



2025 Ohdaka Nature Day Camp

Welcome to camp. We are excited to have the opportunity to serve your family this summer and help your child connect to nature and their community. Each day your camper will participate in fun outdoor adventures that build awareness of the outdoor world, kinship within their community and the confidence to tackle future adventures. We cannot wait to share all the amazing fun and adventures with your camper.

IMPORTANT: Each day, your camper must bring:

- Their **camp t-shirt** (provided on the first day)
- A **sack lunch**
- A **refillable water bottle** (also provided on the first day)

If your camper forgets any of these items, replacements will be available for a fee (see “Additional Fees” section).

Can't wait to meet you all very soon,

Erin McPherson “Salmonberry”
Camp Director
971-328-1653

Before Arrival

Basic hygiene is necessary to ensure campers health and safety. Please ensure your child knows how to:

- properly wash hands
- cover a cough or sneeze
- tie their own shoes (or wear non laced shoes)
- use the bathroom on their own (Mini-Stars requirement)
- open any lunch related items (i.e. capri suns can be challenging for littles)

Campers showing any signs of illness need to be fever and vomit free for 24 hours before entering or returning to the day camp program. If your camper must remain home, please text 971-328-1653 as soon as possible to let us know of their absence.

Transportation

Bus - \$65

For morning drop off, please check in with our Bus Volunteer who will be wearing an Ohdaka Staff shirt. The Gresham bus stop is in the Gresham Town Fair parking lot near Dick's Sporting Goods. Campers must be signed in with the Bus Volunteer before boarding. Check in begins at 7:45 and the bus leaves promptly at 8:15am.

The bus will leave Oxbow in the afternoon at 3pm and should arrive back to drop off around 3:30-3:45. You **MUST** check your child out with the bus volunteer, so be prepared to show ID. When the bus pulls in, have your ID card ready to show the Bus Volunteer as requested. She will check out the campers one by one as they exit the bus. Please be patient with this process.

Parent Transport - Families choosing to drive their camper to and from Oxbow each day will be charged \$5 per camper per trip to help cover program access and logistics.

Once inside the park, follow the signs to the **Dragonfly Shelter**. You may park near the shelter and proceed to our check-in table. Our staff will assist you with signing in your camper and confirming that all information is accurate.

Drop off time is between 9:00 and 9:15 am each day at Oxbow Regional Park 3010 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080-8916 We call parents for any camper that does not arrive by 9:30am.

*Cell reception is extremely limited inside Oxbow Park. If you arrive late (after 9:15 am), you must call 971-328-1653 **before entering the park** so staff can be notified and we can arrange to meet you for late check-in.*

- **Pets are not allowed at Oxbow Park so please leave all dogs, cats, chickens and turtles at home. Pet rocks are ok.**

Parent Pick Up - 3:00 - 3:15 pm Monday-Friday

Parents should check out at the same location where they checked in. Please wait for staff to bring your camper to the check out table rather than entering the camp program area.

Early Pick Up Before 3pm - Parents are required to notify camp staff in person no later than check-in that morning. Early pick-up is discouraged as it compromises the supervision and safety of the remaining campers and disrupts the closing activities of the camp.

Late Pick Up after 3:15pm - Additional Charges will apply. Families/Emergency Contacts will be contacted beginning at 3:25pm. If a camper has not been picked up by 3:30 pm and we have been unable to reach emergency contacts, we will follow appropriate next steps as required by county and state child supervision guidelines.

Campers WILL NOT be released to anyone who is not on the authorized pick-up list. Prior written notice at drop off must be given if someone not on the authorized pick-up list is going to pick up a camper. Be prepared to show a photo ID each day.

Parking - You will not be required to pay for parking as long as you enter and exit within 15 minutes. Families wishing to stay after camp to enjoy the park should purchase a parking pass at the gate.

What to Bring to Camp

Daily Checklist

- ✓ **Camp t-shirt** (provided Monday; replacement: \$10)
- ✓ **Sack lunch in a sealed, labeled container with ice pack** (forgotten lunch: \$5)
- ✓ **Water bottle** (provided Monday; replacement: \$2)
- ✓ **Closed-toe shoes** - Campers may be excluded from certain activities if footwear is deemed unsafe.)
- ✓ **Dress in Layers** - we will be outdoors all day, so dress weather appropriate. Early mornings can be cool but warm up quickly.
- ✓ **Daypack** (labeled with camper's name)
- ✓ **Sunscreen/bug spray applied at home** -Staff will not apply sunscreen or bug spray to campers. Please apply before camp. Younger campers often have difficulty using sprays safely; bug-repellent bracelets are available for \$2 .
- ✓ **Optional: swimsuit, towel, water shoes** (for sprinkler days - weather dependent) Staff will enforce increased hand washing and sanitizing throughout the day - before and after eating, using the restroom, and each program activity.

DO NOT BRING toys, gum, candy, sugary drinks, cell phones, iPod, other electronic devices/games, expensive items (Shooting Star Adventures will not be held responsible for lost or broken items). Weapons, drugs and/or illegal substances will result in removal from the camp program.

Additional Fees

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for everyone, it's important to follow the guidelines and expectations outlined in this parent packet. Please note that certain situations may result in additional daily fees to cover the associated costs and time required to resolve them.

Transportation

Bus: \$65
Dropoff/Pickup \$5/trip
Late Pickup (after 3:15):\$20/day

Replacements (per day)

Water Bottle: \$2
Sack Lunch: \$5
Camp TShirt: \$10

Optional

BugRepellent Bracelet: \$2
Camp Store - will be on site on Thursday

Camp Store

Our camp store will be open **Thursday during check-in and check-out**. Campers can browse fun items like bracelets, stickers, and small gear. Prices vary. All proceeds support our **campership fund**, helping more kids attend camp in future years! A reminder will be sent home with your camper mid-week, including **purchasing instructions for bus riders**.

We accept: **Cash, Credit/debit cards (charged to the card on file)**

Food Policy

To ensure safety, notify us of **any food allergies or dietary restrictions** at least **one week before camp begins** by emailing office@shootingstaradventures.org. We cannot accommodate allergies if we are unaware of them. If a camper forgets their lunch, staff will provide one for the camper at an additional \$5.

Lost and Found

In the case of items lost, the Shooting Star Adventure office will make every effort to locate the item but will not be able to replace or reimburse the camper for the item. Unclaimed items will be disposed of after July 31st, 2025. If any of the prohibited items are found on site, they will be taken from the participant's possession and returned to parents at pick-up.

Contacting Us

If your camper is running late or will not be attending on the day - please call or text us at 971-328-1653 and leave a message on our office phone with your name and the camper's name. As a safety precaution, we call no-shows each day by 9:30 am to make sure campers' whereabouts are known.

You can also reach our staff through email office@shootingstaradventures.org Be sure to follow us on social media for daily updates and photos from camp.