

For volunteers, capstones, and interns

Please dress for all sorts of weather, no matter the season.

In the rainy months

Dress warmly and in layers, a waterproof shell is highly recommended, and with farm-appropriate footwear (rain boots are best for most seasons). You may get muddy, so make sure you keep this in mind. If you have an extra pair of shoes to change into once you're done at the farm, you might want to have those handy.

SIC does have rain boots and rain jackets to borrow.

In the summer

Dress for the sun while keeping in mind we work with a variety of students and families with various backgrounds. What feels like your summer best may cause others to pause, we are trying to make all of our students and families feel comfortable. Light layers are a great way to keep cool and the sun off. Don't forget your SPF.

All Seasons

Bring lunch and a water bottle (we have a water bottle filling station in our office)

For all Farm Visitors

Directions To Topaz Farm:

17100 NW Sauvie Island Rd.
Portland, OR 97231

- Take Highway 30 west from Portland, then turn right onto Sauvie Island Bridge.
- The bridge itself will curve, but once off the bridge, continue straight.
- In about a mile, you will pass Howell Park Road, continue driving for .3 miles then take your next right at the sign for Topaz Farm.
- Take your next left to pull into the Topaz Farm parking lot
- Drive past the main parking lot to a second gravel lot, park here
- Please note: the speed limit is **5 MPH**

Farm Hours

The Farm is open to the public May-October, in the off season there is a gate that will be open for the first half hour of any scheduled event. S

Since **Topaz is closed to the public in the winter**, if you arrive and the gate is locked and no one is there to let you in, please call or text the SIC phone at 503.341.8627 and someone will come let you in.

Directions to SIC Office

- The SIC office is located in the second large red building on the property (farthest from the road)

- The office door is located on the east side of the building (facing the street)
- There is a sign on the door “Sauvie Island Center”
- Walk through this door and through the SIC storage area (off to the right) to the sliding glass door into the office (on the left)

Directions to the Grow Lunch Garden and First Foods Forest

- Please note: in the rainy season this can be muddy so you may wish to park in the second parking lot and walk over
- Rather than parking in the second parking lot, continue to drive **5 MPH** to the bozenberry patch (on the left hand side of the drive)
- Take a left on the farm road that runs alongside the bozenberry patch with the open field parking lot to your left (once you turn)
- The garden is at the far end of the large grassy parking lot, you can park anywhere off the farm lane/road (in the summer months there will be roped areas indicating parking directions)

