

Navigators USA

Chapter 58-Newport News, Virginia



Registration Booklet

Chapter 58 Group
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Checklist

Please return each item below and payment at the next meeting October 19, 2016 to Megan or Parker.

- Navigator's Annual Agreement (per family)
- Media Release Form (one per youth and volunteer)
- Activity Interest Form (per family)
- Registration Form (per youth being registered)
- Adult Volunteer Form (per adult volunteer)
- Volunteer Background Request Form (per adult volunteer)
- Order form and payment (per family)



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Hello Navigators:

Welcome to Chapter 58! Here are some bullet points to give you an overview of how we function.

- We meet twice each month. On the third Wednesday of the month, we meet at the [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula](#), 415 Youngs Mill Road, Newport News, VA 23602.
- Stargazers and Juniors** (roughly ages 4-10) meet in the **Religious Education classroom** from **6-7 pm**. The RE space is down the hall to the left when you enter the sanctuary building. **Seniors** (roughly ages 10-18) meet from **7-8 pm** in the **library space** immediately to the right of the front door of the same building. On the first Saturday of the month, we meet in various locations to explore nature and our community. Outings generally run from 10:30 am to noon, but the exact location changes each month, and the time might be slightly different to accommodate factors like museum hours, etc.
- Occasionally, we will encourage attending an additional outing or event, usually to accommodate a special event or community festival that does not run on our schedule. Whether we attend formally as a group or informally as individuals will depend on the event.
- Our scout year runs from August to June with a small break around the change in calendar year (December/January). Some scouts attend every meeting and outing, others only what works for their family's schedule. Some scouts primarily work on their own rather than as part of the larger chapter. That's all okay. We are flexible.
- All meeting and outing details will be announced via email, our website, and Facebook event invitation. If internet access is a problem, please discuss with me the best mode of communication for you. Please **RSVP** at least **two days in advance** so that we can be prepared for the number of people attending.
- Annual dues are \$30 for the first scout in a household, and \$25 for each additional scout. This fee includes the cost of your scout's uniform t-shirt. If your scout already has a uniform t-shirt that fits, those dues will be only \$15 per scout regardless of how many you have in your family. These dues help us cover the cost of materials and activities throughout the scout year. Go to [NavigatorsUSA.org](#) if you are interested in extra shirts, pins and other cool goodies. If this is a prohibitive financial burden for your family, please talk to me. Any requests for financial aid will be confidential, and no scout will be turned away because of costs: this is scouting for EVERYONE.
- There is some paperwork involved for each scout, which we have provided for you in this booklet. Each year, we need an updated registration form, volunteer form, order form, and liability waiver for each scout. Additionally, families may complete a *media release*, though this is a matter of personal choice. Registration provides us with information needed in case of emergency as well as an overview of any medical needs or disabilities your child experiences so that we can do our best to meet the needs of all of our scouts. The liability waiver is what it sounds like: it protects our chapter from lawsuits provided that we, as leaders and volunteers, follow best practices to keep everyone safe. The media release, if signed, means that you consent to the use of your scout's identifiable photo in UUFP and Navigators media, including our chapter Facebook group and sharing those photos with other Navigators leaders. Names are not used. Identifiable photos are photos showing face or names. All paperwork will be kept confidential.

- Uniforms consist of the Navigator’s USA t-shirt for your scout's age level. Stargazers and Juniors wear green, while Seniors wear blue. Otherwise, we encourage scouts to dress comfortably and appropriately to the situation. Specifically, we recommend secure, **closed-toe shoes** for any outdoor activities.
- Badges are almost exclusively earned by participation and effort, not by meeting specific requirements. Our badges are supposed to be a reflection of experiences, not checks on a list. If your scout was present for an activity and participated to the best of their ability, they will receive a badge for it. If they missed an activity but would like to make it up because they're interested in the topic, let me know and we can work something out. Furthermore, if your scout is passionate about a subject, would like to explore a particular topic, or works on a project, let me know so they can be recognized for their efforts.
- Badges may be displayed however your scout wants to display them. Many of the scouts in our chapter chose to have capes for their badges; if your scout wants one too, we can make that happen. Other options include vests, sashes, blankets, bags, or whatever else works for you. There are no regulations about how to display badges, and scouts are welcome to display other badges, patches, and pins they've earned or collected outside of Navigators.
- Our few hard and fast regulations are about health and safety. A minor is not allowed alone with an adult who is not their legal guardian. Adult supervision is active and involved rather than passive and on the sidelines. Any scout who needs assistance with toileting must have their guardian present and available to assist with toileting tasks at all times. Tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs are prohibited regardless of meeting or outing location. Also, our chapter discourages snacks and drinks aside from water during chapter activities for the safety of our scouts, parents, and volunteers with food allergies. Any meetings or outings involving snacks (such as a cooking lessons or a lengthy outing) will first involve specific planning to ensure the safety of everyone involved. If you have any questions about any of these policies, feel free to contact me for clarification.

Chapter 58 values opportunity over obligation and strives to meet the needs of the families involved. In practical terms, this means we encourage everyone to participate in ways that feel good for them. Feel free to contact me with questions and feedback so that we can make your scout experience amazing!

Sincerely,

Parker
Chapter 58 Coordinator
Navigator’s USA

Navigators USA, Inc.

236 West 27th Street

New York, NY1001

ANNUAL AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Navigator Members and this Agreement

Navigators USA, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization engaged in outdoor activities including: hiking, camping, rock climbing, biking, canoeing, kayaking, downhill and cross- country skiing, snowboarding, skating, and other activities that require travel (collectively “Activities”). Every member is required to sign this Agreement (“Agreement”) as a pre-condition to participating in Navigator USA Activities. Acknowledgment of Risk

I recognize and acknowledge that Navigator USA Activities may be inherently dangerous and exceptionally risky and hazardous, and that Activities involve numerous individuals any of whom might cause or create a hazardous condition leading to a member’s injury. I nevertheless voluntarily assume and accept full responsibility and all risk (both known and unknown) for injury to myself (including an injury which leads to my death) and damage or destruction to my personal property while participating in Activities.

Release of Liability

I hereby release the Navigators USA, it’s members, volunteers and paid staff, to the maximum extent permitted by law, in regard to any claim or liability for any injury to me arising out of my participation in Activities, including that which arises either wholly or in part as a result of the negligent acts or omissions, or other misconduct, of one or more Navigator USA officers, members or volunteers.

I recognize that there may be rules or practices which others might consider necessary or prudent for safe participation in Activities which have not been adopted by, or which are not enforced by the Navigators USA or one or more officers or members, including those designated as trip leaders or assisting a trip leader. I hereby release the Navigators USA, and the its members, in regard to any claim or liability for any injury to me arising out of or by reason of the failure of the Navigators USA or any member acting in any capacity whatsoever to adopt or to enforce any rule or practice.

I recognize that one or more Navigators USA members or volunteers may negligently omit to give me information, or may give me false or misleading information pertaining to the difficulty of Navigators USA Activities or my ability to safely participate in Navigators USA Activities. I affirm that I alone am responsible in each instance for determining whether I can safely participate in Navigators USA Activities, whether I have sufficient skills and physical conditioning, whether I have sufficient and accurate information upon which to base this decision, and whether any equipment and supplies I might use are sufficient and appropriate for the Navigators USA Activities in which I am engaged. I hereby release the Navigators USA, the Navigators USA’s members, and the Navigators USA’s volunteers, in regard to any claim or liability for any injury to me arising out of or by reason of any such acts or omissions.

Covenant Not to Sue

I hereby agree not to sue the Navigators USA, the Navigators USA’s members or the Navigators USA’s Guests, in regard to any claim or liability for any injury to me arising out of my participation in Navigators USA Activities, or for any injury to me arising out of or by reason of the failure of the Navigators USA or any Navigators USA member acting in any capacity

whatsoever to adopt or enforce any rule or practice, or for any injury to me arising out of or by reason of any act or omission by the Navigators USA or any Navigators USA member.

Indemnification

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Navigators USA and the Navigators USA’s members harmless from and against all claims, penalties and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of my own acts or omissions in connection with Navigators USA Activities. I also hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Navigators USA and the Navigators USA’s members harmless from and against all claims, penalties and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of any claim made by any minor child of mine or any minor child who is introduced to the Navigators USA by me. I recognize that minors may not have the capacity to waive rights for claims of negligence or omissions and I take full responsibility for any minor who participates in Navigators USA Activities pursuant to my invitation.

Miscellaneous

The undersigned agrees that in the event that any action were to be commenced arising out of or relating to this Agreement or to Navigators USA Activities, it shall be governed by New York law, and be brought in the courts of the State of New York, in the County of New York, without regard to where the circumstances giving rise to the claim or cause of action may have occurred. This agreement shall be binding on my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. I have read and understand this Agreement, and I acknowledge receipt of a duplicate copy for my permanent reference. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute and be deemed to be one agreement. The facsimile signature of a Navigators USA officer set forth below shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. If any portion of this Agreement should be deemed unlawful or unenforceable, it shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME:

_____ (signature)

_____ (date)

CHILD’S NAME: _____

Emergency contact Information

Name: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ (print name & tel. no.)

_____ (address)



The Navigators USA
navigatorsusa.org

Release Form for Media Recording

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree that Navigators USA, its employees, or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me beginning on _____ and ending on _____ and to use these in any and all media, now or hereafter known, and exclusively for the purpose of illustration, promotion, or publication in any manner. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I do hereby release to the Navigators USA, its agents, and employees all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately and to market and sell copies. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media used.

I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.

I also understand that the Navigators USA is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a result of my participation in this recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as a result.

Signature (if subject is a minor include Guardian signature please)

Name (please print both names if applicable)

Address

Phone and e-mail

Activity Interests Form

<i>Topic</i>	Very Interested	Interested	Not Interested
<i>Archery</i>			
<i>Arts and Crafts</i>			
<i>Buddy</i>			
<i>Buschcraft</i>			
<i>Camping</i>			
<i>Caving</i>			
<i>Charity and Volunteering</i>			
<i>Climbing</i>			
<i>Communication</i>			
<i>Community</i>			
<i>Conservation</i>			
<i>Construction</i>			
<i>Cook</i>			
<i>Cycling</i>			
<i>Design</i>			
<i>Discovery</i>			
<i>Environment</i>			
<i>Experimental</i>			
<i>Flight</i>			
<i>Gamer</i>			
<i>Geocache</i>			
<i>Go Kart</i>			
<i>Heritage</i>			
<i>Hikes</i>			
<i>Knots</i>			
<i>Map Reading</i>			
<i>Media</i>			
<i>Minecraft</i>			
<i>Paddle Sports</i>			
<i>Performing Arts</i>			
<i>Pets</i>			
<i>Pioneering</i>			
<i>Rafting</i>			
<i>Safety</i>			
<i>Sailing</i>			
<i>Sewing</i>			
<i>Skating</i>			
<i>Space</i>			
<i>Spirit and Mind</i>			
<i>Sports</i>			
<i>Survival</i>			
<i>Swimming</i>			
<i>Water Conservation</i>			
<i>Other</i>			

What topics would you and your family like to explore this year?

- Review Badge Guide book for more information

- Please place an X in one of the boxes for each topic.

Registration Form

Group Registering: *(All children need their own form)*

- _____ Stargazers (4-6, younger are welcome)/Juniors (7-10)
_____ Seniors (11-18)
_____ Volunteer/Traveler (Adults, please fill out volunteer form)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Best means to contact you with changes/cancellations? Text e-mail Facebook

Emergency contact name and phone number (family friend preferred): _____

Personal Health History:

- Please list any allergies, special dietary restrictions, special equipment needs, or medication we should be aware of and directions for dosages/timing, medical attention, or response to a reaction for each child participating. (Please use the back of this form for more space)

- Please list, for each child, any medical, behavioral, mental or physical issues you would like us to be aware of and how you would like us to handle them. (Please use the back of this form for more space)



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Immunizations (give date of last inoculation)

Has participant been inoculated with all recommended immunizations? Yes No

_____ Tetanus toxoid _____ Pertussis _____ Mumps
_____ Polio _____ Diphtheria _____ Measles
_____ Rubella _____ Influenza

Name of personal physician or clinic: _____ Telephone: _____

Personal health insurance carrier: _____ Policy No.: _____

Authorization: This information is correct so far as I know. And the person(s) herein described has/have permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as notified by me. In the event of illness or accident in the course of such activity, I request that measures be instituted without delay as the judgment of medical personal dictates.

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Senior, Junior/Stargazer Adult Volunteer Form

Navigators USA-Chapter 58 is an all volunteer organization! To help build an inclusive community that supports and values developing the minds and skills of its youth, we are looking for contributions of time and skill. This form is to collect information from all those willing to put in a small or large volunteer commitment to give a presentation, lead an activity, coordinate community service, facilitate fundraising, assist, and more. Do you paint, hike, do yoga, tie knots, read maps, geocache, sew, bake, use power tools, change tires, know first aid, do origami, compost, play chess, know about another culture, program computers, safely start campfires, garden, backpack, or have some other skill, knowledge, or passion? Are you willing to assist someone else leading those activities or mentor a scout? We want to hear from you!

Please note, this is only the initial request to get an idea what we have support to accomplish this year for our kids. We will be sending out another request via email with more specific volunteer opportunities.

Please check items you are willing to help with (check all that apply):

- Section Leader (run and execute meetings): Stargazers Juniors Seniors
 - Serve as Meeting assistant (*not presenting-no planning involved! Just assist the presenter*)
 - Be a parent helper at Saturday meetings
 - Parents and Volunteers Planning Board (*approximately three meetings per year*)
 - Community Service Leader
 - Teach/Demonstrate something you are passionate about at a meeting (*Please list what topics you could give a demonstration/talk about under other*)
 - Fundraising Coordinator
 - Serve as One-on-One Mentor for scout with additional needs
 - Group Photographer
 - Other
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Volunteer Background Request

Please provide us some background information. We ask these questions to ensure the safety of our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Volunteer Name: _____ Group: *Seniors* or *Junior/Stargazers*

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Best means to contact you with changes/cancellations? Text e-mail

- a. Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No
- b. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (If yes, explain below) Yes No

- c. Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse? Yes No

- d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, explain below) Yes No

- e. Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question you being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people. (If yes, explain below) Yes No

Personal References:

I. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

II. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

III. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I understand that: a. The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the chartered organization, local council, The Navigators USA, and the officers, employees and volunteers thereof. b. In signing this application, I agree to comply with the Charter, Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of *The Navigators USA*. I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

To learn more about our chapter and our program, please visit our website at <http://chapter58.weebly.com> or check out our Facebook page at *Navigators USA, Chapter 58 - Newport News, VA*

Order Form

Navigator Name: _____

ITEM	COST	SIZE	SHIRT COLOR G/B	QTY	TOTAL
Youth Registration Fee	\$30				
<i>(First Child & Uniform)</i>					
Youth Registration Fee	\$25				
<i>(Additional Youth & Uniform)</i>					
Annual Registration Fee	\$15	N/A	N/A		
<i>(No Uniform)</i>					
NOT REQUIRED					
Traveler Shirt Order	\$13.50		N/A		
Stargazers/Juniors Cap	\$12.00		N/A		
Seniors Cap (Blue)	\$17.00	N/A	N/A		
Stargazers/Juniors Cap (Green)	\$12.00	N/A	N/A		
Seniors Bandana	\$7.00	N/A	N/A		
Junior Bandana	\$7.00	N/A	N/A		
Navigators Pin	\$5.00	N/A	N/A		
Total Due					\$

✓ More information on back of this form.

Information

- ✓ Uniforms include shirt and bandana only
- ✓ Sizes Available:
 - Junior/Stargazers (Green): Youth Small-Youth XL
 - Seniors (Blue): Adult Small-XXL
 - Travelers (Green or Blue): Adult Small-XXL
- ✓ **REMINDER:** Annual dues are \$30 for the first scout in a household, and \$25 for each additional scout. If your scout already has a uniform t-shirt that fits, those dues will be only \$15 per scout regardless of how many you have in your family.
- ✓ Travelers (parents), you are not required to wear a shirt but you are welcome to purchase one here or at <https://navigatorsusa.org/>. We recommend that you get a shirt to match your child's but you are more than welcome to choose either one.
- ✓ Please return completed form and payment in a sealed envelope to Megan or Parker. We accept cash or check Make checks payable to **Navigators USA Chapter 58**.
- ✓ Please contact Parker if you would like to be considered for financial assistance.
- ✓ Shirts are ordered twice per year (new member pending) and awarded in November and May at the badge ceremony.