



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.

Choose week 1: July 6–10, Monday to Friday 9 am to 2 pm
AND/OR Choose week 2: July 13–17, Monday to Friday 9 am to 2 pm
NEW: Optional after-care program 2 to 5 pm

What is the registration process?

Registration is open for children ages 5 to 16. 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.

Upon completing your registration, program information will be sent to you by email or U.S. mail.

How do I get the registration form?

Links to our online fillable form and a printable PDF version are available on our website at www.oswego.edu/exploringnature

Printed registration forms are available for pickup at Rice Creek Field Station.

What are the fees & deadlines?

Program fees are per child: \$150 per week standard or \$130 for RCA members. After-care from 2 to 5 pm is an additional \$60 per week. ***Fees do not include lunch or snack, as they are not provided for the regular program. The after-care cost includes a snack.***

Registration materials (form and immunization records) with payment must be received by the **application deadline: June 20, 2020**
U.S. Post Mark by 6/16 to ensure receipt by 20th.

NOTE: Registration may close sooner if maximum allowed participants is reached.

NOTE: Scholarship applicant deadline is May 31.

What is the scholarship program?

Generous members of RCA have made donations to specifically to offset exploring nature's registration cost for families with financial need.

A limited number of scholarships are available for those who qualify. To apply, families simply need to answer the appropriate questions on the registration form.

Scholarship decisions will be communicated by June 5th and then payment (if applicable) will be due by the registration deadline: June 20th.

What is RCA?

Rice Creek Associates (RCA) is a support group that was formed in 1986 for the purpose of furthering the goals of Rice Creek. It is the intent of RCA to expand the scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities of RCFS 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 memberships must be renewed annually. Information on membership renewal can be found at www.oswego.edu/rice-creek/membership

What is the after-care program?

New this year, we are providing optional day care from 2 to 5 pm to program participants. This is a time for monitored free play, with no structured programming. We will have games, puzzles, and books available. Participants are welcome to bring non-electronic games or toys to enjoy.

What are the payment methods?

CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD

Payment can be made online with your credit card using the link from the EN webpage. You can also mail a check or stop by Rice Creek to drop off payment as cash or check. Before you come to Rice Creek, please call (315) 312-6677 to ensure someone can assist. Upon request, we can provide payment receipts.

Registration is not complete until registration materials and payment are both received.

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 20 that your child cannot attend.

Due to instructor plans, no refunds will be given after 6/20.

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