



2026 Ohdaka Nature Day Camp

Welcome to Ohdaka!

Ahoy, mateys! We are thrilled to welcome your family aboard for an unforgettable week of **Pirates in the Park**.

This summer, your camper will set sail on outdoor adventures filled with exploration, teamwork, creativity, and discovery. Along the way, they'll build confidence, deepen their connection to the natural world, and form new friendships with fellow adventurers.

From wilderness skills and outdoor cooking to games, challenges, and treasure-worthy discoveries, each day is designed to help campers grow their awareness, strengthen their sense of community, and develop the courage to chart their own course.

We can't wait to embark on this adventure together and share a week full of laughter, learning, and pirate-sized fun! 📺 🌲 ☀️

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 transportation is included with camp registration.

For the 2026 season, campers will travel together on our camp bus each day. Group transportation helps create a predictable, safe, and well-supported experience for campers and staff from the moment the day begins until it ends.

Bus Location:

MHCC Athletic (Yoshida Event Center) Parking Lot
(Access via NE 17th Street)

Morning Drop-Off

Monday: Please arrive between **7:30 AM and 7:45 AM** for camper check-in, t-shirt distribution, and water bottle pickup. Campers will need to put on their camp shirt before boarding the bus.

Tuesday–Friday: 8:00 AM–8:15 AM

Upon arrival, please check in with the designated Bus Volunteer, who will be wearing an Ohdaka staff shirt. Campers must be signed in before boarding.

The bus departs no later than 8:30am, so please arrive on time.

Afternoon Pick-Up

Approximate Arrival: 3:45 PM–4:00 PM

The bus leaves Oxbow Park at approximately 3:30 PM and returns to MHCC shortly afterward.

For camper safety, all campers must be checked out by an authorized adult. Please have a photo ID ready when the bus arrives. After unloading, staff will release campers to families one at a time once identification has been verified.

Please allow a few minutes for the unloading and checkout process and be patient as we work to ensure every camper gets home safely. Prompt pickup is appreciated, as the bus remains on the clock while campers are being released. If someone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your camper, please notify us in advance.

Parent Transport

Families who wish to transport their camper directly to and from Oxbow each day must receive prior approval from Camp Administration.

Oxbow Regional Park 3010 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080-8916

Once inside the park, follow the signs to the **Coho Shelter**. Camp staff will be stationed there during drop-off and pick-up times. Campers will walk with staff between Coho Shelter and our main camp area at Dragonfly Shelter each day.

If you arrive late and staff are no longer stationed at Coho Shelter, you may proceed directly to the **Dragonfly Shelter** to check in your camper.

For camper safety, families will be contacted if a camper has not arrived by **9:30 AM** and camp staff have not been notified of their absence.

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

Pick-Up Time: 3:30 PM

Please pick up your camper from the **Coho Shelter**. All campers must be signed out by an authorized adult at the check-out table before leaving camp. Please be prepared to show photo identification if requested. If someone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your camper, please notify camp staff in advance.

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 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.

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	Replacements (per day)	Optional
Late Pickup (after 4:00): \$20/day	Water Bottle: \$2 Sack Lunch: \$5 Camp TShirt: \$10	BugRepellent Bracelet: \$2 Camp Store - will be on site on Thursday

Camp Store

Our camp store will be open **Friday during field day**. 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 (money can be loaded via link in band or charged to the card on file from registration)**. Look for more information in our BAND group.

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.