



2010 FEEDBACK REPORT

This year the new Oregon Country Fair Fan Page on Facebook asked *“Tell us what you loved most about the Fair this year and also be honest with us and let us know what we can improve on. We want to improve upon and continue to create a wonderful Fair.”* These responses are combined with the feedback sent to the office via email and the original paper feedback form. All of it is presented in this Feedback Report divided into sections of what we can improve and what we liked (starting on page 12).

WHAT WE CAN IMPROVE

Alter-Able Access Advocacy

- I really liked the idea of the assist bikes that were available. I think this really would help more people enjoy the fair and that it could be used to get from camp sites to the fair as well. My friends used one and they both fit easily on it and the dude pedaling had no problem riding 2 people. Again I think they should be expanded for upcoming fairs.
- Alter-abled tri-shaw bicycle rides are really, really fine. I can walk easily for only short distances so the ride here from Big Oak meant I arrived at Fair fresh and ready to love this place. Thanks, Rick & Shawn for pleasant, efficient transport.
- Suggestion – get some youth crew to guide people around the Fair, especially disabled folks.
- Parking – front great, disabled need to be more directed in.

Admissions & Paid Parking

- Motorcycle parking fee. Please review the new policy to charge each motorcycle the same fee as a car. I suggest, because an average-sized “bike” takes up half the parking space of a car, the fee be \$4, or half of whatever a car fee is. Couples riding together should only be charged one fee of the space/fee of a car!
- As a first time visitor, Based on wording regarding back pack checking, and package checking, I understood I could not carry a bag with food/water/blankets into the fair. Once there, I realized you meant 'inspected' or 'searched', in the paragraph about backpacks, but you did have a check-in/locker for packages inside the fair. I know you have a huge percentage of return visitors, so probably not a big deal, but it made my day a little more difficult.
- Please work with TicketsWest and the neighboring campgrounds about “Will Call” tickets. There are two problems: a) some campgrounds (don't remember which ones) will only let people in with their Fair tickets and not honor the print-out receipt, and b) patrons come on site on Thursday to the sticker booth to pick up their Will Call tickets. They are in part rightly confused as I did not read any notice on the receipt about days/hours or location to pick up Will Call tickets and that a large tripod “Will Call” sign on the ground in front of the sticker booth on Wednesday and Thursday. Perhaps, that sign could be shielded until Will Call is truly open.
- Consider a system to stamp workers (& others) that does not get ink on our nice clothes. Thanks.

Attendance / I want to come!

- I was stuck in Harrisburg, but the Facebook posts & pics made it seem like I was there.....
- Wish I could have been there this year. I'd have brought my own dust mask. Went last year and was rained out and had to leave within hours of arriving. No crafts could be displayed and we were walking in a river of mud. Trying to get up there again next year. There is just "no Way" to describe the fair to someone who's never been. I always try to bring someone new each time. They always love it.
- **I'd like to improve upon going to the event instead of going to work all weekend :) sniff, boohoo**
- **Well there is One Huge Horrible thing wrong with the Fair...I don't have a job there!!!! ;)** Seriously though I Love LOVE LOOOOOOVE the Fair!! It's the best part of my whole year!

Bikes

- An example of rules and do they exist or not... What is the rule about bicycles? According to the Fair Guidelines they are not allowed in the 8 from June 1st to August 1st (those dates may be incorrect, but definitely include the week of the fair). Yet, bikes were everywhere... Every day of the fair, Wednesday, Thursday, and Monday. If we have a rule for a reason we need to stick with it. If we don't have a good reason than let's not have them! Personally I don't like

the bikes in the 8 during Fair days. They go a little too fast to be safe with all the small children, costumed folks, and bare feet.

Buses

- Please provide shade for folks that have to wait for the bus back to town. Thanks!
- Please ad more frequent bus runs from Eugene.
- Fair Family News said the worker bus would leave at 7am, but it didn't leave until 7:30 – missed the 8am bird walk : (Driver said LTD was telling folks 7:30.
- How about a shuttle from Corvallis?
- Every element of the fair was great...except one: waiting inside the HOT school bus to go home at the end of the day was brutal. We sat for 15 minutes waiting for the bust to fill with people. Advise your staff to load people on buses ONLY when there are enough people to leave site immediately. Also, we waited for 10 more minutes behind a long line for cars to leave the site. You need to give buses first priority access to leaving the site while individual cars wait in line. Reward the eco-friendly bus riders with better courtesy!

Camping

- We might gently ask in some way – that for sites like Far Side that people use only a certain amount of space, i.e., 10X10 for 2-3 people etc. The idea that one can come early and commandeered by a tiny rope – empty space, space for their car, a big living room tent space with large hallways between them ... is comical and absurd. While other tired & spaceless people coming Wednesday or God forbid Thursday can't find space for a pup tent. Love you.

Cartography

- My first visit to the fair was back in the day. I'll be back, however, we seniors need more accurate maps of the booths and more seating.
- Please include a cigarette smoking logo/icon on the fair maps. It is less than helpful to ask smokers to only smoke in designated areas but then not give them the tools to find these areas. Thank you
- One other idea as this was my first fair, maybe more information/directional posters might be handy.
- The path to White Bird crew camp was called Flamingo Road every year and has been changed recently to Elders Road. We (I) prefer the Flamingo Road name as it has always been. Thanks.
- ?Farewell Flamingo Road? Over the course of many years, the grassroots creativity that characterizes the Fair at its best has given rise to Flamingo Road, a path beloved by White Bird staff, their families, and many others. Flamingo Road has been a fact on the ground – well-trodden, partially cleared, but still wildernessy, complete with “Flamingo Road” signage, and pink flamingos. Somebody, maybe somebody out of touch with real life on the Far Side, is attempting to rename Flamingo Road, prosaically, “Elders’ Path”. Can we have our Flamingo Road back?
- OCF decided to name the side trail of FarSide the “Elders Trail”. This trail has a name already which is “Flaming-oRoad”! Everyone who camps there knows it as Flaming-ORoad especially White Birders cause we camp there. OCF thought they needed more signage in FarSide to help Medical but the name of this trail will deter medical attention because we all know it as “Flaming-O Road!” Please change this.

Carts

- CARTS are NEEDED out at registration!!!!
- Please set up another cart central for FarSide camping. It would speed up loading and unloading lots.

Cigarettes

- Oh, and I wish tobacco was illegal....but that's not going to happen. But please use the designated smoking areas...because it sucks to get cig smoke in your face. yuk.
- less smoking stations, better yet... no smoking (cigarettes)
- I just want to make a comment about the smokers. Is there any way to make the fair a “no smoking fair”? The cigarette smokers are extremely annoying and it is unhealthy for those non-smokers around them. There were many smokers in the “Craft” lot, especially in the evenings.
- I think it is time to make this a “No Smoking” event. University and hospital campuses are going that way. We need to be a leader. I realize it will take a few years for a culture shift, but we need to start.
- Smoking – Asthma/Respiratory – need to be further away from main paths and entertainment.

- There was at least one spot that I stood on line, where the water fountain was at the same spot as a smoking section. YUCK YUCK YUCK. (near the drumming tower) PP I also noticed smoking sections at areas that you 'had' to pass...at the top of the loop near archeology. Why not let the smokers stand off the main loop area? I really don't want to have to pass them at all. Why not put the spots where the least foot traffic is?

Craft Inventory & Craft Committee

- I was a first time vendor this year with a One Year Only booth. (Moon Root Soaps). I LOVED the opportunity to sell at the Fair. I think it would be great if the 1YO could be a 2YO. I invested a lot in the booth to improve it, and would LOVE to be able to enjoy the space again at least one more year.
- seemed like staff was just kinda less happy this year...I don't know maybe it was just me. I had hoped to apply to be a vendor next year but the system doesn't seem too friendly to newcomers.
- There could have been more water for sale. After being there for three hours we had only found one place that sold it.
- Please add my info to the crafter guide as it did not appear there now...
- I chose an item marked as \$113. I was informed the item was mismarked and should be \$120. Item was rung up as \$124 and charged to my card. The woman said she had to pay taxes because it was a small business. I need to trust that businesses will charge me for items as marked and not raise the price twice.
- Please return to old formal listing us by our art form. I reveled being the first name listed!! (Thanks!) But if people didn't know my booth # -- I was sunk. Many people know what I make, but not my booth #. Most of my booth mates agree with me. Thanks.

Strolling Vendors

- As a strolling vendor I am sick of losing prime spots to new food carts that don't move and strolling vendors who think they don't need to move or have been told they don't need to move. The entire point of strolling is to have an ever changing scene at the fair.
- Strolling vendors are meant to STROLL!!!! :-)

Camping

- I HATE the land rush for Crafts lot!!!! That has to change. All you Far Siders who are complaining, come and check out the Crafts lot. Over half full when they open it to crafters and a full on running...g, tripping stumbling, rush to get spots when they open it to the rest of us. Perhaps if they ran the far side that way things would be better ;) At least the camping crew doesn't stand with margaritas in hand watching and laughing anymore, but plenty of other folks were lined up to watch the chaos again this year.

Energy Park

- I was shocked that I couldn't charge my phone at Energy Park. I was told of a theft issue. Why let a few assholes ruin it for the rest of us... You guys love 'crews'. So start a cell phone (uh, I mean device) crew. Or maybe you could open a booth and charge a buck to offset time/money. I bet the alternative energy folks could set that up pronto. This is the 21st century and we all have them. Better to use solar than me sitting in my truck – burning gas to charge the phone. Let me know...

ENTERTAINMENT

- The performances that I saw and heard were generally pretty unremarkable. that could be improved upon greatly...but then I guess there would even be more attendees?!
- make sure that all stages are okay for someone who is alter-abled to get up on. Some of us had to go borrow a little step ladder to get up on the monkey palace stage. Sounds funny till you are the person who can't just vault up there
- shows on other stages,
- We loved the fair and took our children to see Cheese and Crackers. They were horrible. It was advertised as a juggling show for children and even had children participating on stage. However, they referred to "blunts", threatened to pull d...own their pants, and asked for a participant that they could "grope", besides making references to sexual organs. Maybe it would have been fine for an adult show, but certainly not for a children's show. Other than that, we had a great time enjoying the food and the music!

- Wheatfield, the iconic hippie band that graced Main Stage in the Fair's early decades, has reformed and is playing in Portland and on tour. I'd like to see them on Main Stage next year. <http://www.wheatfieldoregon.com/> I'd also like Dark Star Orchestra back.
- It is great to see how the diverse soundscape of years past is returning. I think we could use a few more opportunities for the rockers, but it is so sweet to wander from jam to jam along the path.
- A little more diversity with the musical artists. (The closest thing I found to "disco/techno" was the man playing his Didgeridoo)...he was awesome!

Ambiance

- The "open harp piano" which was placed out in the parking lot this year. I really wish that it was placed back in the playground area. The piano is my favorite thing in the faire.
- We LOVED everything about the FAIR but we noticed there were no interactive or otherwise sculptures out front, & not a lot of entertainment when we were waiting to get in on Sunday morning:(
I missed the entertainers all around the fair too, ...the random ones you know? There were some.....
- there could/should have been a lot more mobile performance and costumed attractions, other than the attendees.
- Although I could be mistaken, it seems like not as many people this year dressed up... maybe that was just me, but it seemed like it. :) Next year mine is going to be even more amazing than last~!
- I have grown up going to the fair. And over the last several years we have noticed that there is not as many parades happening throughout the day. And I wonder why? I really miss all the fun things and ideas the fair people come up with for these performances.

Circus

- I realize that they're Fair institutions and have icon status but it's time for the Royal Family and the Stage Left Circus to move on I think and be replaced with higher caliber shows. The Circus this year was a disaster and the Royal Family hasn't turned out a good show in a long, long time. Sending their kids out to read bad poetry may have been enough to constitute an act twenty years ago but an event the size of the fair needs to start focusing on performance and show quality over nepotism.

It's Expensive

- loved almost everything about Fair, although it is getting more expensive all around... which makes it hard for working-class folks like us to come and spend money.
- So expensive this year. It seems like every year the prices and the booths go up up up. I can only afford to get a little treat of food now every day.
- Some of the products being sold are extremely expensive...I understand the prices of some stuff, but \$70 for a skirt, that's a little steep.
- The price of all the clothing was very expensive. I didn't see anything under \$75.00 unless it was a T-shirt

Food

- I have begun eating gluten-free in the last year. As I explored my food choices at Fair this year, I found others searching for food that met their unique needs, as well. I suggest adding information to the current food vendor list and/or creating a Fair Food Guide (maybe like Frommer's or Zagats) in the Peach Pit and/or online. Suggestions for food guide include:
 - Notations next to food vendor indicating
 - Gluten-free; Meat; Vegan; dairy-free or other specific menu items
 - Giving range of prices for food items
 - If there is seating nearby
 - Landmarks nearby (near Hoarse Chorale Stage / near White Bird / Near Drum Tower...)

Although most Fair Family knows and rediscovers every year, it would also be helpful to know: Who opens on Thursday, Who is open Monday morning, Who stays open late night / overnight, and Who serves breakfast.

Perhaps this would/could be published in the last FFN before Fair. If the Food Committee likes the idea, I offer my help in any ways possible (although I do live in Mississippi).

- My neighbor (a food booth) continuously gasses the neighborhood with the smell of leaking propane. Please insist they learn how to hook up a propane line correctly. After 25 years of this, I would expect you guys to do something helpful.

A Greener Fair

- More solar power out in the parking lots is also an idea I have been pondering, with all that open space they would be able to gather a lot during the day.
- It would be great if the Faire owned vehicles could be converted to electric - I am talking about all the old crusty trucks that burn oil and spew nasty fumes. What if we kept the look of the old trucks but made them electrically operational? Calcars.org has a great website with lots of information about conversion of I.C.E. Internal Combustion Engines into Electric Vehicles.
- Consider light pollution too, to minimize impact on animals that make their homes here all year and demonstrate an all-creature considerate mode to young members of our community. Also, I favor banning bottled water here. Thanks for listening.

Growth

- I am 30 years old and have been at the fair as a booth person since I was in the womb. I've watched the fair grow and change over the years and I'll admit I'm not very good with change, but overall the changes have been well thought out and needed. I'm concerned with the new expansion plans. I really worry that we're going to expand to the point of not being ourselves anymore. I would rather expand out a few days rather than expand into the woods that surround us and house us.

I also think, and I know this is an unpopular feeling, that at some point we have to say "No", we can't expand more, we can't add more people and we just can't get bigger. The fair is an amazing event and I understand that people wait years to get booths and beg and plead their way onto crews to experience the magic and that saying "no more people" creates a whole mess of anger around elitism and what not, but unfortunately I also think that Fair magic when spread too thin starts to disappear. I would like to give a few examples of the parts of the Fair that I see changing that just make me feel a sadness inside that I have a hard time expressing.

- This year a pretty sad event happened at our booth. My guitar was left in the front of the booth on Wednesday night, simple mistake, and in the morning it was gone. This guitar was a gift from my father right before he died of leukemia and it meant a lot to me to have it at the fair with the family. We put up signs all over the fair after it walked away and offered a \$100 reward, or as my mom said a ransom.

At 2:45am the next night a man came into our camping space woke someone up and returned the guitar. He reappeared the next morning for his \$100. He had a story, not well told, about finding the guitar but did say "you need to keep your guitar in a safer space" and it seemed pretty easy to guess he likely took it and brought it back only when he knew he could exchange it for the cash. We paid him and luckily saw no more of him. But it was really a disgusting incident.

I know we can't screen out folks and I know these types of things will happen, but I just can't help but think that as we expand and add more and more people the accountability of living in a community fades away. I'm thrilled to have my guitar back and gave the man a hug and profusely thanked him, but in my heart it really hurts that at a place such as the Fair someone decided to take the guitar in the first place.

I do still love the fair and I do still count the days until the next one, but I also worry about the day when it feels unsafe for me and my family and when the disrespect and distrust cloud over the magic.

HEALTH (includes Water & Sanitation)

- well I got sick from the food cause someone did not wash their hands
- Two larger women came up to the (Info) booth distressed looking for way out of fair. One walking with cane. Info crew had them sit and rest and to drink water. At that time, we learned that one had had chest pain. I called White Bird and they directed me to call AAAA. AAAA and Info crews uncomfortable with the health of these two women called White Bird back. It took over an hour before anyone responded and women had started walking out themselves. There was no phone calls back to Info to let us know someone was coming or not. Wheelchairs and White Bird responded, but the length of time was very concerning, and the fact that White Bird knew of chest pain with first call and referred us to AAAA. Heads up people.

Water

- Do away with plastic water and give volunteers reusable water jugs and refill from tanks and gators.
- Not enough water faucets.

- It's wonderful to have those water fountains set up to refill and keep hydrated. I stood on many a looong line, for a looong time, while people tried to get the water to actually go into the neck of their (horrible) plastic bottles. Water was wasted, as was my time! How about attaching a string with a funnel ?
 - In camp...have drinking water supply separate and far from hand/face washing water supply. having the drinking water supply right outside the honey buckets is concerning. separate supplies with signs saying "wash here"...."drinking water here". I think this should be mandatory for camps. Thanks!!-----Also, maybe drinking water supplies in the fair itself, rather than small \$2 vendor drinks :)
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- The fact that it was blasting hot and people desperate for water/relief, meant that more people were washing their heads/bodies over spaces meant for drinking! Hello!!!!Relatives!
- We are really lucky there are not more epidemics. Separation is crucial. Also, overflowing latrines==NOT HAPPENIN'. Sanitation and Water/Hygiene are probably two of THE most important issues to be dealt with at the fair. This is not paranoia
- . And no, the Blessing does not take care of this, we do. Thanks for hearing concerns.
- **my first time. more water would be good. and more toilets too [unless i just didn't recognize some].**
 - One of the hand washing stations was out of water by Saturday at 6pm. ;)
 - to make the best festival even better how about filtered water stations?
 - Thanks for the new hand washing station (at Main Stage six-pack). There should be a gravel surface under it to drain off excess water and keep the ground from getting muddy and slippery. My feet went out from under me there, landing me on my bum. (I wasn't hurt, but my costume was muddied!)
 - Sinks and drains of drinking & hand washing were often plugged

Sanitation:

- clean and stock toilets more often please
- The honey pots were not serviced well on Friday. No toilet paper for about three hours in the afternoon.
- (from 3 different respondents)Yes, we love the female urinals. Please make more. No lines. Very friendly & kind. Thank you. With 7 signatures.
- The women's urinals seemed breezier, more inviting, and easier to use than ever this year. Maybe my legs are getting stronger. We still very much need them in other parts of the Fair besides Community Village and Main Stage.
- (from 7 different respondents) Please do not put chemicals in the women's urinal; it is unsafe & very smelly.
- I'd love to see way more bathrooms and see all of them serviced more often. this is always my complaint every year. I have yet to use a bathroom at the fair that wasn't nearly full to the brim. the stench is disgusting.
- More outhouse with more sinks.
RE the house at Pooh Corner. The shitters at Main Stage are in very poor shape. Starting early on Friday, none of the doors of the facilities I used would close or "lock" (i.e., with hook & eye). The doors themselves are deteriorating.

Medical Marijuana

- Please create a place that is safe and dignified for patients of medical marijuana. It could be administered by White Bird and I wouldn't have to hide my medicine. Thank you.
- I do not feel welcome here at the fair because there is not a place for people who want to use legal medical marijuana. The Fair seems welcoming and compassionate to all other medical issues. Thank you.

Miscellany

- Bring back the Om circle, dear Fair Family. It only takes ten minutes out of your Sunday morning, and it is so lovely to have the woods echoing with our voices.
- I also think there should be more to do in Chela Mela Meadows.
- only bad side too many little kids running around late at night =)
- do you guys warn festival goes ahead of time on your website that there are lots of cops in the surrounding towns pulling people over and handing out lame tickets to generate money for their budgets? if not, you might consider it in

the future. nothing puts a damper on a free-spirited event like the OCF than having to deal with cops and lost funds while you're on your way there

- Tickets should be available on site; says so on website!
- Community Village Info workers do the same work as Fair Info works with no staff shirt, food vouchers, or kudos. And! We pay for our pass. And! We have to meet our obligations to Community Village (meeting and other pre-fair requirements).
- Not-so-awesome: not being allowed to tie-dye an Oregon country fair t-shirt,
- What I see at the Fair is more and more of a division between the people who are there to party as if it were a 3-day rave and the people who are there to work, sell their craft, champion their ideals, perform a fantastic act, educate, learn, teach, feed each other and be a loving community.
- During the fair I noticed a definite up-tic in people wanting to buy my craft with plastic. I do not have a wireless VISA machine. As I explained where ATMs were.... The customer declined citing long lines and inconvenience. Perhaps we need more ATMs in more locations. I personally lost over \$150 in sales. Barring increasing ATMs, maybe a pitch in the Peach Pit or on advertising that "cash is king" or "don't forget the check book", or "limited ATM access". Thanks.

More Time / More Space

- Wonderful place....very busy! Maybe add a day or two and make it a week event? Just a thought.
- have it last all year
- I want fair to be over a longer period of time, like over several weekends, even just two! We just don't get enough in one weekend. I also think this would lessen the crowds, which can get pretty tricky to manage with little kids.
- We had a wonderful time. Only hard thing was there were soooo many people!!! Needs to be bigger so we can all spread out. :)
- wish it took place during cooler weather, and I agree with adding a few days so it isn't so crowded...other than that, an awesome time to be had!
- Plus a bigger site would be great!!!
- Add another weekend!

PATH PLANNING (includes Mistfers & Seating)

- too many visitors, but I guess that's to be expected. I am a photographer, and friends with nanda. unfortunately I had to inform them after that I couldn't even get remotely close to the stage, or even into the venue area itself: at the opening hour on Friday. that's really too bad. if you are going to allow so many people in, then maybe it would be good to open up some more large environments off the corridors, as well as expand the size of many of the venues.
- uber crowded, dizzying layout and hard to navigate to stages.
- Dislike: Getting lost at fair, hot and muggy- need more mistfers or water stations, more sitting areas, the dust, the tired aching feet from all the walking. Can we set up electric shuttles to shuttle crew back and forth from one end of fair to another?
- And more open spaces. Too many people at night time! Chela Mela was too crowded. I liked going to Far Side before the rave it was like the new Chela Mela. But there are too many people in general who are getting passes inside the faire at night time.....and I think that is starting to ruin the scene...sorry to say....but it is true.
- Loved Friday! Expand the seating in the Dare Devil Stage. This is the first show I've seen in years since I snuck in a hole in the fence! Give more room around the paths where food vendors lines crowd. Can't wait till next year.
- less dirt
- Need lots of people with large spray rigs for wetting walking paths – less dust breathing
- maybe hand out some dust masks...my sinuses were screwed

More Seating

- Please more butt space! I'm not opposed to walkin' and dancin' all day, but a little rest here and there is always nice!
- more benches but other than that I HAD A BLAST!!!
- More benches along the side for people to sit please
- I would love more places to sit down at the shows. When you are hot and sweaty it's hard to want to stop and watch a show when you have to stand in the hot sun

More Mistfers

- PLEASE make the misters put out more water on those hot, hot days It was cooking out there and dancers were wilting!
- More misters though..
- I loved it this year! Better and MORE Water Mister Stations would be awesomsauce!

Photos/Video

- I love to see the photos. The art created by the vendors, performances by entertainers, the smiles and appreciation of fair-goers. It would be lovely, too, to be reminded of the fair at WORK.

Registration

- We had a rough trip up with delays and after regrouping hit the road late Thursday. Troubles began when we realized Registration closed Thursday 9pm and didn't open again until 9am Friday. This seems so restricted for set-up. Not only had to pack in, but got to our booth 10am Friday. Can Registration open earlier? There were plenty of people waiting at this time. 7:00am would be better on Friday.

Safety

- The people who attend the faire are a blessing and a curse. They are a blessing due to their wide open minds and spirits. They are a curse because they are packed in very tightly. I wonder sometimes about safety issues -- in the event of a fire, etc, how all those people would make it to safety without trampling each other -- especially the kids.

Sound

- I LOVE the fair!!! And I love the music . I do not like the decibel level at some stages that are geared towards young children whose ears aren't screwed up yet.
(by loud music) Like WC Fields stage
- The music rocks, but when I was at Blue Moon Stage we could hear another stage pretty loud over the top of Joanne Rand and Blue Alice.
- I love everything about Fair, except for loud yelling and bad drumming at 3-4am in Chela Mela. Send the tweakers to the Far Side!
- Please unplug Sprit Tower. Too much sound conflict with music venues, such as acoustic & blues groups by Kaleidoscope and by Kim's pottery.
- Spirit Tower music became so loud it was intrusive, overpowering acoustic musicians on the path and creating cacophony as it mingled with/overpowered music from Chez Rays and Stage Left NP:Audiences at the Spirit Tower can easily hear the music at lower volumes. The cacophony and unnecessary volume keep other Fair sanctioned performers from succeeding at the Fair, and interfere with esoteric healers doing their work. NP:I urge you to return the Spirit Tower to an acoustic stage, or at the very least, reduce the volume level to levels that respect other Fair performers.

Positive Note: The limits on amplified music proved very helpful. I know some are upset. The question is, "Is the Fair a party or is it more than that?" If it's more, and showing respect and consideration for all Fairgoers/Fair family is a crucial value, the compromise must continue. If it's only a party, then consideration for everyone's needs is unimportant. People partying are there only for what they can get, while many who make the Fair special are attempting to give to the community. Partiers seek entertainment and often lower the integrity of the event by taking without giving back. That is certainly, to quote a shirt I saw today, "Not Fair".

- Listening to Sue and Michael talk about Peace in Action at the Rabbit Hole Sunday at noon was very challenging, because the fabulous Anne Feeney singing from the Front Porch, was louder in the Rabbit Hole than they were. The kids doing sound at the Rabbit Hole couldn't possibly have been less interested in my problem--the young woman confided to me that she didn't know what to do, and that it was no use talking to the guy sitting on the other side of her because he wouldn't know what to do either. Community Village and Shady Grove have spent years working on sound separation, moving stages several times, and I encourage the new stages to do this, too.
- I have been coming to the Fair for more than 20 years and working at various booths for many years. I love the fair, the values it represents, spread of passionate ideas, creativity, possibility & nurturing of our planet and OCF space and community. With that latter aspect in mind, I'm hoping serious thought can be given to the increasing use of electronics at the Fair. If we want to be waste-free, little trace, I believe we should consider decibel level, perhaps be acoustic only, especially at night,

- No interruptions of Midnight Show by competing drum parades and disco ball music, please. They could play elsewhere and not come by Main Stage. Thank you.
- I know there was much discussion about music at night this year and some good plans were laid in place to deal with balancing different needs and desires, but I also saw a few incidences that I don't think should have been happening. The most ugly one was a young man with a backpack on that had speakers in it, the speakers were blown out, yet on full blast playing some reggae music. He was walking from Phoenix Rising to the old main entrance. The music was obnoxious and hideous sounding due to the speakers being blown and the volume level, yet when he went through security the young woman there just danced along and didn't say a word. This was at 12:30am. One older woman did say something along the lines of "I hope your batteries run out!" and he turned and said the same thing back to her and turned it up louder. It just wasn't nice.

Signs & Banners

- Would love it if somehow the people visiting could be more conscious of each other's space and such. Not much you can do about that though. Maybe more signs to help the more oblivious visitors to be more conscious of each other.
- We are from Salem, and when leaving they led us out a different direction than the way we came, and had no idea where we were. Maybe signs saying where to go.
- We need an entry or Welcome sign in the Dragon Plaza – too many people get confused (try to enter Craft Lot. The white tent covers the Admission kiosk. We need a large Welcome banner hanging over the entire entry.
- I think there should be signs reminding people to close toilet lids in the outhouses. I think "No Smoking" at states with signs.

Traffic

- We drove in from Florence. The left turn into the Faire is not marked nearly as well as the entrance from Eugene. If that is indeed the entrance from the West, Please Mark with cone and person. Lots of us did illegal U-turns.
- The towing was a drag, though, especially the van that was towed out to dead lot, on Sunday that had 4 car seats in it--with a staff sticker. It was a downer for my crew members who were worn out from volunteering to run our bit of the fair. I'd like to know our traffic folk at least look into the vehicle they are towing and make the connection...and come from compassion.
- Leave the parking lot numbers.... at least until they aren't necessary.
- Monday morning, is too early to remove the row markers from OuttaSite. I was early; I caught the first shuttle out there! I did not scope out specific geographic markers when I parked on Thursday, because I memorized my row #. I wandered around and around until I found my car.
- ...wasn't sure why the traffic patterned changed Monday... Always thought it was one way in and one way out...
- the handicapped parking for workers was way to far, as if... we were being punished for being a working handicapped, Bikers got to park so much closer it was crazy and I have real handicapped issues so that was a tough one.
- Whoever got the great idea to change the driving patterns Monday morning should go back to old ways. We used to out Fire/South Park gate to leave but were turned back thru Crafts Lot. Big headache. Also, what about one way in and other road one way out?
- I came into fair to set up my booth-W13 around noon on Wednesday. After dropping off my load, I tried to find where the closest disabled vendor/staff parking was. None of the parking crew knew. I asked them to find someone with a radio and figure out where I could park for the duration. They refused, saying they didn't know where the radio was. The map of parking which they had showed disabled as being where it has been for years, near the dragon gate and Miss Piggy. I needed to park somewhere. Nobody knew where to put me. I had my bicycle which is how I can navigate with my arthritic legs and I parked my van with my parking pass and my handicapped placard and pedaled back to my booth near childcare. Friday night I head to my van and it is gone. I was completely exhausted after the hard work I had done for weeks and after the first day of fair. It took me 2 hours to find the camp, locate my van, get it released (thankfully for free given my situation) and find somewhere to park. I ended up at 301 which is a little far for me. I had to ride my bicycle back in the almost dark. What had started out at 7:30 as a quick ride to my van, turned into a 2 hour ordeal that made me cry and was seriously trying. Folks, the people who do parking need to know where to park people. They also need access to a radio. Every year I encounter parking crew without knowledge of where to put disabled staff/vendors. This is a relatively simple problem that needs to be dealt with. Also, there should be no possibility of towing a car with a disabled placard. My parking pass is linked to my cell phone and somebody could have called me if they wanted my car moved. Put yourself in my arthritic body and think what it could be like. What if I

was even more disabled and was going back to my car for my meds or my oxygen tank? Please find some way to fix this problem.

Vision Quest Goals

- My husband and I ages 58/60, just attended the Fair for the first time on Friday, July 9th. We really enjoyed it and had a lot of fun. I noticed that one of the goals of the fair reads: The Oregon Country Fair shall create participatory events and experiences that attract and include more youth and elders. So as a senior I do have some suggestions that could help you reach that goal. 1) Hay bales placed in shaded areas would be of tremendous help for seniors as there are not enough places to sit. It was very hot and more shade in the entertainment areas would be of help along with more places to sit. 2) More water misters would be nice too. 3) or at least pass out or sell paper fans. perhaps with the fair logo on it. Could be made from recycled paper and would be a nice souvenir. Or even spray bottles with the logo on it. I know I would have bought either (or both) of those items to help in keeping me cooler.

We are planning to come back next year so I hope to see some or all of my suggestions in place. Thanks for the experience!

Wristbands There were 21 comments about broken wristbands. Not all are listed.

- You might consider going back to something more flexible.
- we think it was too much sauna
- I think it was partly the heat.
- It is unfortunate and a waste of plastic.
- **Please have security and staff take into consideration that these bracelets have problems and to not assume. In short, Country Fair visitors should be treated as “innocent before proven guilty.”**
- Once they are in poor condition, it is hard to gain access to fair/camp, etc. Any attempts to repair our own passes are assumed to be fraudulent attempts to gain access to fair/camp, etc. Wristbands should be of superior quality and legitimate replacements should be available as needed.
- **Different wristband material; working Security I saw sooo many cracked/peeling bands.**
- The wristbands are cheaply made and even hazardous, as several people I know have been cut, scratched or injured by them breaking. It is a hassle to have to go back to go back to Registration to deal with this issue. Please invest in some better wristbands. Thank you!
- “Plastic wristbands – no go. Dad scraped me three times and himself! Also they break very easily. **Sincerely, Samika, age 9.**”
- The wristbands were a disaster. Half my questions at the Info Booth was what to do about broken wristbands. I also had to replace my own. They BREAK! Please use a better supplier/vendor/something next year and test it first.
- For the second year in a row, we started the Fair by being issued crappy, cracking wristbands, causing enormous inconvenience to hundreds if not thousands of dedicated Fair volunteers and all Fair family. Why didn't we learn with last year's mistake?? These wristbands are sharp to begin with and when cracked, become hazardous to others, as well as the wearer and exposing OCF to possible liability. Isn't one of OCF's principles the avoidance of bloodshed? A milligram of prevention is worth a kilo of cure. Get with it, wristband people!
- I do have to admit the holographic quality is nice.

“We have met the enemy and it is us... “ Pogo / Educating The Family

- My only complaint is that as we were leaving the midnight show, picking up our own trash, as well as some that was left by others, I was told "not to bother because there is a trash crew." This really upset me. That type of attitude is why the world is full of litter! Every person needs to take responsibility for their cups and napkins. As the fair tries to set an example for the world on how to be, I think there needs to be a stronger message about how to take better care of the grounds. PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF. Leave it cleaner than when you came.

It's How We Treat Each Other (includes FarSide)

- I saw two young boys, I think around 12-14 years old, one with a wristband and one with a pre-teen wristband smoking a cigarette on the path. They very much appeared their age. They were walking between main stage and the junction passing a cigarette back and forth between them. They had a presumed little sister with them, probably 6 or so years old. I was walking just behind them. They walked past countless t-shirted staff members, elders, other children and

not a single person said a word to them. When they finished their cigarette they simply tossed it on the ground. I was so taken aback and so upset that I couldn't even begin to think how I might address what they were doing and to be honest I felt emotionally unsafe to approach them. I think I feel this way because in many of the youth at the fair there is an utter disrespect for older people and for rules/guidelines and I did not look forward to the verbal abuse that might ensue. I also feel like we strive so hard to not be "the man" that we dip the other direction into disregard of rules and disdain for those who try to abide by them. And, in some cases away from promoting healthy activities and behaviors.

- One more little tidbit and then I'll be done. I answered an ad in the Fair Family News this spring that was looking for a midnight to 6am worker for an information type position. I wrote that I was a 30 year fair family member and although I all ready had a pass I would love to contribute more and would love to work that shift. I explained that I currently work at a homeless medical clinic and deal with a variety of crisis situations on a daily basis. The reply I got simply wanted to know "what crews have you worked on", "who do you KNOW on a crew", and stated that they needed someone with knowledge of the fair. I'm sorry, but 30 years as a booth person equals knowledge of the Fair. I was offended to say the least. I replied with a nice reply outlining the knowledge I have and how I thought it pertained and never heard another word.

Something has to change between staff and vendors. We need to respect each other and value the work we each do. We can NOT hold one type of work over the other. Thank you for all that you do to make this event possible and please let me know if you have any feedback for me or any questions or ideas,

- Witnessing some ("salesperson") girl at a cookie booth tell a child he was "annoying for being loud" and watching him run off crying was REALLY disappointing. ...Never in my 10+ times at the fair have I witnessed ANYTHING like that. Very sad. :(
- Unfortunately, there was more shoving than I remember to see shows. But grown men and women) who would wedge themselves directly in front of my 5'3" self and block out Nanda or the Flying Karamazov Brothers...that was unfortunate. I don't really think there's much to be done about it, though. All in all, another fantastic year at Fair! Can't wait for next year!
- Regarding the Christian gathering in the Main Stage meadow at 9am. I do not appreciate this gathering since they are in the middle of the meadow, they have a cross up and you can hear their songs in most of the meadow. Could they have some other place to gather not in the Main Stage meadow? Please move them out of the Main Stage area, and for that matter, out of any open area. Thanks.
- The only exception was the one power tripping member of the "Big Boys" that literally muscled, err, "escorted" 4 or 5 people without OCF camping passes into Crafts Lot. The people with him were clearly friends or family and he refused to give explanation, had tons of attitude and absolutely no respect for the fact that it's our job to stop people without wristbands. The only way I actually knew he was a member of that crew was after he stood 3 inches from my face for about 3 minutes, completely silent, I finally noticed the teeny tiny letters on his laminate that said Big Boys. I know they work hard and are around to take care of emergencies but this was obviously NOT one. Please "Big Boys" coordinators, we greatly admire the work your crew does, but this kind of thing makes certain Big Boys look like jerks :(
- wonderful as always..... big but here.....BUT, pre post, we love and adore the work you doooooo,,,,,,BUT,,,,, your excuses of being at the fair since _____ is not an excuse anymore for you rudeness, and taking over others space..... if your there early and one of us comes along you need to respect that you may be in someone's space and you need to move, to be graceful and work with the people who travel from far and near, and are just as excited as you to be there, makes for a horrible fair when you all think you have some power over us just because you have been at the fair a day or two sometimes weeks before us...

so please, can we all work together instead of chest puffing and grumpy attitudes cause they work too much (give someone else your job if you're going to be grumpy cause I know a lot of happy people that I would rather work with) and just be there?

- If you're gunna be grumpy than give someone else your job!!! I know A lot of happy people too who would More than love any fair job!! I know speaking Just for Myself a job at the fair would Make my decade! Peace, Love & see you all next year!!
- Sweepers are rude; trying to feed three kids at Ring of Fire, Sweep would not let us get food that we paid for and waiting for. Rude. Kids are tired and hungry.
- Love the fair as always but this year after 14 years of fair I experienced the worst acting fair member of all time. Saturday night I vowed to sit and watch the Midnight show for the first time in its entirety, seeing that I had a baby in April I knew sitting with him at the show would just be a good spot to be..So before the show started he was sleeping in the stroller and I stood near where the other kids has placed our blanket, I knew the parade would be coming through

at anytime and I was wondering where a good place to set the stroller might be where it would not be in anyone's way. I soon saw a security fair member and thought yeah he might have a suggestion...I smiled nicely as us friendly fair family members do and told this gentlemen, (ya right) that he was just the man I was wanting to see for I was wondering if he might have a suggestion on a good place to sit the stroller, he proceeded to get inches from my face and yell (with my child standing next to me I might add), that he was not in charge of strollers and I just needed to move the damn thing for the parade was going to be coming through. I told him I was fully aware that the path needed to be cleared for I had been coming to fair for 14 years, still in my face he yells well if you have been coming here for that long where have you placed that damn stroller in the past...Unbelievable.....I then told him I could not believe he was a member of this fabulous fair acting the way he was and asked what crew he was on..He informed me it was his crew, so I asked his name, I was told Rob Palmer...His tune changed a little at that point and he told me to just push the stroller in front of my blanket, I told him I was not going to be rude and block others view and that I would figure it out..HE told me if I was going to worry about others it was my problem....

SO I found a nice out of the way place for my stroller and loved the midnight show...I did not like explaining to my daughter which I had brought for her first year why someone would talk to her mother the way this guy had nor did I like that someone who would act this way was representing our family...Not trying to dog anyone but this action was so out of line..I could have obviously taken care of my stroller but thought a suggestion might be nice, no one deserves to be treated like this ever...Especially at our fair...

Sorry for the book I just thought If I could save someone else this misery it was my duty to do so.....

Far Side

- What I like least, the fascism of the coordination of Far Side. We can do better!
- echoing the issues related to coordination on FarSide. Not sure what happened this year but there seemed to be a lot of people left in the dark about what they were supposed to do. When in doubt, they were just saying "No" to all requests. I was in tears when I left on Tuesday night and contemplated not going to the fair because of the way things went down. Done with ranting for now..

WHAT WE LIKE

Miscellany

- Love child care!
- **There were so many babies this year!! awesome. So many kids on stage who grew up at fair!! awesome.**
- loved the fruit pie too that was the best :)
- appreciate all the smoker lounges. and not just for the smoking.
- One of my favorite parts of the fair every year is the showers. This year I did a lot of the solar showers which were amazing. So thank you for those. I also enjoy the atmosphere of the fair. It is my favorite time of the year and look forward to it every year.
- **I was pleasantly surprised this year by the cleanliness of the porta-pottys -- not once can I remember being grossed out. This was particularly impressive on Sunday night and Monday**
- Vegan corndogs!
- **The bad must be taken with the good, as nothing is perfect; but closer to perfect is finding the good in the bad. Those beautiful hand-crafted-with-love items of costume and wonder *might* have been on the tad expensive side, but try and consider how fast one of those unique items are created compared to the dime-a-zillion factory pressings? Don't come to the Fair looking for a mal-wart, come looking for a work of art. I think the transition from the 'way we used to things' to the new generation is moving along nicely. It is time for the old ways to rest and let the next crew to step in,,,,and it is sweet to see happening,**

It's The Entertainment

- What I loved most about the Fair is listening to Spoken Word, especially Patch Adams, with my sister.
- The Spirit Tower was AMAZING. Marv Ellis, Acoustic Minds, Christopher Worth...The list goes on & on!! Thank you!
- Bindass played some beautiful stuff in the Community Village, too!

- Loved the music at Main Stage (esp, Cast of Clowns, Russell Battiste & Friends, Alice DiMichele, Olem Alves and Tapwater)
- We loved the Wanderlust Circus- fabulous! And the path musicians are always the best.
- BP Crooks rant at the Midnight show... Waterboard them in the Gulf waters!!! And the cannibalism to address carbon foot prints sketch... Laughed until I cried.
- Rhys Thomas! I love that man. Though I think I should stop seeing him FIRST. It kind of spoils me for the rest of the shows. :) And the Ritz. Glorious, as always.
- Lafa T showed up!
- LOVED everything!! I really enjoyed the Flying Karamazov Brothers!
- the drum tower was the saving grace of the event for me.
- Loved the theatrical acts. Always love the creativity. Really, I think you are so with it and on top of things!! Thanks for all the hard work!!!
- The Friday night belly dancing at Gypsy Caravan!!!
- I really got down on Batiste and friends. I love brass! We had a surprisingly easy time finding our car after all was said and done. We only visited for one day...and that was not enough!
- The music at the Spirit Tower was pretty amazing. Especially the rap at the end of Saturday. :) Spirit tower was amazing. More hip (py) hop
- Nothing beats seeing Hot Buttered Rum backstage! Thanks for the best fair music EVER!
- Music, Music, Music with a lovely glaze of LOVE!!! XXOO ~
- Robin Klimczak and Macklemore. he raged both his shows
- The parades were awesome, the workshops were grate
- Aloha. I played /w Russell Baptist, Tap water, and Chris Berry. Check this group out for main stage next year: <http://www.medicine4thepeople.org/>. Big love!
- Alice ! and Divine Cupcakes...and the SING ALONG in the MEADOW!!!!
- As always, my favorite thing is the incredible AMBIANCE on the paths, a large part of which is put on by our troupe, RISK OF CHANGE! This year we did parades or jams, starting on Thursday night, as High Priestesses, Spirit Beings, Twins, Orange 7 Green, Flamingo-rinas, Black & White, Trolls, Fiesta!, Gnomes, along with the Giant Puppets ODO, Minerva, Oombooja, Rastafari, and Bee. We also dress up just to go empty our pee buckets!
- raving, the music shows were fabulous. Jason Webley shows were awesome as always as were the Gourds. I am amazed at how many beautiful and talented people show up for this year after year.
- Medium Troy, Vida Girls, Freudian Slips, Batiste AND The Flying Karamazov Brothers ROCKED my world! But most importantly, the sacred grove allowed me to serve in so many ways that I'm over come with my blessings. No matter what... I LOVE that land and I LOVE the fair!
- The MUSIC was amazing...Russell Batiste, Jerry Joseph, Sugar Beets, Floydian Slips...wow
- I loved dancing to Solovox!
- Green is for Go, They set up right by the bridge while I was munching cherries with my 3 year old and were Awesome ..my kid sat still for a whole 15 minute..That's impressive!!

Silent Rave

- Silent Rave in the Dome at FarSide on Saturday night. Energies there were sublime
- SILENT RAVE AT FAR SIDE WAS DOPEEEE! sick light show as well

Floydian Slips – There were 5 favorable comments about the Floydian Slips concert. This is a compilation

- Floydian Slips Friday night at Main Stage was epic. They had an incredible light show that was of a professional caliber and they definitely cranked that shit up to 11. I kept talking about it the next couple days.

It's the Music & Art That We Create Together

- Drum Tower!! Love that place.
- Singing with friends, Running into old friends and making new ones!! All the FABULOUS musical shows and acts! Just EVERYTHING!! Keep up the good work!!
- I loved being a transvestite alligator and getting the chance to ride on a sedan chair carried by men in dresses all the way to the Main Stage on Sunday morning! My only suggestion: sedan chair rides for everyone!!!
- Nighttime light shows are awesome

- The evening time music at The Ritz!!! Shook Twins!!! Wonderful Staff!!!! Pink Floyd light show!!! Keep up the good work!!!
- Cafe Lafayette Funk Party on Saturday night till Bubbles at dawn light
- and it was really cool after public left and also the parties that were just on the side of the road were cool!!!!!!

It's The Ritz

- My fave is the Ritz. Standing under a warm stream of water listening to mellow hippy hop Sunday night was the best!
- I have to say that the sauna is the best thing about the faire (not just cuz I work there) I would walk the eight and come back to the Ritz with a sigh of relief.
- Also- the Ritz and the Parades were fabulous :)

It's The Weather

- My friends and I noticed that it was a very mellow year. The acts were ...subdued and the ambiance was few. But I feel like we were all behind because of all the mud and water that was still left over in June for set up. Last year was fantastic with amazing shows because it was the 40th, so it's understandable that this year was chill.
- No rain!
- I loved the weather this year. We have a handle on the dust; no emergency exits or overheated hippies!

It's The People...

- I love that I found someone I didn't know I needed & was looking for.
- I had a great time. I was an "SO" for a traffic crew member, I would just like to thank traffic camp for being so hospitable and fun. and thank you for letting me work a shift on Saturday. I'm available to work next year if any space comes up
- showing a friend around who had never been to fair and explaining the history –
- Highlight this year, meeting new people!
- loved seeing all my friends this year. pretty much I count OCF as my new years instead of january1. that's how big it is to me :]
- Best: people watching.
- I had a great year, with my wife & kids, everyone at Mama's Momo's, and the whole fair family.
- I loved the opportunity to share crazy fun, music, food with people. It is a rare event.
- This was a wonderful fair, all in all, and I feel so blessed to take part. Fantastic fair-goers, a fantastic...c fair, and I am lucky to have a really wonderful group of camp-mates whom I love. At one point on Saturday, preparing to run with Peachi the Dragon, I thought, "hey, this is my life! I'm stoked! Yippee!". This was a very jokey fair - everywhere I went, people were telling jokes. Here's one: "A man walked into a bar and said Ouch!"
- Peace and love to all the silly/happy fairgoers and staff!
- I've been attending OCF since '74 & this year ranks amongst the "best of"! Folks really seemed "into it" – we laughed harder than ever before & were just in a state of bliss... Good on everyone who made this happen for me/us!!!

It's How We Treat Each Other

- Thank you volunteers!!!
- Country Fair TEAM is the greatest part of the fair. Executive team is so great, and all the people who are involved with fair are so accessible to the fairgoers.
- I LOVE how everyone is so nice and helpful at the fair. How everyone is so unique and bubbly. Good spirits and creativity. Community and love. It's all good.
- really the best thing is the way we all treat each other at the fair. it helps me remember how good it is to be alive
- No complaints! Did not miss the fair 'Politic' that I had experienced previously . . . maybe just our time to miss it . . . but I would not have traded this past weekend for the world! Thank you all, and glad to play our part!
- super friendly people and atmosphere [I am from up Seattle way, where it is not like that].
- I just had to tell you how COMPELTELTY AMAZING the alter-able staff was!!!! They were all so polite, friendly and wonderful fares!! The addition of the free bike ride into the fair made a wonderful addition to the experience, as well as made our fair even better - I wasn't hobbling by the time I got into the fair. These people were truly amazing, and would take nothing but a cool spray of water in return. PLEASE HAVE THEM AGAIN!!! Thanks to all who put on such a great event this year, especially to those awesome volunteers! See you next year
- We would like to give a special thanks to the Alter-Abled Access Advocacy Crew. I would never have been able to enjoy this event without them. The long walks in the hot sun to and from the camp would have finished me before I got to the event. Thanks to the Crew and the great special bike rides, I was able to conserve some of my energy and have fun. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you !!! I only wish I had taken a picture of those special bikes.
- Huge kudos to Sanitation crew :) for the work they do
- Great work by Water/Recycling etc. crews!!! Thanks to all of them for time and effort
- We had some of our crew who could not come to fair to take their usual position as shift lead (family emergency). We tried to fill the best we could. I was asked to take that responsibility for one afternoon. I had a situation where I didn't have an answer for the woman in a wheelchair. She was hot and uncomfortable and I called Fair Central and was helped by a very wonderful person who volunteered the information I was too inexperienced to ask for. Thank You. I felt supported and you empowered me to do the best I could for the lady who was waiting. I wish I remembered the lady's name to thank directly.
- During fair hours, most of my time is spent on... John Wayne's Bridge...in the parking lot. And I love it. The fair begins when we arrive on our sacred ground, and I get to be one of the first humans to welcome home my extended family. Indeed, there are incidents of individuals not representing their crews well, but mostly the staff of volunteers are honored to serve their beloved Country Fair...Water crew for keeping us hydrated, Security for keeping us safe, Shower crew for keeping us clean, Admissions for navigating the organization, pre-post workers to set up and tear down, and Traffic for turning a natural flood plain into a depository for thousands of cars. These are just a few of the necessary departments it takes as we build a temporary city together that provides us with an experiment in community and communication every year. Please, more photos of the people who happily WORK to make the fair WORK happily. P.S. A huge thank you to the Traffic Crew members (you know who you are) who stand on the hot asphalt at Maple Gate, adorned with smiles and costumes. Your energy and flair begin the fair!!!

It's Everything....

- Favorite thing? That's so hard. If I have to pick it would be the music Sunday night at Decon camp...laser lights...no, the parade, no wait, the art, no wait... The costumes and creativity... No, the food...the hugs..the smiles!!!
- I love the music, crafts, socializing.....
- Loved everything, it is just so full of life and energy :)
- Awesome: food, people, weather, spray bottles, and the fact that my friend gave "free high-fives" all the way from Darling Reunion to the Fair and every single person and car stopped to give him one.
- Everything was fantastic as always!!
- that pink floyd group on Friday was cool. food. crafts, people. showers. conversations, path musicians... I hadn't been in years, and enjoyed it thoroughly. I could walk past the same place five times and each time see something new and different. Friendly faces everywhere, great music and food. I loved seeing Patch Adams, all the art and talented people. People of all kinds are drawn there. I love it.

- I love: The Ritz, the show Floydian Slips and the cool light show, people watching, the yummy food, great, friendly people. Hanging out with friends. The creativity and talent of everyone there! love hearing all the music and impromptu shows at entertainment camp.
- I love the art, the food, the people, the shows. I love how kid friendly fair is. We can't move very far without my kids finding something that amuses and entertains them. We look forward to it every year and feel so sad when the weekend... is over!
- all-in-all, it was quite worth it. I got a lot of good, fun work done there!
- EVERYTHING!

It's The World We Want To Create / Live In

- Keep up the great work. It's one of the best places on earth.
- love the energy - now I know what peace looks like...it is possible and beautiful - thanks for the magic and hope.
- I was a fair virgin and know I am a fair hoe... I will be there every year possible! this event made me very proud to live in this sate! please continue to do this! I appreciate it being a drug & spirit free zone, everyone was so happy and friendly. The best part was staying at Zumwalt camp, great experience all around. THANK YOU :)
- I love the community at fair. Lets me be a part of something that could be a way of life. Free medical care, free counseling, sustainability, recycling that is above the top, stewardship of the land. It goes on and on. Love how fair family takes care of one another, watching out that everyone is safe.
Seemed that the street musicians were less this year, Sunday night seemed dead, showers at FarSide were unreliable, and food costs have skyrocketed. I know I received the same amount of food vouchers as last year but they just did not seem to go as far. None of this really put a damper on the good time I had though (although I can't say for my fellow camp mates as I am sure that I was quite smelly after my shift and the showers were down LOL). Seems like these things go with the organization of such a large event.
- I LOVED, how the folks at the Faire showed the rest of the world what it is like to live with a little REVERENCE ! FOR THE Earth, Our Maker, and our fellow living creatures.....no matter what they look like on the outside ! Love First ! then ask questions..... See ya'll there next year....God willing !!!!

See You Next Year!

- But all in all WE LOVE OCF!!! See you next year!
- It is all good, no great!
- I adore the OCF and hope I never have to miss it again, this was my fourth time, and my granddaughters have been here four times more than me, they start looking forward to next year as soon as this year is over.
- I Love everything about the fair...it is a part of my life I will come and enjoy forever.....

Yes Yes Yes

