

# Frequently Asked Questions: Camp Registration

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## Why are we using a new platform for registration?

- EGM & ESM have decided to invest in an official registration platform to help make registration smoother, more secure, and easily accessible year over year. Instead of having to re-enter your information every year, the system will securely store account entries so all you have to do is make a few selections and confirm nothing has changed year over year!
  - **Please note:** We are still considering this a trial period. If the system does not prove to be helpful, user friendly, or worth the cost, we may opt to return to our original registration process. Please be ready to provide feedback & tell us about your experience - the good & bad!

## Does each individual need to make their own account?

- Not necessarily. Typically account holders will be anyone 18+ years old, any staff/volunteers, and/or anyone who is completing registration on behalf of their children/family.
  - **Example:** Olev Järv [51] may be an account holder and add his son, Jaan [13] as a family member in order to register them both for laager. But, Olev's daughter Leikki [18] will be volunteering as a juht [counselor] & Olev's wife will be working in the kitchen. So, they are each going to create their own accounts and register separately.

## Will my information be saved if I start a registration, but don't finish?

- Yes! Most entries you make, for anyone on your account, will be stored - with the exception of a few consents or inputs that require confirmation when you log back in.
  - **Example:** Olev [dad] completed forms for himself and began forms for his son, but then had to log off. When he logs back in, he can pick up where he left off and doesn't need to go searching for those vaccination records again!

## What if I forgot my username and password?

- Click on the "Forgot your login information?" link and fill in your email address. Your login information will be sent to you. If that still does not work, please email us at [lakewoodlaager@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodlaager@gmail.com) and we will send you the information you need.

## How do I register for suvelaager // summer camp?

- Creating an account **does not** equal registering for camp. Once you have created an account / added family members, you must proceed with the *reservation process* & select the proper session e.g. **Metsapidu [2025]**. You will receive a CONFIRMATION EMAIL if / only when you have successfully registered and gone through payment for camp. You will also receive reminder emails if you leave a registration incomplete.

## What are the other pages I can navigate to from my account home page?

- **Reservations:** View which sessions you/your account members are already registered for. If none yet, you can search which sessions are available to start taking reservations e.g. Metsapidu.
- **Make A Payment:** This is a shortcut to making a payment for anyone on your account.
- **Finances:** This is where you are able to view your account's balance & any payments owed. It will provide a breakdown of any fees incurred.
- **Document Center:** Relevant documents, including this FAQ, will be posted here. A packing list will be added here for reference in future weeks. This is also where 18+ registrants can upload certification paperwork.
- **Message Center:** This is where you can keep track of any messages sent to/from the system. I.e. reminders about incomplete registrations, announcements about the upcoming session, etc.

## What will I have to pay?

- **\$485.00 USD: Camp fee for all registrants [Full Week]**
  - If you register before June 23rd [through June 22nd], you will automatically receive an \$85 per person discount as an “early bird” incentive. Discounts are also applied for 2nd & 3rd+ family members on the same account.
  - If you are attending part time [less than 5 nights], you will be charged \$100 for the first evening and \$50 for each additional night.
- **\$100.00 USD: Camp cleanup fee per family**
  - If you / someone if your family is not attending a scheduled talgud // camp cleanup weekend, there is an annual fee per family.
- **\$45.00 USD: Field trip fee per attendee**
  - For anyone attending the 2025 väljasõit [Boys ages 11+ & Girls ages 12+ ONLY], this extra cost will be added at checkout
- **\$20.00 USD: Annual dues for those who are skaudid/gaidid in USA**
  - Scouts or guides who have not yet paid their annual dues, are asked to pay this fee to the respective association [ESM & EGM]. This fee does not apply to anyone under the age of 6 or for any 18+ year olds not in an active scout/guide leadership position.

	Laagrimaksud 2025	
	Kuuni 22 juuni Through June 22nd	Alates 23 juuni June 23rd and after
Laagrimaks/camp fee		
esimene perekonnaliige/first family member	\$400	\$485
...teine perekonnaliige/second family member	\$380	\$465
...kolmas perekonnaliige jt/third family member +	\$360	\$445
Osaajalise laagrilise maks/part-time registration (Less than 5 nights, with approval of camp director)	\$100 first night + \$50 each extra night	
Väljasõit/Field Trip	\$45	
USA Malevate liikmemaks (ESM või EGM)	\$20 (must pay as skaut or gaid attending laager)	
Scout & Guide Association Membership Fees		
Talgute maks (USA-st osavõtjad: \$100 pere pealt, kui talgutest ei ole osa võetud)	\$100	
Camp Maintenance Fee (US registrants: \$100/family if you do not participate in pre-camp cleanup weekends)		

## How can I pay?

- You may pay using a credit card at checkout. The full amount owed can be paid at checkout or you may opt to use the “payment plan” feature which allows you to break up payments monthly until camp’s start date. Paying by mail-in check is still an option if you prefer to pay this way. One check per party can be made payable to 'Estonian American Scouting Fund' and mailed to the camp registrar [information will be included in your CONFIRMATION EMAIL]. Additionally, we plan to offer direct ACH payments in the coming months!

## What is the new required Youth Protection Training?

- During Järvemetsa’s annual meeting in 2024, ESM & EGM elected to make **Youth Protection Training a requirement for anyone 18+ years old** attending any portion of summer camp. Even if you are not in a “counselor” position, the nature of our summer camp means all adults will be put in positions where they are interacting with youth & have the opportunity to recognize & respond to potential risks.
- Youth Protection Training is a mandatory program provided by Scouting America for adults interacting with youth, designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, promote safe environments, and educate individuals on recognizing and responding to potential risks. It covers topics like emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as bullying and neglect. Your certification will be valid for 2 years.
- You **do not have to be a registered member of Scouting America** to take Youth Protection Training and it is FREE to complete. To take Youth Protection Training:
  - a. Go to [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) and create an account. You’ll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number.
  - b. From the My.Scouting.org portal, click Menu then My Dashboard from the menu list. The **My Training page** displays an option to take Youth Protection training.
  - c. Upon completion, you must save a training certificate to upload in the Document Center of your laager registration.
  - d. If you have any questions about this requirement, please reach out to [lakewoodlaager@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodlaager@gmail.com).

## Are background checks required?

- Through our new registration platform, we are now able to administer thorough background checks for all registrants 18+ years old (after receiving your consent). Information collected from background checks will not be shared with anyone outside of camp administration and will be stored securely. These checks are run to ensure the safety of the children as well as other adults. If you have any questions on this process, please reach out to [lakewoodlaager@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodlaager@gmail.com).

## What is the discount / promo code option at checkout?

- For most registrants, this will not be applicable. Promo codes are only applied for those volunteering in a counselor/kitchen staff position OR if your child won an award the previous year which included free camp for the next summer. If you have any questions about this option, or are not sure if this applies to you, please reach out to [lakewoodlaager@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodlaager@gmail.com).