SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th @ JAMES RIVER PARK SYSTEM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



CORPORATE TEAM CHALLENGE KIT

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Rally your active and community-driven employees to join BLUE SKY FUND for the Dominion Energy Hike for Kids on Saturday, October 26th!







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First things first - who's Blue Sky Fund?

Blue Sky Fund is on a mission to provide transformational experiences for urban youth through outdoor education. We help low-income children from the City of Richmond improve academic achievement, especially in the sciences, through active outdoor education. We also develop character and leadership through outdoor experiences that expand horizons, increase confidence, and build collaboration skills. Currently in our eleventh year, Blue Sky will reach over 3,000 youth in 2019.

Cool, right? What in the world is Hike For Kids then?

This unique family-friendly event benefits the youth of Blue Sky Fund! Together with over 400 other hikers, we will hit the trails of the James River Park System to raise funds and awareness for Blue Sky Fund's outdoor education programs. Enjoy some of the best urban hiking in the country with either a 3-mile, 8-mile, or 14-mile loop around the James River - great for family and master hikers alike! We'll celebrate the hike with an after-party to enjoy beer, food and music.

What's in it for us?

Each hiker makes a HUGE impact on kids in our community – the more people on your team, the more proudly your company can shout from the mountaintops that you are supporting our kids:

- **5 hikers** sponsors **TWO students** in our elementary school program for outdoor science experiences for the entire school year.
- **12 hikers** sponsors **TWO students** in our weekly Outdoor Adventure Clubs designed to teach middle school students outdoor skills, resiliency, and character.
- **20 hikers** sponsors **ONE student** in our year-long Outdoor Leadership Institute, which develops personal growth, servant leadership, and multicultural understanding in high school students.

What are you waiting for?!

Use the following pages as a guide to register your team online at https://secure.qgiv.com/event/h4k2019/, Or contact Colvin Hedgepeth, Blue Sky Fund Development Director, at development@blueskyfund.org with any questions about the event.







To Join Our Team - Contact:

HOW TO RECRUIT AN AWESOME CREW OF ADVENTURE BUDDIES!

Here are a few quick & easy ways to engage your coworkers:

- 1. Add your contact information to the event flier on page 3 & post it in your office break room, bathroom, elevator wherever gets the most traffic!
- 2. Send a personal email to coworkers using our template below
- 3. Schedule a team or company-wide meeting to share information about the event and encourage coworkers to participate
- 4. Challenge each coworker that registers to recruit 2 more participants for your team
- 5. Offer coworkers an incentive for signing up, such as paying for registration fee, treating to coffee, breakfast or lunch, providing extra paid volunteer hours the sky's the limit!

EMAIL TEMPLATE

*Note – see registration guide in following pages on how to invite others to join your team directly from system

Subject: Join Our Team To Help Get More Urban Kids Outside!

Message: Hello!

Do you love kids, the outdoors, and our Richmond community?

{Company Name} is joining Blue Sky Fund on Saturday, October 26th for this year's Hike For Kids event, in which participants hike along the James River to support the city kids that participate in Blue Sky Fund's outdoor education programs, and we'd love to have you join our team! {Company Name} is committed to serving our community and supporting causes that improve lives in Richmond.

Please respond to let me know if you're interested in participating and I will send a registration invite for the team! Click to learn more about the event, and note that each dollar raised goes directly to connecting kids across Richmond with the great outdoors.

Together, we can help youth overcome challenges & move mountains.

Thank you, {Team Captain's Name}

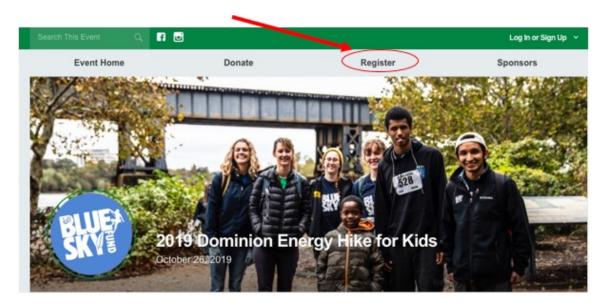




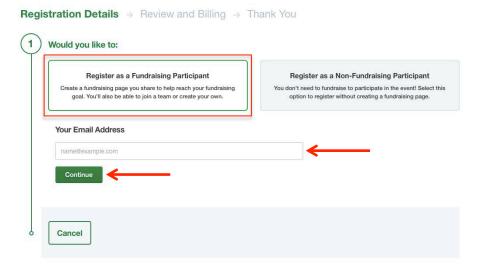
HOW TO REGISTER A CORPORATE TEAM

To start: head to the event website at https://secure.qgiv.com/event/h4k2019/

1. Click **Register** at the top of the event page:

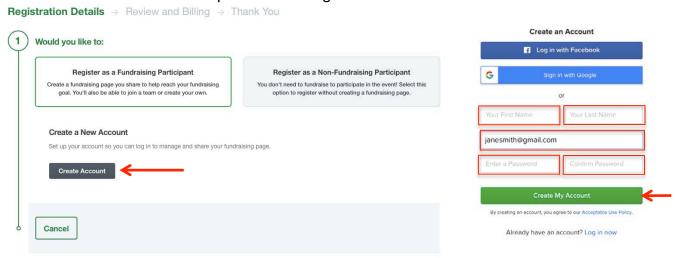


2. Click **Register as a Fundraising Participant** – enter email address & click continue:

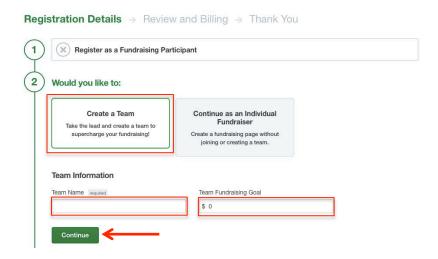


*Note: even if you don't intend on fundraising for this event, you must register as a "fundraising participant" to create a team.

3. Click **Create Account** & complete account registration details:



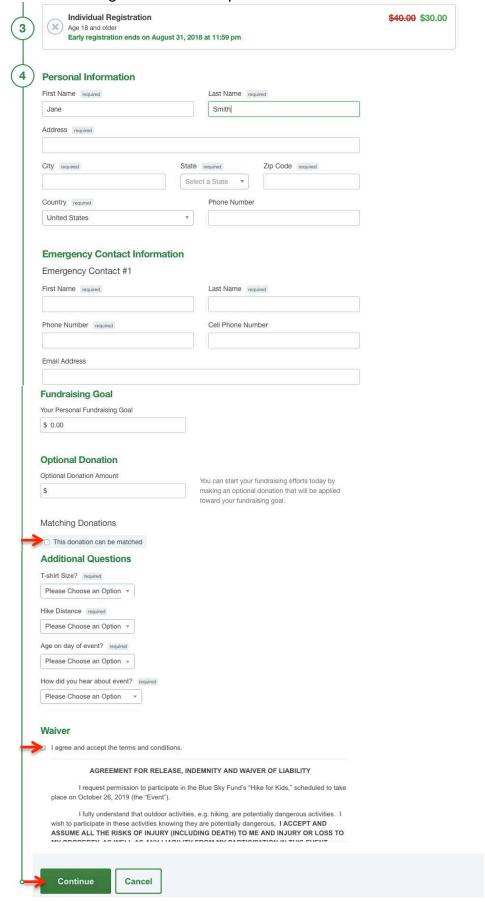
4. Click **Create a Team** – enter team name (have fun with it!) & set a team fundraising goal: *Note: you can update this fundraising goal once you've completed registration



5. Select **Registration Category** – register as an individual or child, note that you will be able to invite other members to join your team once your initial registration is complete:

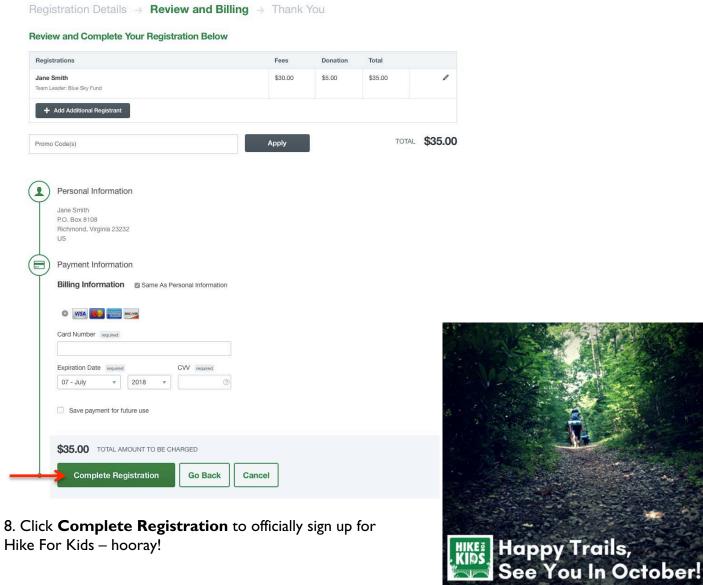


- 6. Complete personal registration details, including:
- Personal Fundraising Goal: set a goal for you as an individual
- Optional Donation: kick off your personal fundraiser by making your own donation
- Matching Donation: will your company match donations? If so, make sure to select this box!
- Waiver: don't forget to read & accept the waiver



7. Review registration details and **submit payment** to complete registration:

- Enter promo code if applicable



Hike For Kids – hooray!

Now the fun part ...

HOW TO RECRUIT AN AWESOME CREW OF ADVENTURE BUDDIES FOR THE TRAILS:

I. **Share on social media** that you just created a Hike For Kids team with your friends! Click to share on Facebook or Twitter and customize our template post:

Congratulations on Registering for 2019 Dominion Energy Hike for Kids! Now that you've registered, make sure you share this event with friends and family and recruit them to your team! Share on Facebook Share on Twitter

2. Complete your profile to set up your team:

*Note that the fundraising center will be your new best friend as you navigate building your team!

Make the most of your fundraising efforts by completing your profile. The Welcome Quest will guide you through some of the most important features of your fundraising page and help raise more donations! Complete Your Profile Upload Your Avatar Update Your Personal Page Recruit a Team Member Send a Fundraising Email Schedule a Post on Facebook / Twitter

2. We encourage you to set the hiking pace for your team by personalizing your fundraising page – click **Upload Your Avatar** and **Update Your Personal Page** to add a profile photo and your personal story of why you chose to support Blue Sky Fund through Hike For Kids.

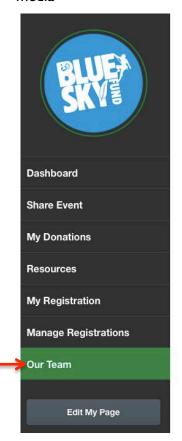
or view your Fundraising Dashboard



- 3. Start building your team by clicking **Our Team** on the left navigation pane to access your team's dashboard. From here:
- **Update Team Fundraising Goal**: each individual will be required to pay registration fee separate from the team fundraising goal, so it's up to the team captain / company representative to determine how much your team will seek to raise remember, every dollar raised goes directly to connecting Richmond kids with

the outdoors!

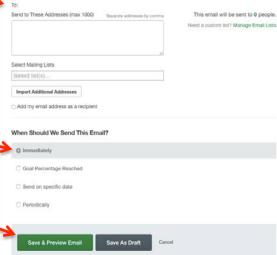
- **Update Team Recruitment Goal**: we understand that tasking your team with raising a certain amount of funds might be a big ask so instead, how about challenging your team to recruit as many members as possible the more the merrier out there on the trails!
- **Recruit Team Members**: ask others to join your team by sending a custom message via email or social media

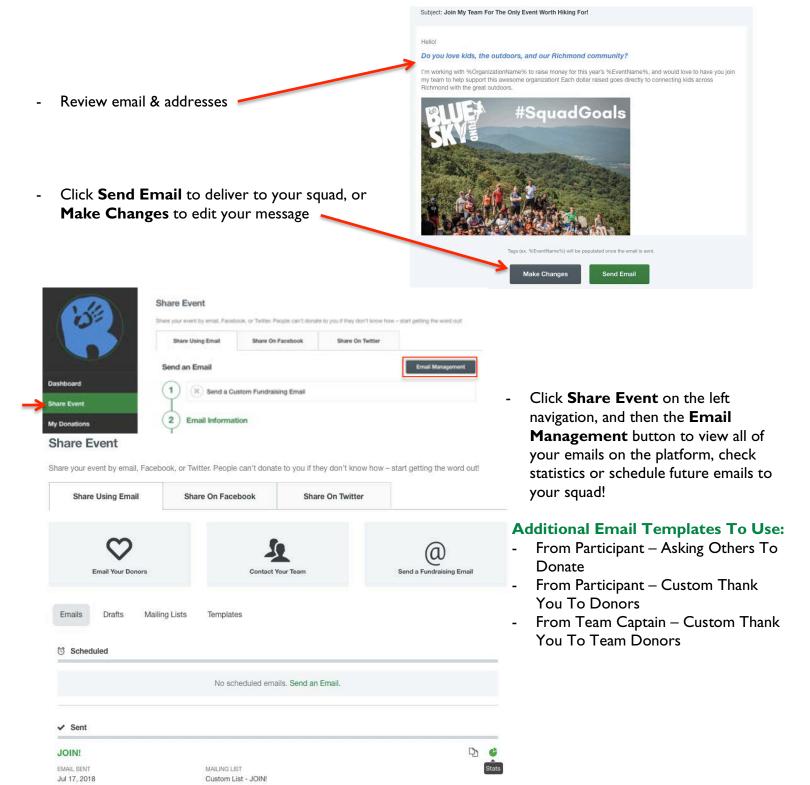




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- Select when to send the email we recommend immediately!
- Click Save and Preview Email to send immediately – or Save Draft to revisit later





To Share With Your Squad on Social Media:

- Click **Share Event** on left navigation
- Click either Share on Facebook or Share on Twitter
- Follow the steps to connect to your social media account to post fundraising updates from your page



Who's ready to HIKE FOR KIDS?!

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Join Us In Hiking For A Good Cause Supporting Youth Across Richmond!

