

# OREGON JOBIES ARE SPOT ON

## Dress Code 2018-19

*Polka dot attire is encouraged!*

### Goal of a Jobie Dress Code-

Teach Daughters how to dress appropriately in any given situation.

Teach Daughters to love and respect their body.

Teach Daughters to be confident and proud of their appearance.

Teach Daughters to buy clothes that fit and are flattering.

Teach Daughters to be able to comply with a dress code.

Be a guideline for all to look their best.

### Dress codes are not for-

Body shaming, embarrassing girls, or alienating adults.

### **In General:**

Remember you represent Job's Daughters International so making a positive impression is important. In general, avoid see-through, too tight, too revealing, too short or ill-fitting garments. Wear undergarments that fit with outfit. Wear shoes that fit with the outfit. Wear outfits that look good on you. Dress to the occasion. Daughters need to wear white/neutral colored undergarments under Bethel robes and wear slippers. Adults in the Bethel should help Daughters to understand the nuances of when to wear what kind of outfit and should help teach Daughters the "Why" behind the differences. Much of what is acceptable or unacceptable is subjective (it can vary from person to person, culture to culture or family to family) which is why I encourage the Bethel's to have discussions and teaching times at the local level. We all have our own opinions on what is acceptable, not acceptable, conservative, or too revealing etc. We all have our own unique styles and I want that to be celebrated. However, we can also learn there is a time and place for how we dress and it is important to be aware of how our appearance and dress is perceived by others and by society. Different eras have allowed different socially acceptable attire from short skirts, to strapless dresses, to ripped jeans, to colored hair, to piercings. Please remember this is 2018/19 and not 1920. Though we are a traditionally conservative organization we are aiming to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with our expectations of the young women of today. Please be flexible and understanding of other's opinions regarding acceptable dress. We want people to be welcome at our meetings and events, while still teaching decorum. Daughters, however, still need to understand and follow a Guardian's direction if they are told their attire needs to be adjusted or changed. Adults should adhere to the dress code and strive to set a good example. Bethel Guardians shall be consulted first when a daughter or adult needs to be talked to about their attire, there may be reasons for their manner of dress that you do not know. These times will be used as teaching and learning moments.

**Formal Attire:**

The type of event can dictate the kind of formal attire one would wear. Masonic adult functions traditionally expect long, floor length, conservative formals and a Tux for men. At other adult or youth functions adhere to their dress codes if specified. A formal meeting is one that you would wear your fanciest dress and look your best. **Formals are traditionally floor length dresses** with fancy fabrics (satin, lace, taffeta, velvet etc.). A maxi-dress, T-length or high-low dress, fancy palazzo pants or pants suits with the right fabric (velvet, sequence, silk, chiffon etc.) could (but don't always) pass as formal attire as well. The fabric and accessories of the outfit, dressy shoes, and fancy jewelry can all dictate the outfit being suitable for a formal event.

**Semi-Formal:**

The type of event or time of day can dictate when one would wear a semi-formal outfit. Semi-formal attire is less formal than your long formal dress and more formal than a summer or church type dress. **Semi-formals are often shorter dresses** as opposed to floor length dresses. They can be T-length, knee length or long. Maxi dresses, "little black dresses", prom dresses, palazzo pants, dressy pants suits or dressy jumpsuits, all can be semi-formal. Miniskirts would be too short for a semi-formal dress. The fabric of the dress, accessories and shoes can make an outfit more formal or less formal.

**Meeting Attire:**

For Job's Daughters meetings, **men, women and Daughters should dress up**. Dressy pants, slacks, skorts, skirts or dresses (long or short), blouses, sweaters, dress shirts, polo shirts, jackets, ties are all appropriate. Wear dressy shoes that go with outfit. If coming from a sporting event, Daughters may change from sports uniforms straight into a Bethel robe, but they need to have meeting attire for after the meeting to change into. In Bethel meetings, Daughters will wear official regalia as per bylaw (white robes, headbands, white socks/nylons, white flat shoes, slippers, cape/crowns, Job's daughter jewelry, Jobie awards, a watch and one other piece of jewelry). Facial jewelry (eyebrow, lip, nose, cheek) does not have to be removed. Colored nail polish is allowed.

**Business Casual:**

Attire one would wear to a professional business meeting or job interview: dresses, business suit/skirt/slacks, Khaki's, blouses, dress shirts, polo shirts, jackets/coats, ties, dress shoes. **Strive for a neat appearance, and look put together.**

**Casual:**

Pants, jeans, jean skirts, Khaki's, shorts, skirts, **T-shirts (Jobie!)**, shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, sandals, **flip flops!**

**Swim Wear:**

Swimsuits and FLIP FLOPS of course! Cover-ups are needed when it is expected by the establishment, such as in a public hotel going from room to pool.

**Sleep Wear:** Wear pajamas.