

## **Meals, Camping, Guidelines and Restrictions for skills students**

**Meals:** The riparian area on our farm and far from options for easily cooking. **Bring your own eating utensils & bring food.** No garbage cans are available, **pack it in, pack it out.** We are in an arid grassland country and generally there is a ban on open fires at this time of year. Please bring a safe camp stove if you wish to cook at your campsite and keep it well away from vegetation or other flammable material. Bring whatever you need for breakfast and lunch, drinks, snacks, condiments, specialty food, etc. and the evening meal will be a time for socializing and sharing. **Think potluck.** The farm will also share some of its produce ready to eat, but not providing a meal. In respect for the earth, please no throwaway utensils. There will be a place to wash dishes.

**Camping:** This year's gathering will be held in the Nature Preserve along the North Platte River. It is a beautiful site, primarily cottonwood savannah with some other trees and shrubs mixed in. You may arrive after 1 pm on Tuesday the 19th. When you arrive please park temporarily and walk in to find a place to camp, then return and drive in to unload and set up camp. When you are finished, move your vehicle to the parking lot. Be sure to camp far enough away from large trees to avoid falling trees or branches in the event of a storm. The camping and skills area will be closed to vehicle traffic during the gathering, so any additional supplies will need to be carried or carted in. If you car camp or camp in modern RVs you may do so in the designated area. There will be Porta-Potties available and a water spigot on the edge of the camping area. **For those who need to camp Saturday night before hitting the road,** please have your campsite cleared and be ready to leave by 10 am, Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Restrictions:** As this is a nature preserve we are not allowing pets. If you have a service animal and need an exception, please clear this with us before coming. No Alcohol, drugs, firearms, or fireworks. This is a family friendly event including children, so please be decent in dress, language and behavior. Creative, unconventional, and natural/wild is OK, but no nudity. No radios/speakers, amplified music, or gasoline generators please. Keep the camp quiet after 10 pm. We will have a central sheltered fire pit area with seating for gatherings and meals. Socializing and acoustical music can go on around the fire pit later into the night.

**Be sure to sign in when you arrive, and be sure you have sent your release form.**

## **2026 Things to bring!**

- Eating utensils (knives, forks, spoons, chop sticks, hands, plates, bowls, some way to eat food!)
- Your own washable cup for teas and coffee
- Water bottle
- Sun hat, sunscreen
- Musical instruments
- Desire to learn!

## **Things to leave at home!**

- We ask that you please respect our substance free, no recreational drugs or alcohol policy on the farm.
- No dogs.
- No firearms or fireworks
- Please no radios or noisy generators in the camping areas.