



FONTENELLE  FOREST

2018 Summer Day Camps

Your children will enjoy a wild summer at Fontenelle Forest,
just minutes from downtown Omaha.



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Welcome

“The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.” — Plato

At **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 television. 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 science based learning through play taught by our year-round professional educators. Our staff is committed to providing your child with high quality, positive experiences. We’re excited to offer outdoor opportunities for children of all ages. One camp we are excited about this year is our Leadership/Junior Counselor Training Camp for high school students.

Registration for our 2018 Summer Day Camps begins on February 1st.

To register, visit us online at:

fontenelleforest.org/camps



Register by May 1st to save \$5 per camper!

Important Information

Cancellation policy: A \$40 administrative fee will be assessed for all cancellations within two weeks of the start of each camp

Questions?

Contact us at camps@fontenelleforest.org

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Give your grandchild wonderful memories of special times with you in the great outdoors. Campers will learn about nature through games, hikes, animal visitors, and more.

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From wildlife veterinarians to engineers to studying the animals of Fontenelle Forest, everyone will find an amazing learning adventure this summer.

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Hike, canoe, build, navigate and more! Campers will have a chance to spend more time honing their science skills as they enjoy a week of exciting expeditions, activities and games.

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A great opportunity for our oldest campers to continue to learn about the natural world. Prepare for adventure like you've never had before as we get off the beaten path to track animals and learn the secrets of the Forest!

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Learn valuable leadership skills and gain great experience in the field of Environmental Education. After completing this fun and challenging training you will be able to sign up as a Junior Counselor for the summer!



Grands & Me



ages 4 to 8 with adult

Insect Investigations

Bring your favorite grandchild/grandchildren to enjoy playing with nature. Camper teams will discover the amazing number of insects who make their homes in the forest and prairies around Camp Brewster. Buggy crafts and activities will give a new understanding of the importance of insects!

Each session is limited to 12 teams. Snacks are provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 18 and 19

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Lodge

OR

July 2 and 3

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Lodge

Cost:

\$105 for members
\$170 for non-members

ages 8 to 12 with adult

Powerful Pollinators

Bring your favorite grandchild/grandchildren to search for pollinators in the prairie! Camp Brewster is home to butterflies, birds and bees, all working together to keep plants thriving. Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes, and Camper teams will discover the importance of these sometimes tiny creatures through games, crafts and explorations!

Each session is limited to 12 teams. Snacks are provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 21 and 22

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Lodge

OR

July 5 and 6

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Lodge

Cost:

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Ages 5 to 8

Junior Wildlife Veterinarian

The forest is full of critters of all sizes! Come learn what it takes to care for wild animals in this fun-filled camp. From raptors to rabbits, we will explore the world of being a wildlife veterinarian. Campers will get a behind-the-scenes tour of Raptor Woodland Refuge and our animal care center, and will learn how to help injured and orphaned animals around their home! Of course, we will spend time searching the forest for healthy animals too!

Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 4 - 8

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center

OR

July 23 - 27

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members

Creatures of the Night

When night falls in the forest, a whole host of animals begin their day, often unseen by humans. During this camp, we will explore the amazing world of nocturnal creatures who spend their days sleeping in the forest, and fill the nights with activity. From crickets to bats, owls to rats, no nocturnal creature will be left behind!

Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 11 - 15

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members



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Paws, Claws, Talons, and Tails!

Ever wonder why a rabbit has such big ears? Or how an owl flies silently to catch its prey? This camp will uncover the secret lives of animals in the Forest, and all the special tools and adaptations they have to help them survive.

Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 25 - 29

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Camp Brewster

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members

Nature's Engineers

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 and structures with nature as their guide!

Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

July 16 - 20

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Camp Brewster

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members

Wild Spirits Camp

Wild spirits unite! Join us as we feed our wild spirits outside: eating wild weeds, playing wilderness awareness games, and exploring. We will learn to identify the forest and prairie plants most commonly seen as sources of food, medicine and wild crafting, and will search high and low for other wild creatures of the land, water and sky! Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided, Campers bring their own lunches.

July 9-13

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Camp Brewster

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members

Ages 9 to 12

Wilderness Hiking

Have you ever wanted to be an explorer like Leif Erickson, Meriwether Lewis, or Sacajawea? Join us this summer as we set off hiking and exploring some of Fontenelle Forest's trails that most people never see. Spend your mornings on the trails and your afternoons honing your skills as an explorer, through wilderness awareness activities and games. Adventure awaits!

Each session is limited to 24 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 4 - 8

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Wetlands Learning Center

Cost:

\$245 for members

\$310 for non-members



Challenge Camp

Looking for an extra challenge this summer? Hiking, exploring, canoeing, fishing and other challenges of immeasurable size await the campers who join in on this adventure.

The fun doesn't end there! Pack your bags on Thursday as the adventure continues with an overnight experience in the Wetlands! Night hikes and the early morning sunrise will give campers a deeper understanding of all the amazing things the wetlands has to offer.

Each session is limited to 18 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches. A separate packing list will be provided for the overnight portion.

June 11 - 15

includes overnight on Thursday

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Wetlands Learning Center

OR

July 30 - August 3

includes overnight on Thursday

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Wetlands Learning Center

Cost:

\$275 for members

\$340 for non-members

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Star Gazers: People of the Past

This new camp weaves together the stories of the land and the sky. For thousands of years, people have made their homes on the land that is now called Fontenelle Forest. The sky they looked up at is the same one that we see now. From prehistoric peoples to Lewis and Clark and the following fur traders, we will uncover the stories held within the land. Turning to the sky, we will learn how to harness the sun's energy, and how to read the patterns that unravel the stories in the stars.

Each session is limited to 18 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

July 16 - 20

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Wetlands Learning Center

Cost:

\$245 for members
\$310 for non-members

Canoe Camp

Experience the wetlands in a whole new way... by canoe! Canoe Camp is for campers who have never tried canoeing before, as well as those who want to get more practice. Campers will spend time exploring the Great Marsh and have a chance to practice team building skills through fun games and water activities.

Each session is limited to 18 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

June 25-29

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Wetlands Learning Center

OR

July 23 - 27

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Wetlands Learning Center

Cost:

\$245 for members
\$310 for non-members

Creativity Camp

This is a camp where creativity and nature collide! This camp is for all those who love to be creative, no matter what prior experience you have. We'll explore the forest and let it inspire us to write, draw, paint and more. Come enjoy the great outdoors with fun games and activities that will inspire you to create something wonderful! Each session is limited to 18 campers. Snacks provided, campers bring their own lunches.

July 9 - 13

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Fontenelle Forest Nature Center

Cost:

\$245 for members
\$310 for non-members

Ages 12 to 14

Lauritzen Gardens Partnership Camp

Adventure Camp

Are you ready to set your course for adventure? The wetlands hold countless stories waiting to be discovered, and we will explore every log, hollow and waterway to find them all! Campers will spend the week learning basic wilderness survival practices, canoeing the Great Marsh and preparing for the ultimate undertaking—an overnighter at Fontenelle Forest complete with dinner over the campfire!

Each session is limited to 14 campers. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches. A separate packing list will be provided for the overnight portion of this camp.

June 18 - 22
includes overnight on Thursday

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Wetlands Learning Center

Cost:
\$275 for members
\$340 for non-members

Earth Defenders

This summer we are excited to partner with Lauritzen Gardens for a camp unlike any other. Monday and Tuesday, campers will meet at the Forest to begin their explorations and then finish out the week at Lauritzen.

Earn an Earth Defender badge for completing this camp! Participants will discover ways that they can help to keep the earth healthy and become a defender of the planet. Campers will learn all about recycling, how to reuse products from home to create new items such as bird feeders and so much more about how they can help to keep the planet healthy.

Each session is limited to 20 campers per age group. Snacks provided. Campers bring their own lunches.

Registration is through Lauritzen Gardens,
www.lauritzengardens.org

5-8 years and 9-12 years:
June 11 and 12
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Acorn Lodge

OR

5-8 years and 9-12 years:
June 25 and 26
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Acorn Lodge

Ages 14 to 17

Leadership/ Junior Counselor Training

Would you love to become a Camp Counselor and help us teach kids about nature? Are you between the ages of 14 and 17? If so, you have an incredible opportunity to join our Education Team and become a Junior Counselor this summer!

During this four-day training you will learn valuable leadership skills and gain great experience in the field of Environmental Education. After completing this fun and challenging training you will be able to sign up as a Junior Counselor for the summer! Get the full experience of canoeing, hiking, camping, campfire cooking, and wilderness awareness practices. Learn what it takes to build relationships, communicate clearly, and have tons of fun learning new camp songs and outdoor games. By the end of the program, you will have the tools you need to become not just an excellent Junior Counselor, but an effective leader in all other aspects of your life!

This camp provides the necessary training for Junior Counselors to sign up for a minimum of 2 separate weeks of camp to act as a leader and role model to young campers and a helper for the Counselors running the camp. This will be where all of your skills are put into practice! Camps run from 8:30am-3:00pm each day. A few camps have an overnight option.

Each session is limited to 16 JCs. Camp T-shirt and dinner/breakfast for the overnight will be provided. Junior Counselors bring their own lunches. Separate packing list will be provided for the overnight portion of this camp.

May 29 - June 1
includes overnight on Thursday
8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Camp Brewster Lodge

Cost:
\$200 for members
\$265 for non-members



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See you this summer!



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