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Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council's Annual Pancake Breakfast...

COME AND GET IT! Hotcakes with Real Maple Syrup, Juicy Sausages, and OJ, Coffee and Milk.

Date: Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3

Place: Oregon Ridge LODGE

Time: From 8 AM to Noon

Cost: \$8 Adults; \$4 Children 2 to 8; \$2 for 3 extra sausages

Plus More Fun, Too! Box Raffles, Live Music, Plant Sale, Face Painting, Syrup and Maple Candy for Sale

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ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

The Natural History Society of Maryland and the Quest for a State Natural History Museum

By Charles Davis, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, NHSM

March 18, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, ORNC Auditorium, FREE



Surprisingly, Maryland is one of the few states with no state natural history museum. State museums provide local knowledge of the historic and current conditions of the nature in the state. Based on natural science collections, they allow repeated observations of nature, material for scientific research, and the physical reference for the names of organisms among many

other uses. These museums inspire, teach, and fascinate people of all ages. But currently, Maryland's collections are scattered among government agencies, colleges, private companies, and private holdings, and many are out-of-state. Their long-term care and use are threatened by changing budget priorities and abandonment by owners. How did this happen? What can we do about it?

Since its founding in 1929, The Natural History Society of Maryland's mission has been in part to establish a state natural history museum. In his presentation, Davis will tell the unforgettable stories of the people and organizations that have worked since the early 1800s to establish such a museum in Maryland, and explain the current activities of the Natural History Society toward that same end. The presentation will include an inspiring display of some of the Society's collections.

Charlie Davis is a consulting ecologist specializing in rare species inventory and management. His clients have included the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, Maryland

Army National Guard, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, The Nature Conservancy, land managers, and numerous other private landowners. He has degrees in Fish & Wildlife Management from the School of Forestry from West Virginia University and Master of Science from the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences at Towson University.

Mr. Davis has taught in numerous venues, including the Johns Hopkins University Odyssey Program Certificate of Environmental Studies, where he taught courses in plant identification techniques and tree identification for 10 years. He was formerly employed as coastal zone planner for Baltimore County government and natural resources planner for Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission. He was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council. He is currently engaged in several projects investigating landscape history in Baltimore County. Since 1986, he has volunteered at the Natural History Society. Currently he assists with twice monthly plant identification sessions, a monthly moss identification workshop, and organizes the Maryland Community Naturalist Network in Baltimore City. He welcomes your help with organizing the plant collections of the Natural History Society and sleuthing stories from its collections. He can be reached at charliedavis1@sigmaxi.net.



ENJOY EACH OF OUR SPRING SPEAKERS

Heroes of Conservation: Their Legacy and Messages for Today

By Loren Lustig, Program Coordinator Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks

April 15, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, ORNC Auditorium, FREE



Every major movement and cause has its own special heroes. Loren Lustig will be here to talk about the lives of major American conservation heroes spanning the past 200 years. He will provide an analysis of their messages, which continue to resonate and have critical importance in our modern world.

Loren Lustig has dedicated his life to conservation work, beginning as a teenager in the 1960s. He has worked as a wildlife biologist, park naturalist, resource manager, and environmental educator for almost 50 years. He has also been selected for leadership opportunities in both regional and national conservation organizations.

Staying true to the conservation spirit of American heroes such as Aldo Leopold, Maudie Murie, Robert Marshall and Rachel Carson, Loren and his wife have enjoyed implementing many conservation measures on their farm near Gettysburg, PA, and have made it available as an environmental and outdoor recreation site.

Northhampton Iron Furnace: You Can't Get Blood from a Stone, but You Can Get Money from It

By William Blair Curtis, Park Ranger for National Park Service (NPS)

May 20, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, ORNC Auditorium, FREE



What natural resources are needed to create wealth? How do you do it? What are the environmental consequences, good and bad? And what is left on the ground 200 years later? While relating the history of the Northampton Iron Furnace, Bill Curtis will explore these questions. The Northampton Furnace was the tenth furnace erected in Maryland. It produced many iron products including weapons and ammunition used in two wars. The Ridgely family, owners of the vast Hampton Estate, built the iron furnace and operated it for many decades. Bill will talk about the history of the furnace and its workers. He will discuss the ways that Americans have exploited and changed our natural resources including stone, minerals, wood and water. He also will touch on transportation history.

Bill Curtis is a National Park Ranger currently stationed at Hampton National Historic Site and Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. While a history major at Gettysburg College, he began his career as a Licensed Battlefield Guide. His NPS career has included full time duty as an interpreter, law enforcement officer, and he now works in the Resource Management Division, splitting his time between museum work and helping to care for the historic landscape. He is a Maryland Master Naturalist. Curtis is happily married, the proud father of two, and lives in a neighborhood named after a famous forge!

MORE SPRING EVENTS AT OREGON RIDGE NATURE CENTER

“Undersea Journeys” with Aqua Ventures

April 13, 7 – 9 PM, Oregon Ridge Nature Center
\$10 per person; \$5 for children

Join us for our Underwater Photograph Show that will take you around the world and beneath the waves.

Aqua Ventures annual photo show returns to the Oregon Ridge Nature Center on Saturday, April 13th. Proceeds will be donated to the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council. Tickets are available through Aqua Ventures. Please call 410-666-2326 or 410-66-OCEAN, or visit www.AquaVenturesOnline.com. Seating is limited and tickets will only be sold at the door if spaces are available. The evening's informative and entertaining events will include the beautiful photography of “Undersea Journeys” presenters Michael Eversmier and Bill Band.



Michael Eversmier is the Co-Owner of Aqua Ventures, along with his wife Maureen. Michael is a diving instructor, underwater explorer, and aquatic naturalist with 40 years of diving experiences traveling and photographing the underwater world. Michael's photo presentation will highlight some truly magical and memorable underwater encounters, including the Galapagos Islands archipelago.



Diver/Photographer Bill Band, who is a retired Maryland Bay Pilot, enjoys traveling the world in search of shark encounters. Through photography, his exciting presentation will bring you up close to many predators in peril as Bill explains their importance to the ecosystem and discusses the threats to their existence in oceans throughout the world.

Nature Quest: An Adventure through our Parklands



Discover the 9 parks and 16 trails in Baltimore County by joining *Nature Quest*. Find trail markers at these county parks, including Oregon Ridge Park. Special prizes and rewards await those completing nine+ trails! Start by obtaining a Nature Quest Passport at one of the participating parks, at Wegmans, or online. For details, call ORNC (410-887-1815) or visit www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org. Those completing five+ trails will earn FREE admission to Baltimore County's celebratory ***Nature Quest FEST*** (details TBA), so hang onto your Passport as it is your ticket for free admission.

NATURE CENTER STAFF AT WORK

ORNC to Recertify as Maryland Green Center



This spring, Oregon Ridge Nature Center is applying to recertify as a Maryland Green Center, as recognized by the Maryland Association of Outdoor and Environmental Educators (MAEOE). This application allows ORNC to showcase the ways in which we support environmental learning in the community and how we serve as a model for a number of sustainable practices. To be recognized as a Maryland Green Center, an organization must demonstrate how they assist local schools to become MAEOE certified Green Schools. Since our original certification in 2015, we have continued to offer environmental education experiences for schools across Baltimore County, many of which are now recognized as a Maryland Green School or are in the process of applying for recognition.

To become a Green School, a school must integrate sustainable practices and environmental education into their school culture and curriculum at all ages levels. Studies have shown that environmental education is beneficial to helping students be more nurturing and caring, and to develop both critical thinking and leadership skills. Maryland recognizes the importance of environmental education by requiring students to participate in environmental

education programs each year in order to graduate from high school. MAEOE's Green School program and Green Center program help schools meet this requirement while improving their school culture and communities. If you are involved with a school that may be interested in becoming a certified Green School, please contact ORNC. As a Green Center, we would love to help on your journey to achieving Green School status. For additional information about the Green Center certification process, please visit the MAEOE website: www.maeoe.org



COMING UP SUMMER AND FALL!

Summer Camps!
See Pages 10 and 11
for the Schedule and
Registration Application

**Summer Programs
for All Ages**
Hiking, Canoeing and more

Trail Guide Training
September 3 to 6,
from 10 AM to 1 PM
\$20 for first time attendees

Honey Harvest Festival
October 5 and 6
11 AM to 4 PM,
It's Fun and it's **FREE**

PEOPLE GET INVOLVED AT ORNC AND PARK

Ridge Runner Alex Schultz Enjoys Animals



Two years ago, Alex Schultz decided he wanted to be a Ridge Runner to earn his required service hours for graduation and to gain valuable work experience. After he fulfilled his service hour requirements, he decided to continue as a Ridge Runner for the friendship and the experiences at the Nature Center.

Alex volunteers to help care for and feed the animals on Saturdays. He thoroughly enjoys working with the snakes and has overcome his mild fear of them. He's a master at handling tongs to feed mealworms to the green frog. When it's time to feed our outdoor birds, Alex says, "It is always an adventure to feed the goose and turkey because it feels like you're in a gladiator pit, and you always need to keep you guard up!" He most enjoys feeding the terrapins because they seem so happy to see him and are always ready to eat! Alex's favorite animal, however, is the gray tree frog. "It sticks to my hand when holding it, plus it is quite cute!" Overall, Alex recommends becoming a volunteer Ridge Runner at ORNC to anyone looking for an opportunity to interact with and care for animals that otherwise aren't normally accessible.

Alex is a junior at Dulaney High School with a 3.63 GPA. He enjoys all of his science classes, but likes his Forensic Science class the most. In his spare time, he spends time with his dogs Rocket and Riley, plays badminton, and is on the school debate team. He also enjoys drawing and playing chess. He enjoys reading Sci-Fi

books like *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and John Scalzi's *Old Man's War*. He really enjoys traveling and trying new foods. He most recently went to France, but his favorite foreign country to visit so far is Ireland. After high school, Alex plans to pursue a college degree that will prepare him for a career as a behavioral profiler with the FBI.



Oregon Ridge Community Garden 2019 Season

March 1 through November 18

Plot sizes are 10' x 10'. The seasonal fee for a plot is \$25 (\$20 for ORNC Council Members).

Gardeners must do 4 hours of service in overall garden maintenance per plot assigned. The garden has deer fencing, water, composting, and tools to share.

To receive a contract for review, email: info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Upcoming Graduates! Apply Now for ORNCC Scholarships

Each year the ORNC Council awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors from Baltimore County and City. Recipients should show a high level of commitment to the health of the environment and plan to continue their studies in environmental science and nature education.

Our goal is to support two or three scholarships up to \$5,000 each!

If you know a high school senior who may be eligible for the scholarship, please have the student call the Oregon Ridge Nature Center for an application form at 410-887-1815 or download an application from our website: www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org. **Applications are due April 5.**

We hope you will help by giving generously to the Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible donation, checks should be made payable to the ORNC Council, specifying on the note line "Scholarship Fund" and sent to:

Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council
13555 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

To donate on-line, please visit our website:
<http://OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org/scholars.html>

The names of donors will be published, so if you wish to make a gift in another's name, please specify the donor's name as it should appear on the list.



Generous Support for ORNC

The results are in for our 2018 Fundraising Campaign, which began in November. Generous donors contributed \$36,559.20 to help Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council complete several important projects, including the Trail Revitalization. The Council and Staff wish to thank these wonderful supporters, some choosing to remain anonymous:



Gifts up to \$100

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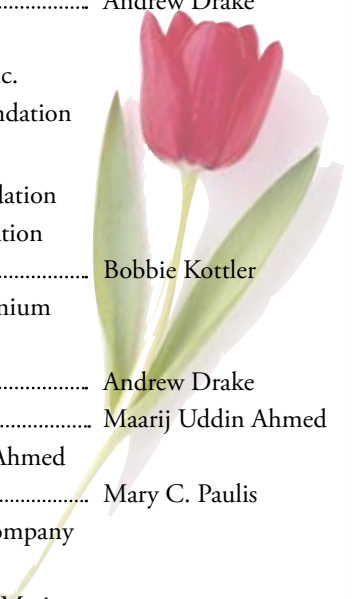
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EASTERN REDBUD HERALDS SPRING

by ORNC Director Jessica Jeannetta

There is something enchanting about the arrival of spring. Perhaps, it's the increased amount of sunshine or the songs of the birds. Whatever it is, I usually have an overwhelming feeling by the end of winter that spring cannot come soon enough. Nothing is lovelier than to catch the first glimpse of color across the bleak winter landscape. Before spring has officially arrived and buds have burst into tiny leaves, the early blooming, bright pink-to-reddish purple flowers of the eastern redbud will unfailingly catch your eye! They signal that spring is just around the corner.

The eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) is a native tree to central and eastern North America. The name *Cercis Canadensis*, has both Greek and Latin origins. *Cercis* is from the Greek “kerkis,” which means “a weaver’s shuttle” and refers to the shape of the pod; *Canadensis* means “of Canada.” It grows in full and partial sun, prefers moist soil, but can thrive in a variety of soil conditions. Because of its ability to adapt to varying weather conditions, its manageable size and its beautiful flowers, it is easy to see why records indicate that people have been planting redbuds all the way back to 1641!

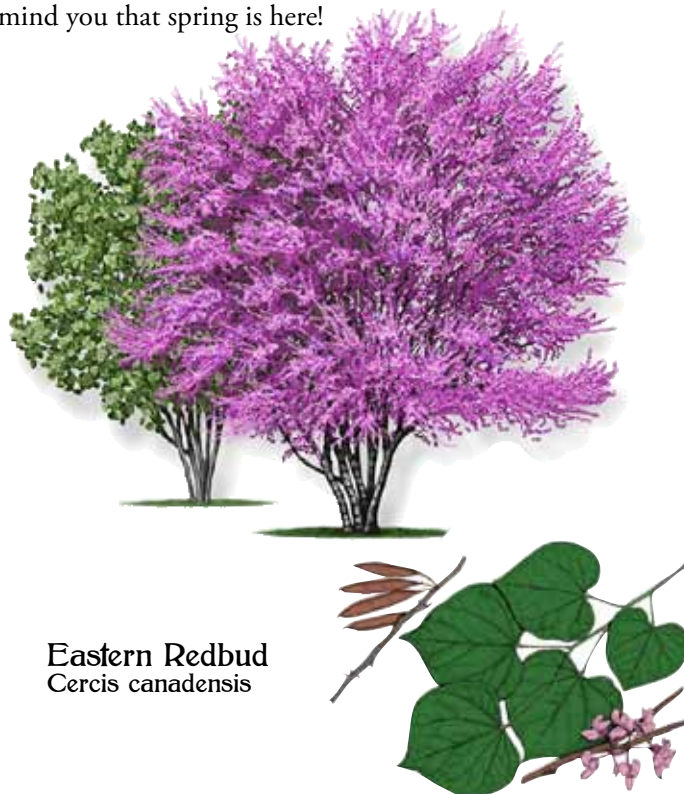
It is also a naturally occurring tree that is found in the forests in our area. As an understory tree, the redbud remains small, only reaching heights of about 30 feet. Though small, it is packed full of wildlife value. Since it is an early spring flowering tree, the eastern redbud is one of the first sources of pollen and nectar for the early emerging insects and other pollinator species that are otherwise facing limited food options at that time. After the flowers of the eastern redbud are pollinated, they will form into “bean like” black seedpods in spring and into late summer. The dried out seeds provide food for various birds and white-tailed deer can be seen browsing the twigs and leaves of the tree throughout the year. The spreading branches form suitable habitat for many nesting songbirds.

In fact, redbuds are members of the pea and bean family. Their deciduous leaves are alternate, simple, broadly heart-shaped and 3 to 5 inches high and wide. When they emerge, the leaves are reddish and then turn green. In the autumn, the leaves will turn greenish yellow before falling off. Like peas and beans, their flowers are papilionaceous, meaning they bear five petals and the flower petal formation resembles a butterfly. The fruits of the redbud are legumes and inside contain hard black seeds that are often wind dispersed in

fall and early winter when the structure of the pods degrade, allowing the seed to escape. The redbud's hard seed coat requires nature's assistance in the form of fire, animal digestion (typically birds, but some mammals as well), or partial break down from fungi or insects in order for the redbud seed to effectively germinate.

The flowers, young pods, seeds and young leaves are edible. Redbud flowers are slightly sour and are high in vitamin C value. While I have not tried it, I have read that the flowers and unopened pods can also be pickled for eating! Native Americans used the eastern redbud to treat many ailments. They boiled the bark to make tea to treat whooping cough. They used astringent made from the bark to treat dysentery. The roots and inner bark were used for fevers, congestion and vomiting. They would eat the flowers, seeds, and young pods and leaves.

For all of these fine qualities, the eastern redbud is my favorite tree. And, in addition to the pleasure of seeing its early blooms and its great value to wildlife, its amazing branching is ideal for tree climbing! In fact, it was the runner up to the mighty oak when the United States selected its national tree in 2004. Look for this early bloomer's splash of color on a dreary day. It will put a smile on your face and remind you that spring is here!



Eastern Redbud
Cercis canadensis

TRAIL CONSERVANCY SELECTED TO CONSULT

by ORNCC Vice President Jonathan Rowe



By unanimous approval, the board of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council (ORNCC) has secured the services of Trail Conservancy, Inc., and its Executive Director Austin Steo (*photo below*), to provide

consulting for the improvement of the 6+ miles of trails on the 1,043-acre property. Trail Conservancy is a 501c3 non-profit charity created to assist park managers in designing, building, and maintaining sustainable natural surface trails. “The popular trails are an important part of both our educational and conservation mission,” says Jonathan Rowe, ORNCC Vice-President. “It is important to protect the trails for the Nature Center’s future prosperity.”

Austin has over 18 years of experience working with parkland managers, both professionally and as a volunteer developing and maintaining natural surface trails. He has helped design and build the trail systems at Fairland Park, Rosaryville State Park, Cosca Park and the Town of Emmitsburg. At Fairland Park, which straddles both Prince George’s and Montgomery counties in Maryland, Austin assisted park staff in creating a trail plan, designing and laying out trail routes and organizing a diverse group of trail users to ultimately build a trail system over 9 miles in length. In addition, he developed a sign plan that Trail Conservancy subsequently installed.

At Rosaryville State Park in Prince George’s County, Maryland, Austin worked with park staff and the Rosaryville Conservancy to create a trail plan and coordinate construction of a 10 mile trail system which included both professional trail builders and volunteers. At L. F. Cosca Park in Prince George’s County, Maryland, Austin obtained several Recreational Trail Program grants for trail construction upgrades. The rebuilt trails equal roughly 8.5 miles. For the Town of Emmitsburg, Austin obtained several grants to design and built a roughly 14-mile stacked loop, multi-user trail system.

Austin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Maryland, Baltimore County. During the decade prior to forming Trail Conservancy, Austin pursued his love of trails by assisting parks and volunteer organizations to lead trail construction and maintenance projects. He was elected as Maryland Advocacy Director of MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts), where he successfully received and

managed several Recreational Trail Program grants for trails. On behalf of MORE, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from MNCPPC (Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission) for trail work completed at Fairland Recreational Park and received several additional trail building appreciation awards from the organization.

Austin’s training includes trail-building workshops provided by IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association). With his knowledge of video production, he assisted MORE in the production of a basic trails training video series for the Maryland State Parks. Austin’s past experience as a Cartographic Technician has been very useful in creating various trail maps used in trail planning and maintenance projects. He has also served on East County Recreational Advisory Board in Montgomery, Maryland. Austin is a member of Weed Warriors, an invasive plant species eradication program and a member of the Volunteer Ranger Program, both in Montgomery County, Maryland. Austin is among a select few inducted as an Honorary Ranger in the Maryland Park Service.

Oregon Ridge Nature Center’s mission is to provide engaging educational and recreational opportunities in nature that will instill a sense of wonder, promote environmental stewardship, and create a lasting legacy of positive choices in our own backyards, Maryland, and the Chesapeake Bay. There will be many volunteer opportunities for members to contribute to the improvement of the trails. For more information and to get involved, please contact the ORNC at 410-887-1815 or info@oregonridgenaturecenter.org.



SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN 4 to 13



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Little Acorns

Ages 4 - 6

Our youngest campers will use their senses and imaginations to uncover the fascinating world of plants and animals! Campers will engage in nature exploration, play games and sing songs. They'll get to meet the Oregon Ridge critters and see puppet shows as part of their camp experience.

A snack will be provided each day.

Morning Session

• **June 24 - 28;** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. **\$75 (\$60 for members)**

Afternoon Session

• **June 24 - 28;** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **\$75 (\$60 for members)**



Nature Scene Investigators

Ages 6 - 10

(Campers are grouped by age for some activities.)

Come adventure with us as we become nature detectives to discover the habitats at Oregon Ridge. Learn to use scientific tools, meet our resident Nature Center animals, solve mysteries, and investigate the natural world around us! We will look for evidence, gather samples and conduct experiments all while having fun, playing games, doing crafts and more.

• **July 8 - 12;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **July 22 - 26;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$160 (\$135 for members)



Camp Extension - A whole lot more than just after-care!

Campers stay a little longer and continue their adventure in a small group setting.

Monday - Friday; 3 - 5 p.m.

\$50 (\$45 for members)

Forest Navigators

Ages 6 - 10

(Campers are grouped by age for some activities.)

Join us as we immerse ourselves in the great outdoors! Get muddy, go hiking and reveal the secrets of the wilderness. Campers will be introduced to outdoor living, exploration and camping skills as we discover the usefulness of natural materials, learn the importance of camouflage, explore the creeks, search for signs of wildlife, practice survival skills and more!

• **July 15 - 19;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **July 29 - August 2;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

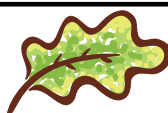
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Aquatic Explorers

Ages 10 - 13

Soak up nature as we explore the aquatic worlds of creeks, wetlands, ponds, rivers and springs. Join us as we find out what lives in the water. It will be a lot of fun! We'll even get a little wet in the process! Campers will spend the week exploring the watery worlds of Oregon Ridge Park and venture out on two off-site excursions (*transportation provided*) to explore other water habitats by canoe and tube!

• **August 5 - 9;** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$250 (\$225 for members)



See backside for details and registration form!



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NOTE CHANGE IN APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Register Now!

Application procedures have changed! Please read and follow details below. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Members receive priority registration for **one camp session per child**. If any camp receives applications beyond capacity we will use a lottery system, moving campers to their second choice when possible. All registration **applications along with payment and required forms** must be received by the **close of business February 28th** to be eligible for the March 1st lottery. To be eligible for the lottery a family membership must be in good standing as of March 1, 2019 thru the date of the chosen camp. Campers who did not attend a Maryland School in 2018 must include immunization records with their application.

If accepted into one of your chosen sessions, you will receive a letter of acceptance via Email no later than March 10th. On March 12th any available spots will be opened to members on a first-come, first-serve basis of one additional camp per child. Requests for additional camp sessions will not be accepted before March 12th. Camp availability will be sent to members via email no later than March 11th. Registration is accepted via mail or in person, phone and email are not an option.

Please Note

- You must submit a **separate registration form for each child** and include **payment with completed health and waiver forms**. (Health and waiver forms are available for download at www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org) Failure to submit separate forms, incomplete or illegible forms, missing forms or payment will result in your paperwork being returned to you for correction.
- Campers must be the required age at the start of the camp session. Proof of age may be requested.
- If registering siblings for the same camp, submit forms together and they will be accepted and entered as one entry.
- Children may only register for one camp for the March 1st lottery. Members may apply for one additional camp between March 12th and March 31st. Registration will open to the general public on April 1st.
- A Camp Extension is offered for the Forest Navigators and Nature Scene Investigators Camps. Please include extension fees in a separate check. The extensions program will only run if we have at least 5 children registered for the session. Other than the extension option, before and after care is not provided; therefore, campers must arrive and depart at the designated times. A fee of \$5 per 10 minutes beyond designated pickup time will apply.
- Should a camper require special accommodations, please do not hesitate to discuss needs with the Nature Center or the Therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 at least 30 days prior to camp.
- Cancellation policy – There will be a \$25 service charge for any cancellation. No refunds for cancellations will be considered less than 30 days prior to camp start date.



Interested in becoming a member of
the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council?

For more information or to become a member visit www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org/membership



Summer Camp Registration Application

Camper Name _____ Nickname _____
Date of Birth _____ Age at start of camp _____ Sex M or F
Parent/Guardian Name _____
Parent/Guardian Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Member Y or N

T-shirt Size
YOUTH S M L
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Camp Selections (please indicate a number 1 and 2 in the space provided for your 1st and 2nd choice.

Expiration Date
to be filled in by ORNC

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Aquatic Explorers, (ages 10 - 13); August 5 - 9 _____

Camp Extension Y or N (Please include extension fee in a separate check, extension will run if 5 campers are registered)

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13555 Beaver Dam Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030

