

## Shepherds Cross, Incorporated & Heart of the Shepherd, Incorporated

### Mission House Guests & Mission Lodging

We sincerely hope and pray that you will have a blessed stay at the farm; that you will take the opportunity to draw nigh to God, and that He will draw nigh to you. Thank you for taking the time to come and share your life with us. May you receive all that you came to receive from His hand.

All rules and regulations apply to all facilities and grounds/premises used by Shepherd's Cross and Heart of the Shepherd in any way, including vehicles, and extending to activities attended off site, while representing Shepherd's Cross & Heart of the Shepherd.

- Heart of the Shepherd is a Christian Public Non-Profit organization which operates at Shepherd's Cross.
- Please take all of the Wisdom of the Lord that He will render to you while you are here. Please leave your footprint of His love.
- Our facilities are maintained by volunteers. We have no paid staff members. God is our provider and He enables us to offer this gift of space and time to you.
- Only Shepherd's Cross animals are allowed anywhere on the premises. No pets or other animals are allowed; to comply with USDA & AWA regulations. Please help us in following the rules established for us.
  - If a service animal is needed please visit with Shepherd's Cross management in advance.
- All facilities and grounds/premises used by Shepherd's Cross & Heart of the Shepherd in any way, including vehicles are: Tobacco Free, Alcohol Free, Drug Free, Pornography Free
- This is not a boarding facility. Housing is provided as a temporary service for interns, residents, partners in ministry, fellow shepherds, and occasionally others in need.
- Housing is provided either in the garage (loft) apartment or in the main house or main cabin at the Ozark farm.
- All residents are expected to be in their place of residence by 9:00 pm. If conditions arise that preclude this, please discuss with management well in advance.
- Children are the explicit responsibility of the adults they come with; not the Shepherd's Cross or Heart of the Shepherd staff or assistants. Children must be supervised at all times.
- Please abstain from ungodly or sacrilegious activity of any kind.
- Please abstain from pornographic/sexual activity while visiting the farm.
- Devotions and prayer begin at 8:30 in the morning; on days we are laboring; generally Tuesday through Saturday; generally at the tour barn. All are expected to be in attendance.
- House guests are asked to make written request for their visiting time frame, at least ten working days in advance of anticipated arrival. We will sincerely attempt to accommodate your request; however there may be times when we will be unable to meet accommodation needs.
- Special arrangements can be made for visitors, when inquiries and arrangements are made in advance.
- Music is restricted to Christian music.
- Reading material and movies must be appropriate for everyone to watch & or read. If in doubt, consult management.
- Personal spaces are to be kept neat and tidy.
- Our facility does not have paid housekeeping. We are all volunteers and we need your assistance in maintain clean spaces. These responsibilities are to be equally shared amongst house guests.
  - We expect the utmost level of sanitation of every part of the living spaces; while in residence and upon departure.
  - Please wash, dry and fold linens or remake beds with clean linens on a regular basis; and when your stay is complete.
  - Empty trash cans; wash when needed; and upon stay completion.
  - Sweep & vacuum floors; wash when necessary; and upon stay completion.
  - Please clean bathrooms and sinks/kitchen areas regularly; leave cleaned upon stay completion.
  - Wash and put away dishes.
  - Turn off fans and lights; if leave for weekend please leave porch light on.
  - Turn AC/heat down to low setting when not in the housing unit. When not present turn AC to 85 & heat down to 60 or lower.
- Shepherd's Cross is a working farm. All animals always have the potential for being unpredictable.
  - There are bee hives on the farm.

- This is an “all natural farm” complete with spiders, snakes, wasps, mice and all manner of other critters.
- Please do not use chemicals, unless given consent to do so; and then only in living spaces.
- Wifi service IS NOT provided for guests. Please provide your own.
- Evening meals are at the Main Mission House Kitchen five days per week; generally Tuesday through Saturday; after work for the day is complete. Generally meal time is 6:30 pm. Listen for the dinner bell. We do not have a mission cook, consequently, all guests are asked to help share meal prep and clean up responsibilities. Dr. D. oversees the common meal plans.
- Laundry facilities are available in the tour barn 7 days per week; after shop open hours, and prior to curfew.
- Wear closed toed shoes or boots; bare feet or toes are strictly not allowed. (for safety reasons)
- Dress modestly and appropriately for weather conditions.
- Terrain is uneven and unpredictable on the farm.
- Come to the farm with clean hands and shoes. Please leave with clean hands and shoes.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after touching the animals, and especially before eating or drinking.

**Live On Site Housing – one week or more**

- Houses must be maintained in the clean condition in which they were at move in.
- House Inspections will happen on a weekly basis. They will be impromptu.
- Living Spaces belong to the mission. They are not being rented. Houses are fully furnished for your convenience. Residents may not get rid of, or destroy anything which is in the house. There will be another person coming in a few months and they may want to use what you do not want to use. Please respect their needs. If you want to move things into cabinets while living there, that is fine; simply put them back when you leave.
- Yard and porch maintenance is the responsibility of the person(s) living in mission housing. This includes, but is not limited to, porches, stairs, lawn, flower beds, watering and trash pick up.
- Please do not park or drive on lawns. Park on gravel areas.
- Final House inspection will be 48 hours prior to move out. It may not be on a Sunday or Monday or a holiday. It is your responsibility to schedule this with Dr. D. We will do the white glove test; and inspect for missing or damaged items. Missing and damaged items will be expected to be paid for by the mission house guest.
- We retain \$100 of the final check (interns, residents, workers) for final clean up and maintenance.
- House guests that are shorter term visitors will be expected to pay for cleaning service if one is required upon their departure.
- Final stipend will not be available until move out day or after, and is written on the first of each month. If necessary, please make arrangements to have your check mailed.
- Laundry facilities are available in the tour barn 7 days per week; after open hours.
- Please do not stay at the tour barn past 9:00 pm. Thank you.

**Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

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