

TO ALL GLEANERS & TEAM LEADERS:

First of all, thank you all so much for participating in a tradition that is thousands of years old. In Biblical times it was even the law that a certain percentage of harvested crops must be left in the fields for the poor. We are blessed to have this opportunity to glean wholesome food which can be put to good use by those who need it most.

A few things to keep in mind as we go about this worthy task:

- (1.) PLEASE remember that we are going to be working on private property, with the permission of the tenant, CREIGHTON FARMS. I know you will all treat the land and surrounding area with respect and courtesy.
- (2.) With the above in mind, please do not go into the fields without the express permission and guidance of a representative of Creighton Farms.
- (3.) Do not, under any circumstances, go near or climb on any of the equipment that may be parked near the fields. This is for your own safety!
- (4.) Potatoes may be taken ONLY from those fields that have been harvested.
- (5.) There will be no sanitation facilities available at or near the fields. Plan accordingly.
- (6.) Because there has not yet been any freezing weather, please keep an eye out for rattlesnakes, particularly in areas near rocky hillsides, water, or vegetation. If you DO see a snake of any kind, please do not panic, **and do not kill it**--snakes serve an important purpose. Leave it alone, keep a good distance away from it and let it exit the area on its own.
- (7.) Wear appropriate clothing according to the weather: Jackets or sweatshirts if it's cold, hats and sun shades if hot and sunny. Old clothes and athletic shoes. (Sandals would not be wise.)
- (8.) Here is a list of items you may wish to bring with you:
 - ✓ A sack lunch and plenty of drinking water or other fluids,
 - ✓ Gloves,
 - ✓ Sunscreen & a hat or cap,
 - ✓ Digging tools--shovels or trowels,
 - ✓ Small plastic buckets (easier to pick into than bags), &
 - ✓ Plastic trash bags to hold the picked potatoes

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