Fontenelle Forest Summer Day Camps

Just minutes from downtown Omaha, Fontenelle Forest campers experience a wild summer outdoors!

A t Fontenelle Forest, we believe that today’s children are tomorrow’s stewards. Our camps offer a vital connection with the forests, prairies and wetlands that children often only learn about through books or TV. We are excited to offer another summer of amazing experiences here at Fontenelle Forest. Through games, activities and time to explore, we will provide the framework for a life-long love for the natural world.

Our summer day camps feature nature-based learning through play. Our staff is committed to providing your child with high quality, positive outdoor experiences for children of all ages. Our campers, surrounded by nature, dive into the unknown and have adventures that develop great life skills while led by enthusiastic counselors.

Cost, cancellation policy, and location info can be found at fontenelleforest.org/camps.

Camps run from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Drop off is at 8:30 a.m. See the back side for info about our new after care program!

To register, visit us online at: fontenelleforest.org/camps

Questions? Contact us at 402.731.3140 or info@fontenelleforest.org

Register before May 1 for $5 off per camper!

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Ages 3-5 with caregiver
Juniors Book Club
June 3-7 OR June 10-14 OR June 24-28
9:30-11:30 a.m. OR 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Playful story time, sensory activities and outdoor exploration. Campers will learn the importance of reading and the ways we can help preserve the natural world.

Eco-Rangers : Lauritzen Gardens Partnership Camp
Ages 5-12
June 10-14 OR June 24-28
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come explore the Lauritzen Gardens with us! Camps will offer an in-depth exploration of each garden. The focus will be on helping campers learn how to identify plants and the unique animals that live in these beautiful spaces.

Canoe Camp
Ages 9-12
June 3-7 OR June 24-28 OR July 15-19
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Jump in at the wetlands (literally and figuratively) as we paddle The Great Marsh by canoe! This camp is great for beginners or experienced canoeists. Campers will investigate the plants and animals of the wetlands and spend time practicing team building through games and water activities.

Challenge Camp
Ages 9-12
June 17-21 OR July 22-August 2
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Are you looking for an extra challenge this summer? Hiking, exploring, canoeing, fishing and other tasks of immeasurable size await the campers who join in on this adventure. The fun doesn’t end there because Thursday is an overnight experience! Night hikes through the darkness and the early morning sunrise will give campers a new experience of the Forest.

Enchanted Forest Camp
Ages 6-8
June 17-21

Discover the natural world through forest fantasy. Using our imagination and the sense of wonder nature provides, we’ll discover our natural environment using the mythical creatures such as sprites, trolls, elves, and fairies. Campers will spend the week exploring the world through the eyes of their elves and fairies and consider the questions: Where do elves live? How do trolls prepare for the changing seasons? What do the signs we find in the forest tell about who lives here? We’ll use the framework of mythical creatures to learn more about the animals that call the forest home.

Fantastic Beasts
Ages 6-8
July 22-26

Submerge yourself in the wonders of the wetlands. Join us as we discover the wetlands habitat and the animals and plants that call our marsh and streams home— from frogs and turtles to crawdads and dragonflies. Campers will get their hands wet dipping in the pond, looking for evidence of beavers and muskrats, and exploring the trails. We’ll be getting muddy so bring your old clothes!

Nature’s Engineers
Ages 6-8
July 15-19

Nature’s engineers are hard at work again, creating structures of amazing complexity! From Robin’s nest to Beaver’s dam, the amazing creations of nature are all around the Forest. Campers will learn to create their own shelters with nature as their guide!

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Wild Ones: Nature Awareness for Girls
Ages 9-12
July 15-19

What is nature awareness? A process of sharpening our senses to perceive more about what is going on around us. You are looking to build strong friendships while exploring the outdoors this summer? This will be a week of team building, canoeing, hiking, playing games, and practicing skills all designed to increase your wilderness awareness and develop your friendship with the forest. Be prepared to discover more about your connection to nature and delve into all the fun that the Forest has to offer!

New! After Care 3-3:30 p.m. Mon - Thurs | $50 per child per week

Fontenelle Forest is excited to offer after camp care! Campers can play games, draw, read and participate in other activities supervised by summer camp staff.

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– David Sobel