

FONTENELLE FOREST

Summer Camp 2021 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? Pick-up?

Check in for camps at Camp Brewster and Camp Wa-Kon-Da will be between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Pickup is between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Aftercare is provided for an additional fee from 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

Raptors and Reptiles Camp at the Nature Center will be between 8:30 am- 12:30 pm. There will **not** be Aftercare provided for this camp.

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

You will receive a full refund if you cancel your camp position the Friday before camp starts. After Friday before camp starts, you will not receive a refund.

What time does camp run?

For camps held at Camp Brewster and Camp Wa-Kon-Da, they will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Camp counselors will stay with the campers until 3:30 pm, at which time aftercare counselors will arrive to stay with the campers until 5:30 pm.

Raptors and Reptiles Camp at the Nature Center will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

What activities do kids participate in?

Campers will participate in a slew of activities unique to the camp your child is enrolled in. Some activities include:

- Archery (only for ages 9+)
- Obstacle course and zipline (only for ages 9+)
- Team building and name games
- Animal encounters
- Hiking and exploring
- Forest education
- Survival skills and orienteering
- Arts and crafts

What is the supervision like?

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.

Lunch? Is there access to water?

For camps at Camp Brewster and Camp Wa-Kon-Da, campers are expected to bring a sack lunch every day to camp. Water will be provided every day.

Raptors and Reptiles Camp will provide a snack. Campers do not need to bring a lunch.

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 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.

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 20 children or less with 2 camp counselors. Little Acorns Camp (ages 3-5) and Nature Camp (ages 6-8) will be held at Camp Brewster. Whereas camps for ages 9-12 and Teen Survival Camp (ages 13-15) will be held at Camp Wa-Kon-Da.

Raptors and Reptiles Camp at the Nature Center will maintain a group size of 15 children. This insures that these camps will not interact. Staff will not be switched between camps to limit potential exposure.

What are pickup and dropoff procedures?

We'll have curbside pickup and drop-off. Adults will wait in the car with their child until a counselor comes to check the child in. Depending on what camp your child is signed up for, 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 more. We will also do a morning temperature screening with no-contact thermometers to ensure a temperature of less than 100.4 F. If you camper has a fever of 100.4 or above, they will not be admitted to camp. Upon arrival, we'll have your child sanitize their hands.

Will my camper be required to wear a mask?

All staff and campers will be required to wear a mask in buildings and if a 6-foot distance cannot be met between individuals. 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 throughout the camp day. 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 keep a 6-foot distance between individuals as much as possible. When a 6-foot distance cannot be met outside, a mask is required. 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.

COVID-19 Refund Policy

(Applies only to paid registrants whose child becomes ill with a fever of 100.4 or above and is unable to attend the remaining days of camp.)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Parents who cancel their spot in camp the Friday before camp starts will receive a refund. Any cancellations afterwards will not receive a refund.

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 or Raptor Team. Thank you!