

May 26, 2006

Dear Parent(s),

In a few short weeks, your child will arrive at Tilikum Center for Retreats, a ministry of George Fox University (www.camptilikum.org). We are excited they are coming as we seek to discover “Life at the End of the Oregon Trail!” Enclosed you will find the following information:

- ❑ Welcome and Introduction letter from our program instructor
- ❑ Oregon Fun Facts—just to enjoy
- ❑ Health History/Emergency Contact form-complete both sides
- ❑ Getting to know you form
- ❑ Return envelope

ABOUT TILIKUM: Tilikum operates as a year-around camp and retreat center, serving all ages of children, youth and adults through innovative programs and rental opportunities. Tilikum’s grounds boast a 15-acre lake, forested walking trails, a restored 100-year old schoolhouse, and a barn complete with friendly animals and hand painted mural. Tilikum’s beautiful, peaceful rural atmosphere, along with knowledgeable, committed class instructors, eagerly awaits your arrival. Tilikum is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA) and remains in compliance with its camp operation as it relates to program quality and the health and safety of campers and staff. For more information, feel free to visit www.acacamps.org.

The following information will help you prepare for your child’s week with us.

REGISTRATION: Registration will take place between **4:00-6:00 pm** on Sunday, July 9, 2006. **The official program will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm.** The program will conclude with lunch on Friday, the 14th. Participants should be prepared to enjoy a week of learning, hands-on field trips, along with new adventures and activities. Each day of the program includes some travel on a comfortable shuttle bus.

LOCATION/TRANSPORTATION: Grandparents are responsible for arranging transportation for their grandchild and have received detailed information about arriving at Tilikum. If your child will be arriving separate from their grandparent(s), please call our office ahead of time (503) 538-2763 to make special arrangements.

HOUSING: The Retreat Center is a comfortable remodeled “home” with common lounge areas, dining room, meeting spaces, and billiards, foosball and ping pong available. Most rooms sleep three in all single beds. The third bed is an upper bunk (with safety rail) and each family will have their own private bath. Families of four will have two rooms next door to each other.

WHAT TO BRING: July in the Northwest is beautiful, with average temperatures in the upper 70’s, although it’s always good to be prepared for any type of weather, hot or cold. Towels and bed linens are provided.

- Clothing for a week, including comfortable walking shoes and jacket for cool weather
- Modest swimsuit and swim towel
- Camera (optional)
- Personal shampoo, toiletries, etc.
- Overnight bag for Tuesday night hotel stay
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent

What NOT to bring

- Knives or pocket knives
- Gameboys, personal games, and electronic devices (If you bring one, it can only be used during travel times, not during program activities)

AMENITIES: Laundry facilities and soap are provided free of charge. A phone is available in the retreat center but a credit card or calling card is necessary in order to make long distance calls.

MEALS: Tilikum's dining room is presided over by cooks who truly enjoy cooking and serving our guests. Menus are planned to meet each group's needs. We can accommodate special diets **if we know about them ahead of time**. Please indicate special diet needs on the enclosed health form.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Address:

Guest Name
 Tilikum Retreat Center
 15321 NE North Valley RD
 Newberg, OR 97132

Telephone:

Day: (503) 538-2763 - Tilikum Office
Emergencies Only
 Message Pager: Evenings/Weekends
 (503) 817-5254

To help prepare for your arrival, please return the following forms in the enclosed envelope by July 1, 2006:

- Health/Emergency:** Be sure to complete both sides and sign where requested.

- Getting to Know You**

The entire Tilikum staff is looking forward to meeting your child and hopes this Elderhostel experience is memorable and rewarding. If you have any additional questions, please call (503) 538-2763 or email me at mwelton@georgefox.edu.

Sincerely,

Michelle Welton
 Tilikum's Elderhostel Coordinator
 Enclosure