

Registration & Online Fundraising Quick Start Guide

New Users

Visit backyardcampout.org and click the “**Register Free**” button. On the registration page, choose one of the three options: “*Register a Team*”, “*Join an Existing Team*”, or “*I’m an Individual Camper*”.

If joining an existing team:

- Select “*Join an Existing Team*”
- Search for the team by entering the team name
- Under **search results** click the team you wish to join—select **join** (to the right of the team name)
- If the team is private, enter team password
- Select a registration type (child or adult camper)
- Fill in **personal fundraising goal** and additional donation (if desired)
- Click **Next Step**; Select **New User**, “Join as a New Participant”
- Provide contact information and follow registration prompts

If registering a new team:

- Click “*Register a Team*”
- Select a team name, enter team password (optional) and **team fundraising goal** (fundraising is optional, but we have prizes!)
- Select a registration type (child or adult camper)
- Fill in **personal fundraising goal** and additional donation (if desired)
- Click **Next Step**; Select **New User**, “Join as a New Participant”
- Provide contact information and follow registration prompts

If registering as an individual camper:

- Click “*I’m an Individual Camper*”
- Select a registration type (child or adult camper)
- Fill in **personal fundraising goal** and additional donation (if desired)
- Click **Next Step**; Select **New User**, “Join as a New Participant”
- Provide contact information and follow registration prompts

Returning Users

If you’ve registered as an individual for last year’s event, there’s no need to recreate a username and password! Visit backyardcampout.org and click the “**Register Free**” button. Select “*Join an Existing Team*”

If joining an existing team as a returning user:

- Click the “sign-in” link inside the box that says “**Returning users, log in first!**”
- Enter your username and password. **Note:** if you do not remember your username and password, click the option to change your password via email.
- Then you can search for your pre-existing team by entering the team name and clicking “**Search for a Team**”.
- Once you find last year’s team, click “**Bring Team Back**” (to the right of the team name)

Let’s Go Camping!

Once registered, you can **customize your personal page** with a photo, personal story and fundraising goal. Set the bar high!

That’s it! **Now you can begin to spread the word** by adding email contacts to your Participant Center’s address book and sending customized Great American Backyard Campout emails! You will be surprised how simple it is and how quickly the money adds up!

When sending emails to family, friends, colleagues, business associates and more—make sure you copy your personal URL address into your e-mail.

You can even customize your personal and team webpage URL by going to the “Personal Page” and/or “Team Page” tab in your Participant Center and clicking “URL Settings”. Enter a URL of your choice and click “save”.