



OREGON NATIONAL PRIMATE Research Center

YOUR VISIT TO THE OREGON NATIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon National Primate Research Center. We hope you find the following information useful in planning your visit.

1. Tours of the Primate Center are very popular with teachers throughout the northwest and beyond. Scheduled for groups ranging in size from 10-80, tours feature an age-appropriate presentation followed by a tour of the breeding colonies of rhesus macaques and Japanese macaques ("Snow Monkeys"). Depending on the interests of the students and the size of the group, it may also be possible to tour selected lab spaces (available for groups of 10-16 members only). Depending on the content, tours require from 90 minutes to 2.5 hours. *The minimum age requirement for tours is 10 years (5th grade).*
2. **Chaperone Requirements for Student Groups:** Student groups are required to provide oversight of students by engaging the appropriate number of chaperones. For high school level groups, please engage at least one adult per 15 students. For elementary/middle level groups (5th through 8th grades), a minimum of one adult for every 10 students is expected.
3. **Student Preparation for the Visit:** Please prepare students for their visit to the Center by reviewing the general rules of public behavior with them. It would be helpful to give them advance warning of the following (which will be reiterated during the course of the presentation here at the Center):

- photography is not permitted at the Center
- student cell phones must be turned off and kept in pockets/backpacks/purses.
- for the protection of our animals gum chewing is not permitted in monkey housing areas

With regard to academic preparation, it is always most rewarding for the students if they have had some preparation for the fact that they will be visiting a world-class research facility. It is helpful if they have some understanding of our purpose. This is something we review in the presentation, which focuses very generally on biomedical research (why it is conducted and why animals are needed), and, more specifically, on the research projects that are currently underway here. To find out more about these topics, visit our website: www.ohsu.edu/onprc

4. **Safety:** Because of the close genetic relationship between humans and macaques, it is possible for certain diseases to be transmitted from one species to the other. For the health and safety of both our monkeys and our visitors it is very important for chaperones to ensure that students maintain a distance of at least 10 ft from the monkeys at all times. Students and chaperones are expected to adhere to verbal directions and posted warnings, and to behave respectfully towards the animals while they are here.
5. **Dress:** **At least half of our time together will be spent out of doors**, where we will view the monkey breeding colonies. We will walk approximately .5 miles. ***Guests should dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes!!!***

6. **When you arrive:** The guard at the entrance gate will direct you where to park, and let me know that you have arrived. I will meet you in the parking lot, and escort you to the presentation location. **Due to our busy tour and outreach activity schedule, we are unable to accommodate early arrivals. *Please do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes before your scheduled tour time.***
7. **Important Message for Tour Organizers:** If your tour numbers change between the time you make your reservation and the time of your scheduled visit, please contact Diana Gordon (gordondi@ohsu.edu or (503) 346-5055). If your group size falls below 10, we may need to reschedule your tour; if it increases, it may be necessary for us to engage additional personnel in order to comply with Center rules/regulations. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your group members and/or chaperones are arriving in separate vehicles/carpools, you must provide a list of these individuals, along with their home addresses, to me at least 24 hours in advance of your arrival (in alphabetical order, last names first, please). This is for the purpose of identification at the front gate. We do not use this information for any other purpose, nor do we provide it to any other group.

Directions: IMPORTANT!!! Use these directions; directions by MapQuest, Google, or any other on-line provider may send you to the wrong location!!!

Directions to the Primate Center from Portland:

- Take Hwy 26W (the "Sunset Highway") towards Ocean/Beaches
- Take the NW 185th Avenue exit
- Turn left onto NW 185th
- Cross both Cornell and Walker Roads
- Once past Walker Road, begin looking on the right for Parr Lumber Company followed by a self-storage facility
- Just beyond the self-storage facility you will see large granite sign that indicates the entrance to OHSU's West Campus. Turn right onto Holly Street at the traffic signal.
- Follow Holly Street to the gate at the entrance of the Primate Center; the guard will direct you where to park and let me know that you have arrived. You will be met in the parking lot.

Directions to the Center from Salem:

- Take I-5 North
- Merge onto Hwy 217 (Towards Tigard/Beaverton)
- Merge onto Hwy 26W (Towards Ocean/Beaches)
- Follow directions from Portland, above.

