

## Alvord Farm and Museum Safety Rules updated 12/07

Children's visits to the Farm and Museum may include:

- \* Tour through the museum, looking at specimens, trying out hands-on curriculum activities **with an adult present.**
- \* Walk down a maintained trail and through the horse pasture to the pond, which is about 20 feet in diameter and contains cattails, fish, frogs, and ducks, (there are also some hornets down there.) **An adult will always accompany minors.** Children may use dip nets to catch and study small animals.
- \* Viewing the horses and llamas and possibly petting them through the fence or stable, **accompanied by an adult.**
- \* Holding and/or feeding baby rabbits, chicks, and ducklings in an enclosed pen, **accompanied by an adult.**

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Port –a –potty facilities are available at the museum. Drinking water is provided by bottled water only. Hand washing station is available.

The museum contains a wood burning stove that is an old pioneer type, and fires may only be lit by an adult who is properly trained and only while the adult is present to tend the fire. The fire must be put out completely before the adult leaves the area.

The museum contains a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

All museum volunteers/personnel will be aware of the location of the safety equipment and understand how to use it.

If there is weather that is very windy or heavy snow with wind, no volunteers or visiting children are permitted on the premises until the weather has cleared.

Adult volunteers that are leading children will have passed a criminal history check which will be on file at the museum.

No adult volunteer may be alone with a child on the premises (unless they are the parent.)

Museum coordinators will hold current First Aid cards.

All safety hazards will be reported immediately to Willa, and Karen, the museum coordinator, or the farm caretaker if that is appropriate.

The museum contains a heater, a de-humidifier, and fluorescent light fixtures. There are two exit/entrances which will be unlocked during visiting/volunteer hours.

At the pond, no visiting children may go into the boat.

There is a dog that lives on the premises that is trained and friendly to children.