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1. Sleeping Arrangements– I am still working through room assignments but everyone will be assigned a bed and a room or a cabin except for those who signed up for slumber party style sleeping.

- Beds have sheets, blankets and pillows
- The facility will provide tri-fold mats for all of those people sleeping slumber party style. Those signed up for slumber party sleeping need to bring a sleeping bag or blankets and pillows.
- Rooms are being assigned based on the following:
 - ✓ Families with young children will be assigned to the Hacienda House since all the evening entertainment will be held there and children may need to go to bed early. (Bring baby monitors!!!)
 - ✓ Grandparents of young children are in the Hacienda as well so they can help babysit when needed.
 - ✓ Tom and Noreen will be assigned to the Hacienda so they will not have to walk much.
- Slumber Party Sleeping will be in the Barn. It is finished and carpeted inside. It also has bathrooms with showers but it's a very short walk outside around the building to use the restrooms.

2. Bathrooms in the houses are all shared (with a couple of special exceptions). I am trying to get families together so that in general you will be sharing bathrooms with your family members. Each house can workout their own shower sharing arrangements.

3. Food

- Preparing meals for the large group:
 - ✓ Host family prepares meal for 56 people (6 are toddlers and babies). I recommend buffet style serving. There are plenty of dishes, glasses, serving pieces, utensils, pots, pans and oven space for our size group.

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- ✓ There are some heavy eaters (guys between 18 and 35) so please be prepared for them
- ✓ Friday night dinner will be casual and eat when you come. The Locken family is providing chili and corn muffins. Will most people be eating dinner on Friday night?
- ✓ I will provide large bottles of water with pour spouts for drinking at dinner and breakfast. Bring your own bottled water to drink at other times.
- ✓ For dinner, provide a main dish and at least two side dishes, one non-alcoholic beverage (e.g., iced tea, juice,) and water (a couple of pitchers on the table is fine). Dessert is optional (Saturday night we have birthday cake for Tom and Sunday we will likely have some cake pops).
- ✓ For breakfast, provide one main dish and at least two side dishes, coffee, creamer/milk and sugar/sweeteners (there is a 40 cup coffee percolator and two 12 cup drip systems) and water (a couple of pitchers on the table is fine).
- ✓ If you or someone in your family would like milk at dinner or breakfast, please bring it yourself. We will make space for it in the refrigerator in the Hacienda.
- ✓ With this size group it is difficult to cater to special dietary needs and in general people with special diets are accustomed to dealing with their own needs so we are not asking you to consider special dietary needs. However, if you would like to consider special needs we have three people who are gluten-free and two people who are pescetarians. Any others?
- ✓ **Jenni is allergic to peanuts** so please ask everyone **NOT** to bring peanut products (peanuts, peanut butter, peanut snack bars, etc) and please do NOT cook food with peanut products such as peanut oil. She gets severe migraine headaches when exposed to peanuts.

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- ✓ I encourage you to make the meals simple and easy to cook or prepare food in advance, freeze it and bring it with you so that you can spend as much time as possible participating in activities and enjoying everyone's company.
- ✓ We have wonderful entertainment and activities planned for after breakfast and dinner and there are several people who need to get to bed early so it's really important that both breakfast and dinner be served on time to avoid downstream delays. Please keep that in mind as you plan your menu and schedule your time.
- **Lunch** – On Saturday a casual buffet lunch (sandwiches and salad) will be provided by the Bailey Family. This will give you time to grocery shop for your lunch on subsequent days, if needed. Everyone needs to provide their own lunch on all other days
- Bring your own snacks and drinks including bottled water (except water for dinner and breakfast).
- **Food Storage** –
 - ✓ Each family group will be assigned a shelf space in cabinets.
 - ✓ In the refrigerator, please mark all food with your name that is for your family or for group meals.
 - ✓ Make sure all members of your family understand that food not on your assigned shelf space or marked with another family name is off limits because it belongs to someone else or will be used for a group meal.
 - ✓ If you would like to bring food to share or if there is food left over from dinner or breakfast, we will have a share shelf in each house that is fair game for anyone and you can mark food in the refrigerator with the word "Share"
 - ✓ Cleanup after dinner and breakfast – Everyone buses their own plates, glasses and utensils and scrapes/stacks plates, utensils and glasses on counter near dishwasher. (I will have some system ready that we'll

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explain to you upon arrival). The Host family loads the dishwasher and turns on dishwasher (One meal will likely require at least two cycles of the dishwasher). Host family puts away all leftovers, cleans, dries and puts away all serving pieces, pots and pans, unloads the dishwasher and makes sure that all dirty dishes are in the dishwasher and being cleaned (No need to unload the last clean load of dishes from the dishwasher).

- The facility team discourages use of paper plates, cups and plastic utensils. Management of the resulting trash for 50 people will be challenging. If you choose to use them, you must provide extra garbage bags for recycling the trash, make sure that all items are properly sorted for recycling and bags are picked up by the facility management team so we don't have a trash storage issue.

4. Grocery Shopping – Paso Robles is about 10 minutes from Dancing Deer Farm and there are many grocery stores in Paso Robles including large quantity warehouse stores (Smart and Final, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market and Food 4 Less) and traditional groceries stores. So, you can certainly get bottled water, snacks, lunches, and other groceries in Paso Robles. Bring your grocery bags or you will be charged 10 cents per bag at the store.

5. Location – the google maps location is in the cover email to this document. Dancing Deer farm (DDF) is relatively easy to find but because it is located off a street where traffic moves quickly and the entrance is just around a curve it is easy to pass it. As you can see from the attached map, once you are on Vineyard Drive and close to DDF, you will pass Turley Winery on your right and then curve to your left. Because of the curve, it is difficult to see the entrance to DDF until you are right upon it. So, once you see Turley Winery on your right you should begin to slow down and look for the entrance to DDF on your left.

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6. Arrival - As you come up the driveway you will see a red building on the left which is where the office is located. YOU DO NOT NEED TO STOP AT THE OFFICE. Proceed straight ahead up the driveway to the Hacienda House. The Hacienda is on your left at the top of the hill. Entry is through the front gate, into the courtyard. Park your car and come into the courtyard to register and get your house/room assignments. There are not a lot of parking places in front of the Hacienda so once you register, please move your car to the parking lot on the other side of the red barn so that parking will be available for the next arriving guest.

7. Parking: Please do not leave your car in front of the buildings on the farm. There is a parking lot on the far side of the farm behind the red barn (see map) and the owners ask that everyone park there to keep the roads unobstructed. It is fine to temporarily park in front of a building to unload your car or unload groceries.

8. Stocked Items

The kitchens are stocked with dishes, glassware, silverware, utensils, pots/pans and most appliances. Pretty much everything you need to cook for a large group. Additionally DDF provides dishwashing liquid, dish sponge, dishwasher detergent, trash bags, and 3 kitchen towels in the kitchens, as well as toilet paper, liquid hand-soap & hand towels in the bathrooms.

You are welcome to bring extra kitchen towels, paper towels, laundry detergent, and toiletries (shampoo, body wash, etc.)

9. What to bring:

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- Bottled water – Dancing Deer water is highly mineralized well-water, natural to the local area.
- Snacks
- Wine or beer you wish to share (bring it to the Beer and Deer)
- Sleeping bags and pillows for those sleeping slumber party style.
- Swimsuit & Towel for the swimming pool (open Memorial Day weekend thru September)
- Flip flops for using toilets in the barn
- Beach chairs for use at the pool (they have no chairs at the pool)
- Flashlight or headlamp for walking at night
- Layered clothing—the temperatures can change unexpectedly
- Sunscreen, sunglasses (Victoria is providing a sunscreen station)
- Hot beverage travel cup for coffee/tea if you would like to drink outside
- Toiletries (shampoo & body wash) and medications
- Earplugs - it never hurts to be prepared for unexpected snoring
- Map/driving directions to Dancing Deer Farm
- Due to many guests' allergies and sensitivities to scents; perfumes, scented body oils and incense, DDF requests that you not bring them here.

10. House Point of Contact – Each house/barn will have a house point of contact. This person will help work out shower arrangements, act as the point of contact for Maria (the facility manager) and ensure that cleanup is completed before we leave the site. More info on this when you arrive.

10. Dancing Deer Pet Policy

”We enjoy all animals but due to wildlife and impact to our homes, pets are not allowed.”

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11. Other Information from DDF

Internet Access - High speed WiFi is available to all of our guests. Search for a connection and connect –no password is required.

Swimming Pool - The swimming pool is open during Memorial Day weekend thru September. It is not heated, but is very refreshing during our summer months. Swimsuits are required. No alcohol or glass is allowed in the pool area. Remember to bring pool & beach towels.

Bicycles vs. Off-Road Vehicles - We encourage our guests to ride bicycles around our property, however motorized “off-road” vehicles are not allowed.

Terrain - The campus lies on 45 acres of hilly terrain. There is a road and walking trail between the houses, the Hilltop Barn and the Amphitheater. The roads are NOT lit at night so make sure you bring your flashlights. It is a 5 minute walk between the two houses.

Hiking and Wildlife

- Please stay on the trails/dirt roads.
- Be aware of poison oak. Leaves of three, let it be! We have a great deal of this off the trails so be careful!
- Do not approach or feed wildlife - our food isn't good for them.
- Honeybees may be seen in our area. If allergic, use precaution.

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Facilities and Grounds

- While we have never had a problem with theft from rooms, please be mindful of your personal property.
- Please turn off heaters/air conditioning and lights when you are not in your room.
- The speed limit on the property is 10 mph. Please be aware of animals and humans when you are driving your car on the roads.
- Please be careful to notice the dust your car may produce when driving . During our dry season we tend to drive quite slow on the dirt roads.

Sustainability of Our Beautiful Land

As a non-profit, one of our main goals is to be conscious caretakers of our beautiful land. We hope that all of our guests will join us in keeping this land and its' animals safe for future generations to come. For this reason:

- To help ease the serious California drought, kindly conserve water as much as possible during your visit. Together, we can be part of the solution!
- Please do not allow your children to chase the wild turkey, the deer or any animal. Actually, that means adults too!
- Please understand that if you shoot at any live thing while staying with us your visit will be cut short.
- Please do not walk through or play in the fields below the houses. They are planted with organic heirloom grains and are the home to our "dancing deer".
- Please don't litter - it just isn't nice.

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Quiet Hours

Dancing Deer Farm is respectful of our neighbors both human and animal. For this reason we request:

- No outside amplified music or speakers at any time
- No inside amplified music and/or drumming after 10:00 p.m.
- No outside disturbances after 10:00 p.m. We want you to enjoy your time here and we ask that you take the conversations and laughter inside after 10:00 p.m. (e.g. Loud Conversations, Singing, Drumming, Yelling, Air Horns, etc...)

Lighting

- We do not allow the use of candles inside or outside our buildings unless they are in a proper votive holder. Have you ever tried to get candle wax out of a carpet?
- Twinkle lights and other electrical or battery-operated lights are welcomed!

Fires

- Outdoor campfires are not allowed. We are governed by very strict laws due to the high fire danger & the remoteness of this area.
- Fireworks and firearms, under any circumstances, are not permitted.

Surfaces, Walls and Wall Hangings

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- Please respect our homes and grounds. Do not puncture or damage surfaces (indoor & outdoor) in any way. No push-pins, thumbtacks, nails, duct tape, etc.
- Guests may use painters' tape (blue), zip ties, rope and wire to hang objects.
- Our wall hangings are to remain on the walls.

Smoking and Drugs

We aim to be a smoke-free campus. However, each house has a designated smoking area with an ashtray. We will gladly show you where these areas are. Please be respectful and do not litter butts.

Illegal drugs are not permitted, and anyone using them will be quickly departing.

Lost & Found

Please contact us within 2 weeks after your stay to have us hold any lost items for pick-up. After 2 weeks, all items will be donated.

Liability Release Form

Because we interact with the public in a significant way, our insurer has insisted that each guest who comes on the property sign a liability release form. We are committed to your stay being as pleasurable as possible. For this reason, we have set up a paperless, online system where each guest can easily access, read and electronically sign the waiver or themselves and for each of their minor children.

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Cleaning, Damages and Relocation Fees

Please do not take retreat center furniture, fixtures, bedding, etc... outside. We appreciate your interior re-decorating abilities, but a fee of \$25/hr will be charged for relocating items such as furniture, fixtures, bedding, etc... (Tip: take pictures of the items before moving them to refer to when moving them back to their proper location before departure.) We want all to have fun and would also like everyone to leave the place in reasonable condition. We will charge \$25/hour for extra cleaning such as: Dirty pans, pots, dishes including dishes with food left out or in refrigerators, carpet spills, etc...

Emergencies

- In case of a life threatening emergency: Call 911
- The address is 2975 Vineyard Drive, Templeton, CA 93465
- THEN call Peter Huber, our Director, on his cell phone at 805-769.6664