



Frequently Asked Questions

Since 1983 Exploring Nature (EN) has been an educational program designed to encourage young people's curiosity about their world. Participants explore and investigate life around Rice Creek while discovering nature first hand through nature walks, activities and games.

How do I register a child?

Registration is open for children ages 5 to 14. Children will be split into groups per age/grade and groups will be filled on a first-come basis, upon receiving full payment with completed registration materials.

Parents applying for the Scholarship Program will be considered incomplete until scholarships are determined and payment is received.

Upon completing your registration, program information will be sent to you by email or U.S. mail. If needed, payment receipts can be sent per request.

What about the fees & deadlines?

Program fees are per child and are listed on the registration form as ****RCA member rate of \$130 per child. **This is a special rate for year 2019**** Fees do not include lunch or snack, as they are not provided.

Materials with payment must be received by **application deadline June 20, 2019**
U.S. Post Mark by 18th to ensure receipt by 20th

However, scholarship applicant deadline is May 31; which requires submission of complete registration materials.

Registration may close sooner if maximum allowed participants is reached.

****Non-RCA members will be given a complimentary family membership for year 2019.**

How do I get the Registration Form?

The registration form is a downloadable form on the web site at www.oswego.edu/exploringnature

The form, once completed can be sent via scanned email to rcfs@oswego.edu, or- dropped off at the field station front desk, or- mailed by June 20th deadline.
U.S. Post Mark by 6/18 to ensure receipt by 20th

For families that cannot download the registration form for print; you can pick up printed registration at the field station, Oswego Library, or at Ontario Orchards.
(call 315-312-6677 with concerns)

What is RCA?

Rice Creek Associates (RCA) is a support group that was formed in 1986 for the purpose of furthering the goals of the field station. It is the intent of RCA to expand the scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities through community involvement. Over the years, RCA has continued to increase its membership making it possible to fund improvement projects which benefit the station and the community.

How do I continue RCA membership?

RCA members pay annually.

Complimentary memberships will expire end of 2019 and optional for renewal in January 2020.

See the web at www.oswego.edu/rice-creek/membership

What is the Scholarship Program?

Generous members of RCA have donated monies to be used specifically for exploring nature's registration cost.

A limited number of scholarships are available for those who qualify. Approvals of adjusted fee(s) will be communicated by June 5th and then payment (if applicable) will be due by the registration deadline June 20th. **U.S. Post Mark by 6/18 to ensure receipt by 20th**

What are the payment methods?

CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD

Payment can be made online with your credit card. If you choose this method, return to the main EN page and there is a link for credit card payment information. Registration is not complete until registration materials and payment are both received.

You can use the U.S. mail or stop by Rice Creek to drop off your registration materials and payment. See the registration form for mailing address. Or before you come to Rice Creek, please call (315) 312-6677 to ensure someone can assist.

How do I request a refund?

Program fees for withdrawing are refundable by check, less \$25 per child per week, when we receive written notification by June 21 that your child cannot attend.

Due to instructor plans, no refunds will be given after 6/ 21.