SURVIVAL 2026

(Full program begins and ends at the JHS! The Survival location is in Northfield, MA

TENTATIVE Program DATE…Final Decision April 1

Sunday, June 14 at 8:00 AM through Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 PM* (see note below)

IMPORTANT DATE:
Survival Parent Night
Wed, April 8
6:00-8:00 PM
(Registration 6:00-6:30 and program presentation from 6:30-8:00 PM)

Important Note for Parents/Guardians

The SURVIVAL Program occurs in a relatively remote and challenging environment. Obviously, staff and volunteers are on duty around the clock. However, for an extended period of days, students are removed from the close-at-hand parental support that is usually available during school and home hours. Because of this, **it has become extremely important that the students who are considered for this expedition be in excellent health, completely trustworthy, reliable, and emotionally stable.** To ensure this, the criteria for student participation is **more demanding** than are normally the case for school related activities.

We earnestly seek parental understanding and support, as we are obliged to make these difficult decisions when considering your child for participation in the program.

Q: How do I qualify for Survival?

A: Seventh grade candidates voluntarily agree to undergo the consideration process used by the Advisory Board and published in the ORRJHS Handbook.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: The program fee is $100.00 with a tiered refund schedule.
*NOTE: Families should expect to spend at least **$350.00** for required equipment and/or rentals in addition to the program fee.

*NOTE: The Survival program date will be adjusted according to the school year end date. Final date will be determined later in the year. (For 2026 = APRIL 1)

Q: Are there buildings, bathrooms, and plumbing?

A: No! We use primitive latrines and use temporary plastic sheeting shelters.

Q: How much will I eat?

A: Minimal food for two days and plenty of food for the other days. You will pack some food and the rest is provided.
ALWAYS plenty of water!

Q: Can I leave early or come late to Survival?

A: **NO**, this is a full week program that begins at the JHS and ends at the JHS!

Q: Will I be with my friends?

A: Maybe not everyday but for some days, yes!

Q: What about stormy weather?

A: Ponchos! We are always outside and even temporary shelter is not always available.

Q: Is there any equipment to borrow?

A: Yes, the program lends some backpacks (we have at least 50), a few pairs of boots, and a few sleeping bags.

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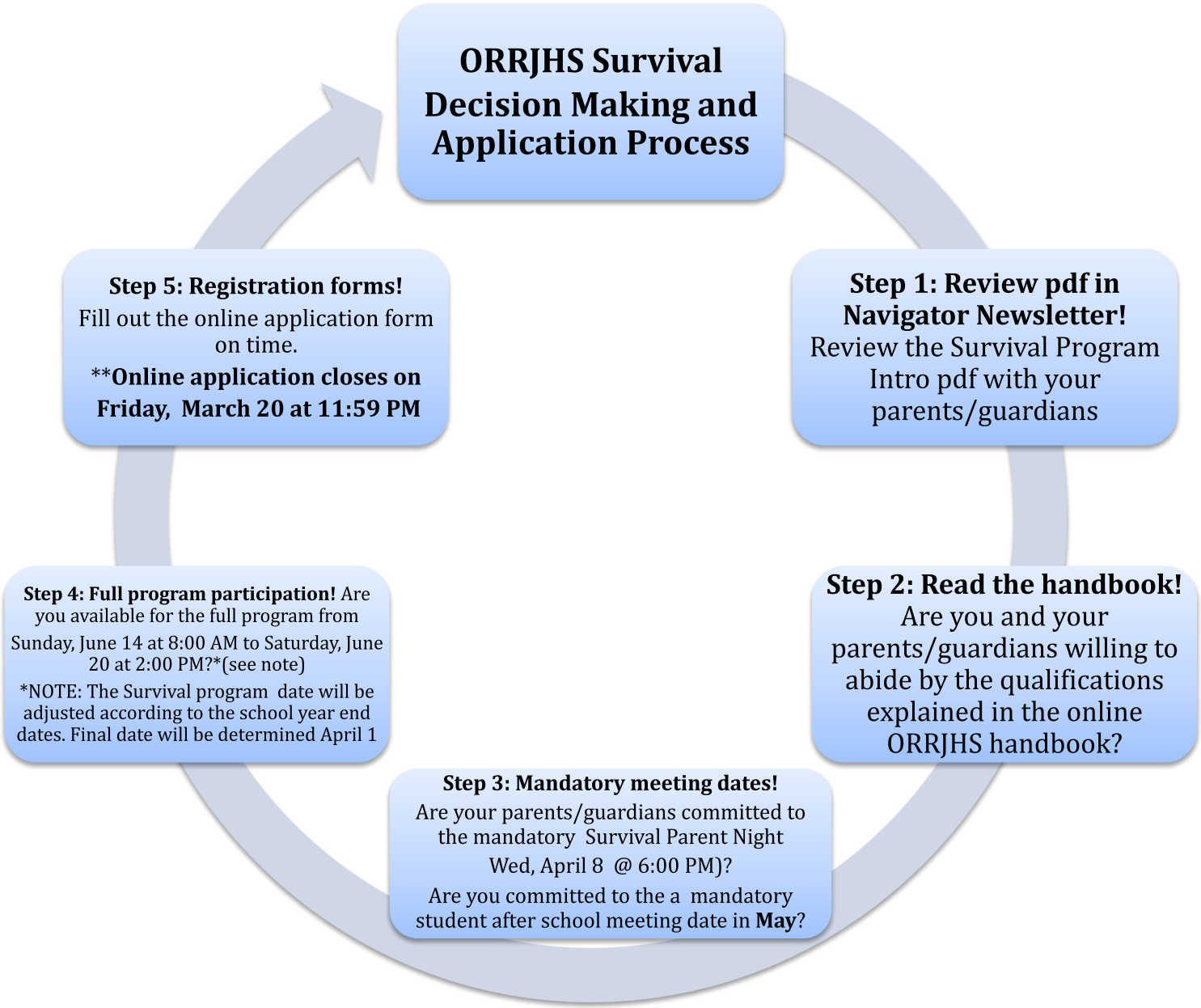
***STUDENTS: Expected attendance an after school meetings in May for students who qualify.**
***PARENTS: Workshop night is mandatory for parents on Wed, April 8 @ 6:00PM**

Q: How will I learn everything I need to know before I go?

A: All 7th graders will attend an after school meeting along with 6 in-school meetings during RTI. Students will also be required to enroll in ***Google Classroom: Survival 7th Grade 2026***

Attendance and participation are mandatory for both!

Survival Decision Making and Application Process



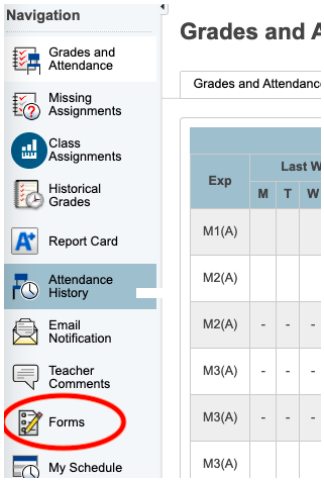
Survival Program *Online* Application Form: Final Steps

Q: WHERE are the forms to apply for Survival 2026?

A: In the Powerschool **Parent Portal!**

1. Survival **Parents**: Login to PS with your parent credentials: https://powerschool.oldrochester.org/public

2. Click on the **FORMS** link listed in the navigation menu.



3. Fill out all 3 FORMS shown below if applying for survival. **NOTE: Form #2 is filled out by students and parents TOGETHER!

Form Name	Description	Category
Survival Form 1: Program Choice	Survival program: Sunday, June 14 at 8:00 AM through Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 PM. *NOTE: The program end dates are TENTATIVE.	Survival
Survival Form 2: Consideration Guidelines and Application for Both Students and Parents/ Guardians	Please complete this form together, BOTH student and parent/guardian. Survival program: Sunday, June 14 at 8:00 AM through Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 PM* (see note) *NOTE: The program start and end dates are TENTATIVE.	Survival
Survival Form 3: Payment		Survival

Tiered Refund Schedule:

MAR 21 - APR 10	$100 (Full refund)
APR 11 - APR 25	$75.00 (75% refund)
APR 26 - MAY 8	$50.00 (50% refund)
MAY 9 - Program End	No refund

*All Survival PowerSchool Online Forms DUE Date:

Friday, March 20 @ 11:59 PM

*****10 days until the deadline*****