

WRM Animal Care FAQs

Do I have to come at the times listed on the sign up genius?

Not exactly. AM volunteers please come anytime before noon. PM Volunteers please come anytime after 2:00pm. Our animals love as much time as possible, but if coming early or late doesn't work for you, then please don't let that deter you from volunteering. Come when you can.

Do I need to put the animals away before I leave?

PM Volunteers: absolutely

AM Volunteers: only if there is no PM volunteer signed up. Please make sure to check the signup.

Where is the food stored?

Behind the wooden tool shed in the red metal storage container. Students have made signs that show exactly which bin belongs to which animal.

What do I do if there's no (duck, chicken, or goat) food in the bin?

While we strive to maintain a good amount of feed on hand, sometimes we run low. Feel free to use what is available. It's ok to use different food in a pinch.

Can I bring anything from home for the animals to eat?

Yes! Our animal friends love most fruits or vegetables as well as fresh herbs.

Some items to leave at home are processed foods, meat scraps, avocados, garlic, onion, bread, and potato.

What if I can't get the ducks or chickens to go back to their enclosures?

One of my best tips is to feed them last. Like humans, our animals love their feeding time. They usually come running when they hear their feed hit the bowls. If that doesn't work, then there are white pvc pipes near the duck enclosure that can be used to "guide" them back toward their enclosures without causing undue stress for anyone.

What if I can't find a chicken or duck?

The ducks tend to stay together. They very rarely separate. Chickens, however, can be anywhere. Usually when one isn't visible or coming when you call, they're under the deck nestled in a nook attempting to lay an egg.

What about feeding the goats?

While feeding the goats can be intimidating to some, fear not. They're a little pushy but not aggressive. And yes, they all know how to open the gate latch to their enclosure if the clip is not on. If they happen to get out of their enclosure, simply get some food in a scoop and they'll follow you anywhere you lead them.

Does it matter where I enter the garden?

It really doesn't matter. Please make sure to close the gates and lock any unlocked combination lock. If you have trouble remembering your front gate code, please refer to the back of your car line number hanger.

Thank you!

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