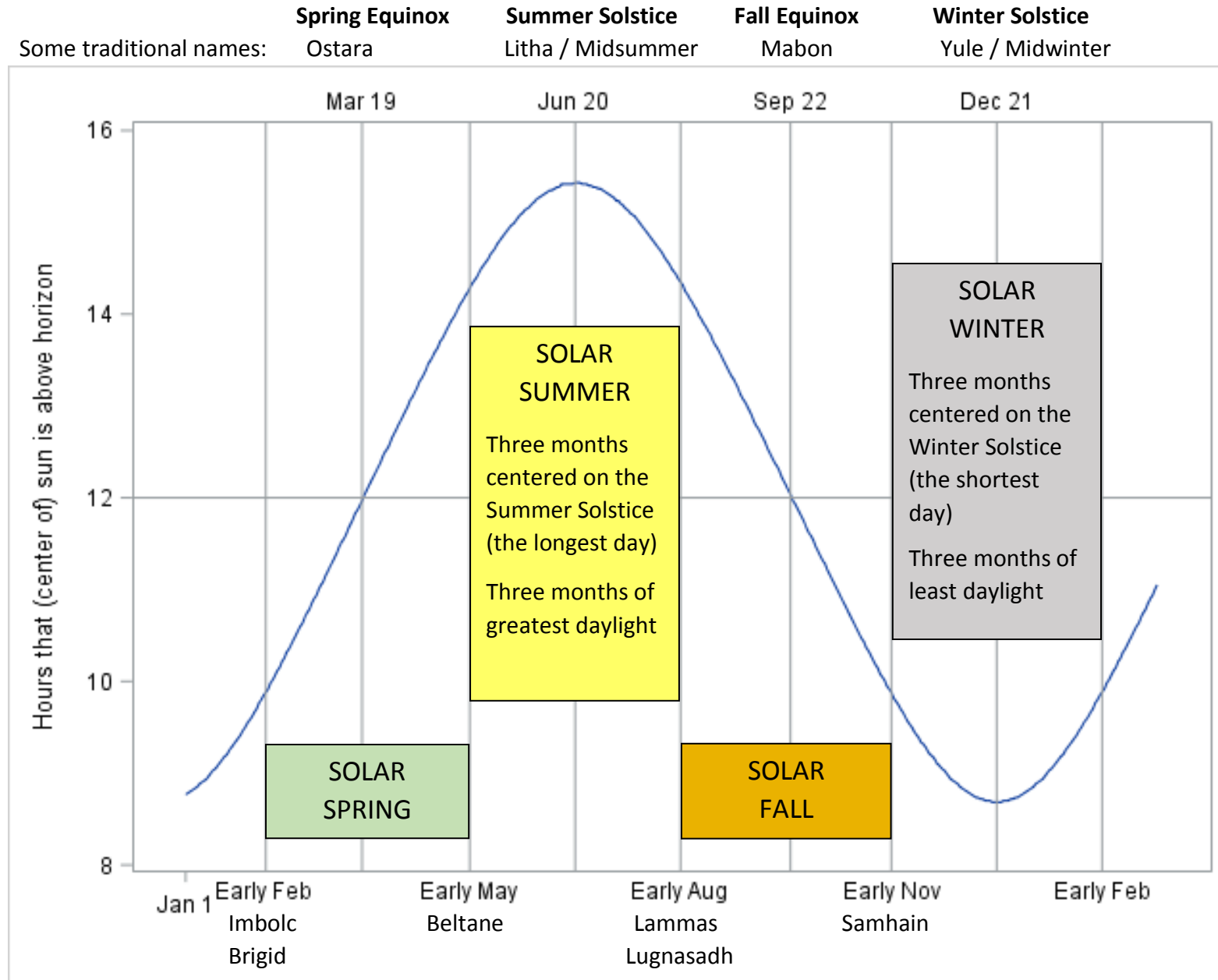


**Traditional (Solar) Seasons: 14 months in Corvallis (2014 through Feb 2015)**

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“On the day of an equinox, the geometric center of the Sun’s disk crosses the equator, and is above the horizon for 12 hours everywhere on the Earth.” – U.S. Naval Observatory website.

Between the solar Winters and Summers are solar Spring and Fall. These are times of both change and balance with respect to the sun’s light.

The curve is steepest indicating rapid change in length of daylight – toward more daylight in the Spring and less daylight in the Fall.

The spring and fall are roughly centered on their equinoxes, so that on average spring and fall are “balanced” in terms of being roughly half-light and half-dark.

The names used here for these 8 special points on the Wheel of the Year are Celtic or Germanic in origin.