



Site-host requirements for visiting Oxbow Educators

Thank you for inviting our Farm Educators to your site! These requirements were created with the goal of keeping participants and educators safe, healthy, and providing an environment that allows us to adapt our outdoor-focused education programs most effectively to your site. Oxbow requires that our programmatic school visits constitute the lowest possible risk of COVID transmission, based on current Washington State guidelines for mitigating Covid-19 transmission in K-12 schools and child care (August 5, 2022 update available [here](#)). Oxbow Educators will do our part to follow this guidance and we have adjusted our activities accordingly. Our educators reserve the right to cancel/end a program if the teaching environment is perceived to be unsafe or unsupportive.

- The ideal location for our education programs is an outdoor area with a mixture of seating and open space, preferably covered (to keep people and materials dry) with a limited number of kids (no more than 30 per session).
 - If an outdoor space is unavailable, a large, spacious (and preferably well-ventilated) room such as a library, gym, multipurpose room, or cafeteria is the second-best option.
 - If the only/best option for programming is a classroom, please contact us to plan specifics, particularly to allow for set-up/transition intervals if there are multiple sessions scheduled.
- Additional staff support: 1 - 2 site staff (camp counselors or teachers) are required for programmatic support and enforcing health and hygiene behaviors
- Kids and staff will wash their hands before and after the program and practice respiratory etiquette (coughing into elbow or tissue).
- Tables with either benches or seats are preferred but not required (open floor areas are also acceptable). Tables should not be shared with more than 6 kids and will be cleaned between uses by the site host.
- Hand sanitizer and/or spray sanitizer will be available for use.
- Materials may be shared between students, but any materials that are observed being used in an unhygienic manner will be replaced/sanitized/disposed of.
- There should be an on-site response plan to quickly isolate any camper or student who is showing symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild.
- Restroom facility and hand-washing location must be provided and accessible to the Oxbow Educator.

Other considerations:

- The outdoor setting where the lesson will take place will ideally be comfortable including shade or covering, and/or campers/students should wear hats or jackets and have water bottles and sunscreen for comfort during the lesson.
- While Oxbow staff will be conducting the lesson and will be primary facilitators, we ask that staff present during the session remain present and engaged with the students, and available to assist in group/behavior management.

