



New Elder Information

- **Now that I am an Elder, what can I expect to happen next?**

We will communicate with you primarily via email, unless you specifically request otherwise. In early FEBRUARY of each year, you will receive a Letter of Intent survey link from the Elders Wristband Subcommittee asking about your plans for the upcoming fair, whether you will be needing either a wristband or day passes through Elders. This is a critical step because we need to report Elder pass quantities to the Inventory Crew by mid-March.

If you do not receive the February communication, first check your Spam folder. Then email us at elderwristbands@gmail.com to request it.

Elders who have responded to the Letter of Intent survey telling us that they will need either a wristband or day passes will then be emailed a Pass Request Form in April . The Pass Request Form includes space for you to request either an Elder wristband OR day passes for yourself. If you opt to purchase an Elder wristband, you will also have the opportunity to purchase a companion wristband (SOP) and/or a vehicle sticker. The deadline to submit your Pass Request Form and payment is May 25.

If you have requested a Pass Request Form and have not received it by the first week of May, email us at elderwristbands@gmail.com to request it. You must return the current year Pass Request Form (previous years' forms not accepted) to the OCF office by the May 25 deadline in order to receive the 50% discount on your Elder wristband. Also, availability of companion wristbands and vehicle stickers is limited. If you miss the deadline, you may not be able to purchase either of them.

- **As an Elder, aren't I automatically entered to receive a wristband?**

No! You must tell us each year if you intend to purchase a wristband via Elders. Many registered Elders continue to get their wristbands through a booth/entertainment/staff position.

- **Aren't the Letter of Intent Survey and the Pass Request Form the same thing?**

No. The Survey that is sent in early February is how you inform us of your pass requirements. The Pass Request Form (sent in mid-April) is what you will return to the OCF office with payment for wristbands, day passes, and vehicle stickers. The April communication will include parking and camping information, both on and off-site, and other important information pertaining to the upcoming Fair.

- **How will I know if the Elders have received my payment?**

We will email or snail mail you a receipt which will indicate what you have paid for and what you will be receiving.

- **Where do I pick up my wristband and vehicle sticker?**

You will pick up your wristband and vehicle sticker from the Elders line at the Registration booth out in the parking lots.

- **If I ordered day passes instead of a wristband, how do I get my day passes?**

We will snail mail them to the address on your Pass Request form.

- **As an Elder, do I have to camp in Elders Camp?**

There is no requirement to move your camping location when you become an Elder. In fact, space at Elders camp is limited. If you wish to relocate to Elders Camp, please contact eldercamphost@gmail.com

- **What if I camp on the Far Side?**

If you camp on the Far Side, you may continue to camp there. However, if you have been getting a Far Side vehicle sticker, please contact us at elderwristbands@gmail.com for more information and specific instructions on how to transfer your Far Side vehicle sticker to the Elders budget.

- **How do I find out about Elders events throughout the year?**

Send an email to ocfelderlisthelp@gmail.com and request to join the WonderfulElders listserve. This is an informal email communication among Elders and includes upcoming events, including Elders Committee meetings and the minutes of these monthly meetings plus semi-annual Elders retreats.

The Elders have created a website, as well. It includes information about the various subcommittees, Elder happenings, and a bit of history. <https://ocfelders.weebly.com>

The Elders also have a Facebook page, Elders of the Oregon Country Fair. Send a friend request to Peggy Isaacs, the monitor, to be included in postings. Events are often announced here, too.

- **What if I'd like to volunteer with the Elders?**

We are always looking for volunteers! There are a number of different subcommittees that handle a variety of tasks and activities throughout the year. Contact Annemarie Hirsch at eldervolunteers@gmail.com for more information on how to plug in.

Our Spring and Fall Elder retreats are excellent opportunities to meet other Elders and to get a sense of all that we are involved in.