

FONTENELLE FOREST

July Summer Camp 2020 FAQ

Where is Fontenelle Forest and how do I get there?

- **Fontenelle Forest** is located at 1111 Bellevue Boulevard N, Bellevue, NE 68005. Coming from the north, exit US 75 for Chandler Road and then turn right onto Bellevue Boulevard N. The Forest will be on your left.
- **Camp Brewster** is located at 1313 Bellevue Blvd N, Bellevue, NE 68005. Please drive through the gate and park in the designated spots on the right.
- **Camp Wa-Kon-Da** is located at 402 Forest Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005.

What to pack? What should my child wear? What should my child bring to camp?

Your child should wear comfortable clothing for an active day at camp. Hiking typically occurs in the morning, so it may be wise for campers to wear long pants to guard from ticks and mosquitos and then change into shorts for the afternoon. Essential items for camp include:

- Water bottle
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Backpack/bag to carry things in
- Lunch
- Extra pair of clothes and shoes
- Hat

When is check-in? When is pick-up?

Check-in time for camp will be between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Pick-up time is between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Aftercare is provided for an additional fee from 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

What about aftercare?

Aftercare is available for campers from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional fee of \$50. You must register for aftercare separately. Aftercare will take place in the same building where your child attends camp.

Do you provide transportation?

Transportation will not be provided to or from camp, or for aftercare.

What do you do for severe weather and tornados?

In the event of a significant thunderstorm and/or tornados, campers and staff will stay inside the building the camp is occupying and adhere to the procedures specific to that building. Lightning is also a factor, and will also prompt camp to move indoors until 30 minutes has passed from the last strike.

How do you handle severe heat?

In the event of severe heat, campers and staff will spend a limited amount of time outside. Water and other replenishments will be provided to campers to ensure their health and safety.

What if it rains?

Campers and staff will still perform activities outside in the event of a small rainstorm not stemming from a thunderstorm. Unless the storm develops, camp will continue outside as planned. Playing in the rain is a wonderful experience!

Cancellation policy:

A full refund will be provided if you cancel your camp position up to the Friday before camp starts. For cancellations after the Friday before camp starts, no refunds will be provided.

What time does camp run?

Camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp counselors will stay with the campers until 3:30 p.m., followed by pick-up time (between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). If you have registered your child for aftercare, additional counselors will arrive to stay with the campers until 5:30 p.m.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes! We have a limited number of scholarships available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Scholarships will be awarded to students who receive free or reduced lunch in the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program. Once camps reach capacity, we will have no further spots available. Our camp capacity is limited due to Covid-19. Additionally, we will open registration up to the public on the week of June 15. For both of these reasons, we strongly encourage scholarship applications to be submitted as soon as possible. A scholarship application can be found [here](#).

What activities will kids participate in at summer camp?

Campers will participate in a slew of activities unique to their age group. Some activities include:

- Archery
- Obstacle course and zip line
- Team building and name games
- Raptor Woodland Refuge tour
- Animal encounters
- Hiking and exploring
- Forest education
- Survival skills and orienteering
- Arts and crafts

What is the supervision structured?

Campers will be under the supervision of at least two counselors for the entirety of the camp. Campers will be monitored at all times. Campers will never be one-on-one alone with a counselor and will always be in the presence of at least two staff.

Is lunch provided? Is there access to water?

Lunch is not provided. Campers are expected to bring a sack lunch every day to camp. Water will be provided every day.

What if my child has medication?

Time can be made available to a camper in order to take medication. Counselors can also carry and remind campers to take medicine at the appropriate time.

What if I need to pick my child up early one day?

Please notify staff ahead of time in order to plan and arrange for the pickup. Certain activities are away from the camp building, and may require a change of plans.

What if my child gets sick or injured while at camp?

In the event of a slight illness or injury, parents/guardians of the camper will be notified upon pickup. In the event of a more serious or significant injury or illness, such as Covid-19 symptoms, parents/guardians will be notified immediately and proper aid will be administered.

What if my child loses something while at camp?

Items left or lost at camp will be taken to a lost and found bin located at the front desk at the Nature Center main building. Parents/guardians can pick items up at this location. To check to see if we have an item your child lost, call Visitor Services at 402-731-3140.

Is there a Friday Parents Program?

Unfortunately, due to group size limitations recommended by local government agencies, we will not have a Friday Parents Program this year. Your camper will still receive a camp certificate.

Covid-19 FAQs:**How many kids will be in a group?**

Groups will be maintained at 15 children or less with 2 camp counselors. There will be a younger group (ages 6-8) and an older group (ages 9-12). These two groups will not interact. Additionally, camp counselors will be dedicated to one age group. To limit potential exposure, staff will not be switched between camp groups. All campers ages 6-8 will be located at Camp Brewster. All campers ages 9-12 will be located at Camp Wa-Kon-Da.

What are pick-up and drop-off procedures?

We'll have curbside pick-up and drop-off. Adults will wait in the car with their child until a counselor comes to check the child in. We require all persons in the car to wear a mask as we check in your child.

Check-in will consist of ensuring your child has their daily items including: a full lunch, a full water bottle, a clean face mask, sunscreen, bug spray, and any additional items required for that day's activities. We will also do a morning temperature screening with no-contact thermometers to ensure a temperature of less than 100.4 F. If your camper has a fever of 100.4 or above, they will not be admitted to camp on that day, or for the rest of the week. If your child is unable to attend camp due to registering

a temperature, please read the COVID-19 return policy information below. After checking in, we will have your child wash their hands, prior to beginning the day's camp activities.

Will my camper be required to wear a mask?

All staff and campers will be required to wear a mask at all times aside from lunch and snack times. One clean mask will be provided per camper each day.

How will you enforce hand washing?

We'll have all campers and counselors wash their hands or sanitize every hour. We will have outdoor handwashing stations to minimize close proximity within our buildings.

Will you be enforcing social distancing?

Yes, we are encouraging kids to stay 6 feet apart as much as possible. We acknowledge that this will be difficult for kids in an open space, but we're planning activities that encourage distance between campers and discourage physical contact.

What happens if a camper or staff member gets sick?

We plan on following the state-issued directed health measures. If someone has symptoms of COVID-19 (fever of 100.4 F or higher, or sudden onset of shortness of breath or cough), they will not be admitted to camp and must home-isolate for 10 days. Any camper or counselor who shows these symptoms will not be admitted to camp until 10 days have passed.

Health Policy for campers:

If campers have a fever over 100.4 F or over after having their temperature taken at the camp, campers will be required to return home with parents/guardians and will not be admitted to camp for the week as is recommended by CDC guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>). If campers are tested for COVID-19 and have a positive result, please contact Fontenelle Forest as soon as possible. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

COVID-19 Refund Policy (only for paid registrants):

- If campers are present on the 1st day of the camp and have a fever of 100.4 F or over, you are eligible to receive a refund 75% of the camp registration fee (\$183.75 for members and \$232.5 for non-members).
- If campers are present on the 2nd day of the camp and have a fever of 100.4 F or over, you are eligible to receive a refund 50% of the camp registration fee (\$122.5 for members and \$155 for non-members).
- If campers are present on the 3rd and 4th day of the camp and have a fever of 100.4 F or over, you are eligible to receive a refund 25% of the camp registration fee (\$61.25 for members and \$77.5 for non-members).
- If campers are present on the last (5th) day of the camp and have a fever of 100.4 F or over, you are NOT eligible to receive the refund.
- Children who have received tuition via scholarships will not receive a refund.

General cancellation policy:

A full refund will be provided if you cancel your camp position up to the Friday before camp starts. For cancellations after the Friday before camp starts, no refunds will be provided.

Questions?

If you have read the FAQ and still have questions, please call Visitor Services at 402-731-3140. If they cannot answer your question, they will put you in touch with a member of our Education Department. Thank you!