



STARTING YOUR GROUP

what's next?

THIS IS THE PART WHERE IT FEELS MESSY BEFORE IT FEELS MAGICAL.

1. SUBMIT YOUR HEADSHOT

Email a headshot to marial@oceanstatekids.com for the Nature Guardian (Leadership) section of the OSK website.

2. SHARE YOUR BIO

Send a short, family-facing bio to marial@oceanstatekids.com. You can reference other group leader bios listed in the Nature Guardian section of our website for guidance.

3. ACCESS YOUR GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER

Marial will create a dedicated Google Drive folder for you. This is where all group information, programming, and shared resources will live so we can collaborate easily as a team.

4. CHOOSE YOUR AGE GROUP

Decide which age range you'd like to serve. Examples include:

- 0-5 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-8 years
- Older age groups

5. DECIDE ON MEET-UP DAY(S) & TIME

Most groups meet once per week. If you'd like to serve multiple age groups, you may choose to run two separate groups on different days. Typical meeting time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

6. PICK A FUN GROUP NAME

Time to get creative! Existing group names include Little Tweets, Lil' Compton Explorers, Teeny Tiny Explorers, Owl Adventure Club, and Westerly Wildflowers. *If you're feeling stuck, we're always happy to brainstorm with you.

7. GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group leaders design their own engaging, developmentally appropriate outdoor activities or learning focuses. Weekly programming is tracked in a Google Sheet located in your group folder.

8. ESTABLISH LOCATIONS

Create a list of potential outdoor locations—public parks, gardens, beaches, nature centers, woods, trails, or preserves. OSK will support you in securing any necessary permissions or approvals from town or property authorities.

9. SET YOUR RATE

Program pricing is established collaboratively. The average rate is \$12 per day per family. If you require compensation for your time, the program cost will be adjusted accordingly.

10. DOWNLOAD THE APPS

Download both the WIX app and Spaces by WIX. These platforms are used to manage communication with families and collaborate with the OSK team.