

## Virtual Camp Meeting

Outdoor Adventure Camp 2024

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

# Our new parent guide will be available soon at shakerlakes.org/camp



#### Important Dates

- Member registration will open on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- Public registration will open Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.
- Spring Break Camp: March 25-29<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Week 1 begins on June 10<sup>th</sup>!



#### Important Changes

- ► To help as many families as possible experience Outdoor Adventure Camp, we will be limiting campers to 4 weeks of camp.
- We will also be repeating the weekly themes, with each appearing twice.



Camp Group	June 10-14	June 17-2 No camp Wed. the 19th	June 24-28	July 1-5	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug. 5-9
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Squirrel Scouts Rising K & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	eARTh Fun \$375	Wonders of Water \$300	Be a Scientist! \$375	the week through 5	Crazy Critters \$375	eARTh Fun \$375	Wonders of Water \$375	Be a Scientist! \$375	Crazy Critters \$375
Nature Detectives Rising 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Outdoor Skills 101 (archery) \$375	Wild about Water \$300	Junior Naturalist \$375	<b>—</b>	Poisonous & Proud (archery) \$375	Outdoor Skills 101 (archery) \$375	Wild about Water \$375	Junior Naturalist \$375	Poisonous & Proud (archery) \$375
Nature's Explorers Rising 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Outdoor Skills 201 (archery) \$400	Doan Brook Living \$340	Nature Invaders \$400	dy 1st	Animal Extravaganza (archery) \$400	Outdoor Skills 201 (archery) \$400	Doan Brook Living \$400	Nature Invaders \$400	Animal Extravaganza (archery) \$400
Eco Rangers Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Outdoor Skills 301 (archery) \$400	H₂O Yeah! \$340	Bio Blitz \$400		Ultimate Adventure Camp (archery) \$400	No Eco Rangers these weeks.  (A second session of Squirrel Scouts or Nature's Detectives will be offered during these weeks. Details TBD and based on waitlist sizes)			

#### FAQ's

- Will they spend time outside?
  - ► They will be outside most of the day.
- Do you offer financial aid?
  - ➤ Yes! If you're interested, please contact me for the application.
- What does my child need to bring to camp?
  - Lunch (including a morning snack), water bottle, change of cloths, closed toed shoes



### A Day at Camp

9:00-9:30: Drop off, free play

9:30-9:45: Circle time

9:45-10:30: Lesson, craft/game

10:30-10:45: Snack, bathroom break

10:45-12:00: Creek hike!

12:00-1:00: Lunch, free play

1:00-2:30: Archery!

2:30-2:45: Circle time, clean up

2:45-3:00: See you tomorrow!



## **Activity Examples**

- Hiking
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Creek walking
- Field games
- Creative time!
- Field trips (Explorer's & Rangers)
- Fishing (Explorer's & Rangers)



# Parent Feedback from the 2023 Parent Survey

- "My son went into this camp not knowing anyone and he said he loved it so thank you!"
- "I love the camp and the camp team does an AMAZING job."
- "I really love learning about nature." -camper
- "[camper name] counselors helped her feel welcome when she was feeling apprehensive on her first day."
- 98% of parents say their campers enjoyed the crafts, activities, and/or games.
- ▶ 95% of parents would recommend the camp to a friend.
- 90% of parents plan to send their children to OAC again this summer!
- "I think the registration system was a little confusing"

## How do I sign up for camp?



## Before we go any farther.... Let's make sure we have the info we need!

- Emergency contact (non-parent) name and phone number
- Other people that might pick up campers & their phone numbers
- Their doctor's name and phone number.
- Medication the camper might take, with dosage and time it is taken (especially if it needs taken during camp).



- Go to shakerlakes.org/camp
- Find the correct program based on what grade your child will be starting and click on the program name.
- Fill out the registration!

Eco-Rangers: Grade 6-9

Nature's Explorers: Grades 4-5

Nature's Detectives: Grades 2-3

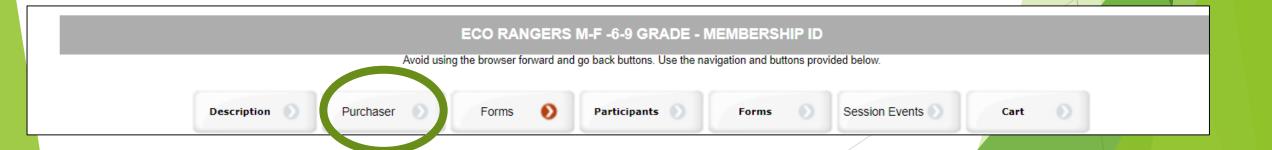
Squirrel Scouts - Kindergarten - Grade 1

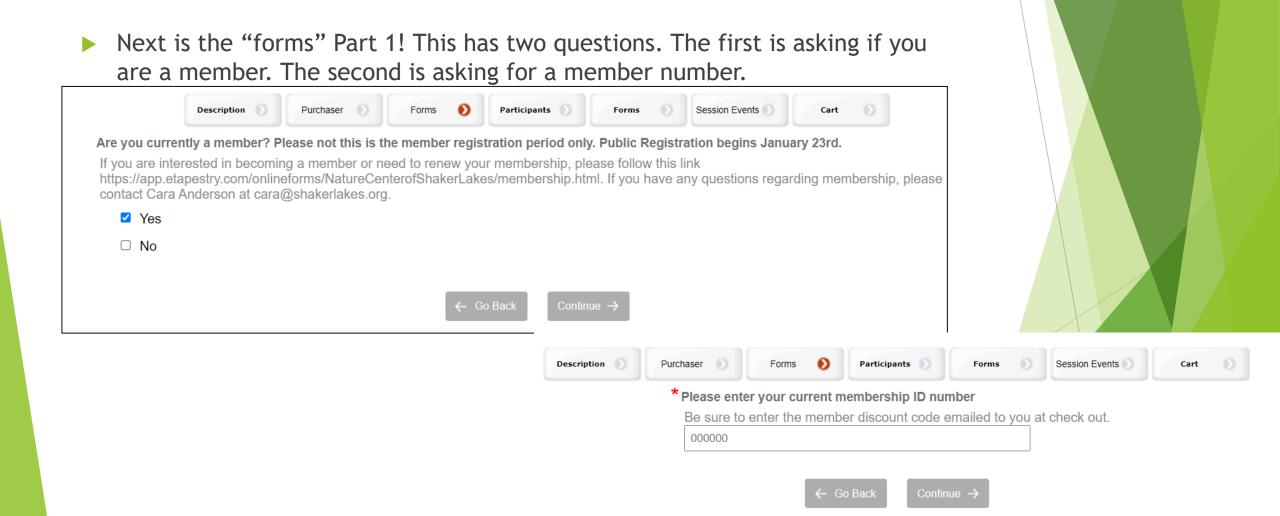
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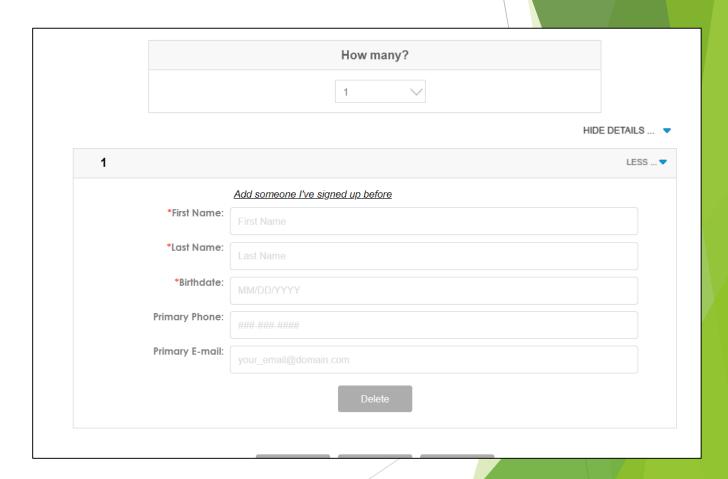
View Camp Pricing

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  - ▶ This starts with the "Purchaser" which is the adult filling out the form.

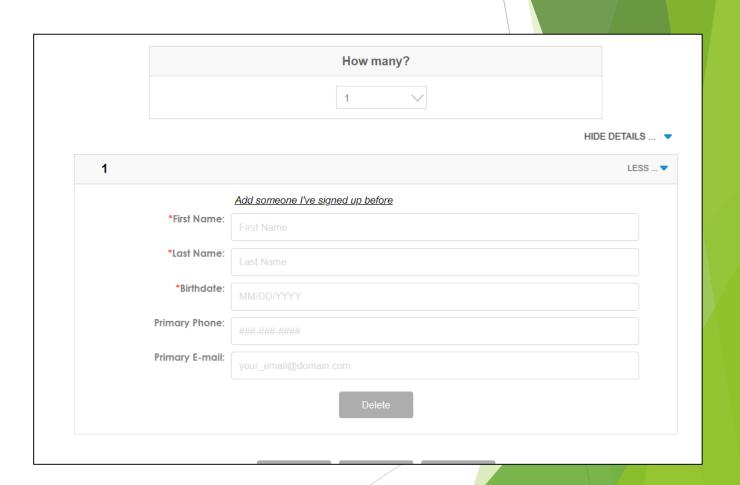




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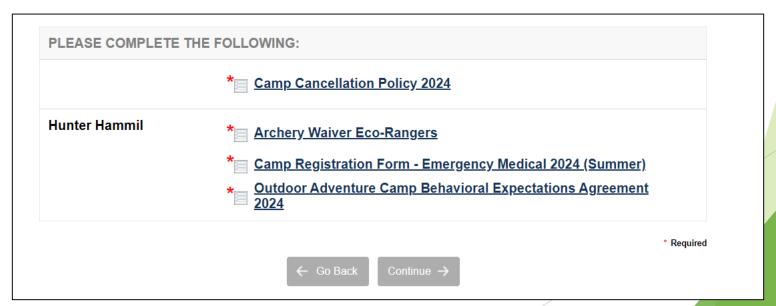


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- Once the "Participants" have been listed, it's time for more forms!



#### The Forms

- ▶ All applicable forms must be filled out before a camper can be registered.
- ▶ We know this is a time consuming process and asks a lot of questions, but it extremely important to go through each question and answer them to the best of your ability.
- Depending on the age of the camper, there are up to 4 forms.



### **Camp Cancellation Policy**

► The cancellation policy must be signed in order to continue the registration process. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the policy, as this will be enforced as written for all families.

#### **General Cancellation Policy**

All cancellations incur a fee of 20% of the cost of the session. "Cost" is defined as the total amount the purchaser is responsible for paying (camp fee minus the membership discount and/or financial aid). Cancellations made after a certain date will not be refunded at all.

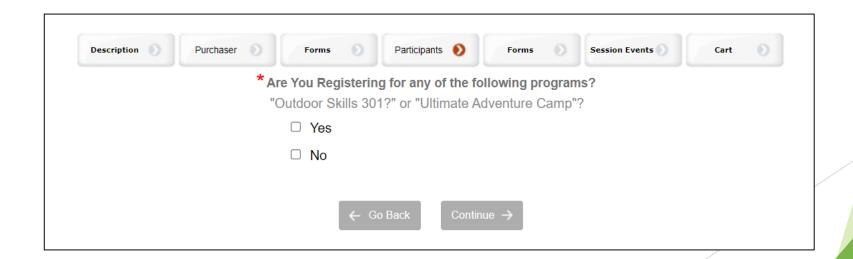
Spring Break Camp: Cancellations must be made by March 1, 2024 at 11:59pm to receive a refund minus a 20% cancellation fee. Any cancellation made after March 1<sup>st</sup> will not be refunded.

Summer Camp: Cancellations must be made by May 1, 2024 at 11:59pm to receive a refund, minus a 20% cancellation fee. Any cancellation made after May 1<sup>st</sup> will not be refunded.

All cancellation requests must be made in writing, by emailing the camp manager at <a href="mailto:hunter@shakerlakes.org">hunter@shakerlakes.org</a>

#### **Archery Wavier**

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#### **Archery Participation Waiver and Release**

Complete one form per child and return before your child's camp program if you answered "Yes" to the previous question. No action needed if you answered "No".

Your child will not be able to participate without a completed waiver form. Campers must demonstrate their ability to reliably follow camp safety guidelines outlined in the Behavioral Agreement in order to participate.

#### Agreement To Participate, Release and Waiver Form

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release to participate in this special archery program provided by the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. I understand that participation in this activity could result in injury. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, its staff, appointed assistants, volunteer, administrators ad executors from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in the event and activities and/or the use of related equipment. I certify that the participant is able to follow the behavioral expectations in the Behavioral Agreement making them eligible to safely participate.

Hunter

# Emergency Medical Form and Medical History

- ► This is the longest of our forms, since it covers a substantial amount of information about each child.
- Please take the time to answer each individual question, for each child, as it is incredibly important for them to have the best experience possible.



#### Behavioral expectations

This is the last form! It just is ensuring the campers, their adults, and the Nature Center are all on the same page about the behavioral expectations for campers.

All Camp Behavioral Expectations								
Sign your name next to each field indicating that your camper is able to comply with each expectation								
*Follow instructions, including safety standards, at all times responding when their name is called promptly.	s. This includes staying with the group, not running ahead of the educator and							
*Respect nature by staying on designated trails, not damag educator.	jing or removing anything from the environment unless instructed otherwise by the camp							
*Respect fellow campers by not causing any physical harm language when speaking with others.	such as biting, hitting, pinching, punching, kicking, bullying or using hurtful/harmful							
* For campers Prek-1st Grade (Write NA for older Campers) independently.	- Camper is fully potty trained, able to clean themselves and dress themselves							

#### Corrective Actions for Camper Behavior

#### **Outline of Corrective Action**

If the expectations listed above, or a pattern of other inappropriate behavior occurs, NCSL staff will practice positive reinforcement and remain professional when implementing corrective action.

Step one: Remind the camper of expected behavior.

Step two: NCSL staff will have a private conversation with the camper to set specific behavior goals and outline consequences for continued inappropriate behavior. At this time a verbal warning may be given to the camper.

Step three: Camper and NCSL staff will have a conversation with the parent/guardian at the end of the day where strategies to help improve behavior will be determined and implemented. If a second warning is given, NCSL staff will complete a Behavioral Incident Report that will be reviewed with the parent/guardian and signed.

Step four: If inappropriate behavior continues after the written warning, a third warning will be given to the camper. Once a camper receives a total of three warnings they may be dismissed from camp.

\*\*Dismissal may also occur if a camper's behavior disrupts the safety or dynamic of the larger group. Once dismissed from camp, tuition is forfeited and registration in any subsequent camps for that season may be canceled.\*\*

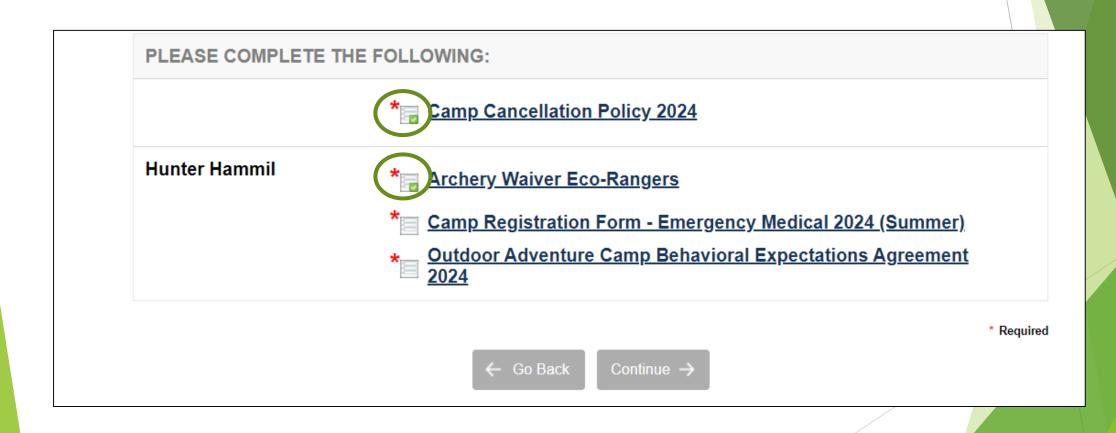
\*I, as the parent or guardian, agree and understand the corrective actions that will be enforced at all times during the camp season for the safety and enjoyment of all campers.

Further, I have read and understand the above camp expectations and agree that my child is able to demonstrate appropriate behavior, based on the above age expectations, in order to participate in all camp activities.



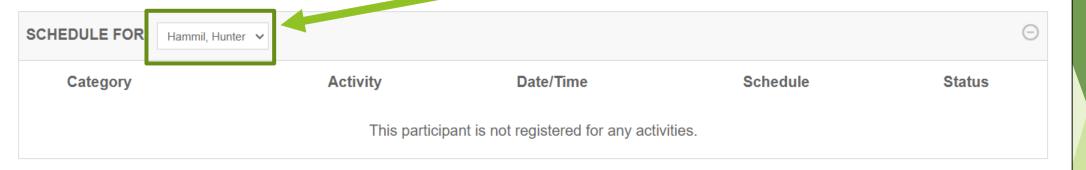
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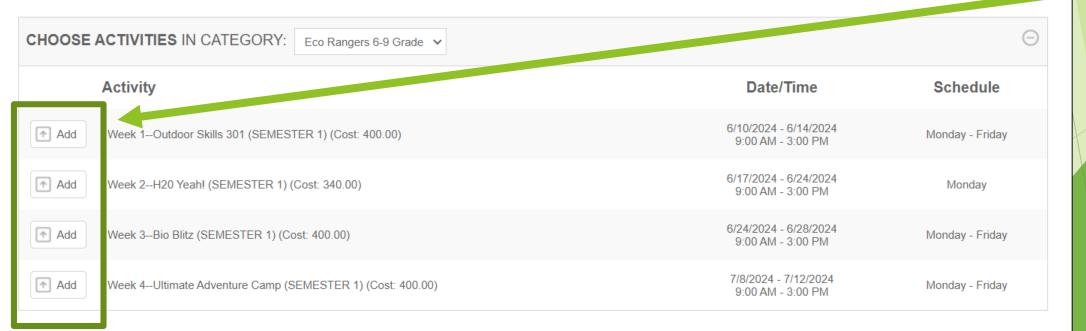
# How do I know when I've completed all forms?



## Signing up for sessions!

#### • Select the campers name



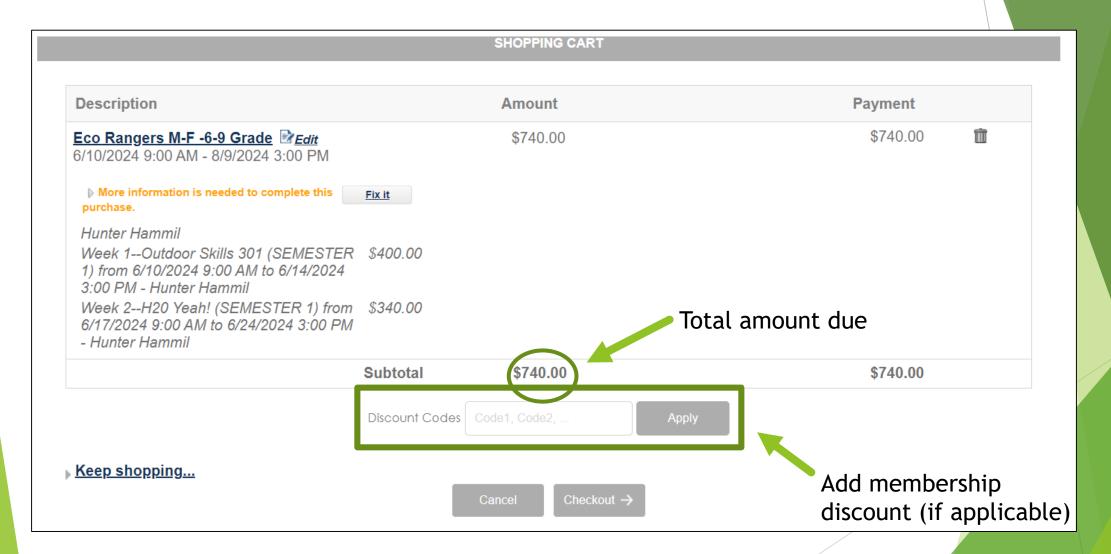


Add the sessions you'd like to sign up for.

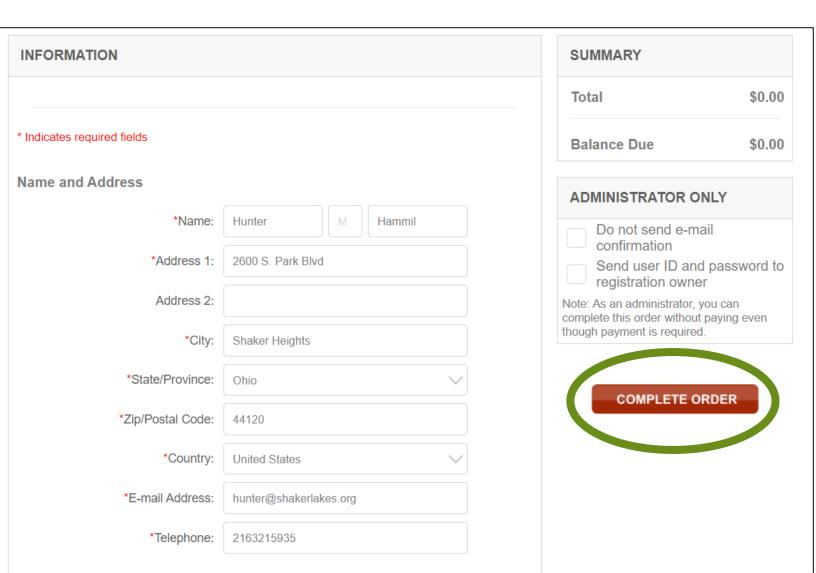
# BE CAREFUL NOT TO SIGN UP FOR THE SAME THEME TWICE!



#### Almost done!



## Last Step!



#### After submitting:

- You'll receive an email form DoubleKnot to confirm your registration.
- If you're on a waitlist and have questions, you'll have to contact me at <a href="mailto:hunter@shakerlakes.org">hunter@shakerlakes.org</a>
- Need to cancel, get a copy of your receipt, etc.? Email me.



## Questions?

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