

NATURE EXPLORE CLUB LEADER APPLICATION



Enjoy some outside time with your family and friends this year while exploring the beautiful resources in our community. A Nature Explore Club is an easy and fun activity to connect you with the great outdoors while building relationships, exploring your local parks and trails, and having fun. It is easy to form a club and you'll get lots of support to make your experience successful.

Club Leader: Please download and complete this form. Then bring it with you to one of our backpack checkout locations:

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor's Office
10600 NE 51st Circle
Vancouver, WA 98682
Front Desk

Vancouver Community Library
901 C Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
3rd Floor Children's Library Section

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email Address: _____

Anticipated Number of Club Members and Description of Their Relation (e.g. 5 participants expected - my son, daughter, niece and two neighbor kids.) _____

Backpacks may be checked out for two months at a time. Expected Return Date: _____

Nature Explore Club Expectations:

- **I will host a once a month (or more) outing with my club.** *Outings can include exploring new parks and trails or attending community events that highlight nature. More information about upcoming events and activities can be found at www.vancouversummeradventure.com*
- **I will keep a Journal and take pictures of each outing and submit a short summary of all the fun my club had.** *Journals are included in the backpack and include writing, sketches, pictures, stories, etc. Each week you will be sent an e-newsletter with outing ideas and encouraged to share your photos and stories with us for the e-newsletter.*
- **I will return my backpack by it's due date so that others may benefit from the program.** *To ensure that we are able to keep this program running smoothly and that all have opportunities to participate, please return your backpacks by their due date with their core items - binoculars, compass, magnifying glass, whistle, field guides, maps, and curriculum guides. Please return backpacks to their original checkout location.*
- **By signing here, I agree to the above expectations:** _____





HOW TO FORM A NATURE EXPLORE CLUB

Forming a Nature Explore Club is easy! Just gather a group of your family and friends who like to spend time outdoors and agree to meet at least once a month to explore our local parks, trails, and open spaces. Each club will be unique to its participants and their interests. As the Club Leader you get to help determine the outing locations and coordinate the details.

Who can join your club?

Clubs are open to everyone interested in getting outside and exploring! People of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to participate. We suggest that family members join the club along with friends, classmates, colleagues and neighbors.

Why form a club?

The mission of Nature Explore Club is to inspire children and their families to connect with the natural world, get exercise, boost creativity, and build relationships! There are an abundance of great parks, trails, national forests, and open spaces in Clark County which offer a wide range of exploration opportunities.

How do we explore?

That's the easy part! We'll provide you with great resources to assist you in your adventures. In addition to receiving a weekly e-newsletter full of helpful information, each Club Leader will be assigned a Nature Explore Club backpack which includes:

- REI Family Nature Club Guide
- Arbor Day Foundation/Dimensions Activity Kit: leader information, fact sheets, 15 activity guides, and journal ideas.
- Tools: Compass, Binoculars, Magnifying Glass, Whistle, Field Guides, Maps, Journals, and more!

What's the time commitment?

Select a day and time—at least once/month—when everyone in your group can meet. Choose a different park or trail to explore each time and track where you go, what you see, and who you meet. Then share what you learn through journals, blog posts and event participation.

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