volunteers helped us tuck away our summer last year, so we have found some items stored in unusual spaces!

Let's have fun in a safe, loving and compassionate community!

Love to you!

Your Ferry Beach Summer and Year-Round Staff