



SUMMER CAMP 2023 FAQs

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 against 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
- Prescription medication
- Extra pair of clothes and shoes
- Hat

When is Check-in? Pick-up?

Check in for Fontenelle Forest camps from ages 6-15 will be between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Pickup will be between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

For the Farm to Forest camp, check in is between 9:15 am to 9:30 am AT GIFFORD FARM, and pickup is between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm AT FONTENELLE NATURE CENTER.

For Lil' Acorns camp, check in is at 9:00 am and camp will end at 12:00 pm.

What do you do for severe weather and tornadoes?

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; lead camp staff will have lightning meters to better detect how close lightning strikes are.

If the Nature Center closes because of severe weather or hazardous conditions, camp will be cancelled. A refund will be given for that day of camp.

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!

What time does camp run?

For Fontenelle Forest camps from ages 6-15, camps will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Farm to Forest camp in collaboration with Gifford Farm will be held from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lil' Acorns camp will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Please note that if the designated parent/guardian is late picking a camper up, a late fee of \$15 will be applied.

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 may 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
- Beginner 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 trained staff.

Is lunch provided? Is there access to water?

For all Fontenelle camps, campers are expected to bring a sack lunch every day to camp. Your camper will have a very active day with us. Please plan their lunch with this in mind. Water and one snack will be provided every day.

What if my child has medication?

Day camp counselors cannot administer medication. Therefore, campers must be able to self-medicate and carry their medication with them. Please contact the Education Program Manager prior to camp if there are any special medication needs for your child, so we may plan accordingly. You can reach the Education Program Manager by calling the main line to Fontenelle Forest: 402-731-3140.

For the Farm to Forest Camp, how will my child get from Gifford Farm to Fontenelle Forest?

Campers will be transported by school bus from Gifford Farm to Fontenelle Forest Nature Center.

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.

Refund & Cancellation policy

You will receive a full refund if you cancel your camp position the Friday before camp starts. After the Friday before camp starts, you will not receive a refund. Please refer to our COVID-19 FAQs at the end of this document for COVID related illnesses and refunds.

COVID-19 FAQs:

How many kids will be in a group?

Groups will be maintained at 20 children or less with 2 camp counselors. Lil' Acorns Camp for ages 3-5 will be held at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center. Camps for ages 6-8 will be held at Camp Brewster. Camps for ages 9-12 and Teen Survival Camp for ages 13-15 will be held at Camp Wa-Kon-Da. Staff will stay as consistent as possible within camps to limit potential exposure.

What are pickup and drop-off procedures?

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, sunscreen, bug spray, and more. Please check your child's temperature at home before coming to camp. If your child is experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, please do not send them to camp that day unless they have had a COVID test with negative results. For the most current list of COVID-19 symptoms, please visit the CDC website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Will my camper be required to wear a mask?

We will follow the policy that Fontenelle Nature Center has at the time camp is in session. To view our current COVID-19 policy go to: [HTTPS://FONTENELLEFOREST.ORG/CORONAVIRUS/](https://fontenelleforest.org/coronavirus/)

How will you enforce hand washing?

We'll have all campers and counselors wash their hands or sanitize throughout the camp day.

What happens if a camper or staff member gets sick?

We will follow the Nebraska State Directed Health Measures. If the State Directed Health Measures change, our Executive Director reserves the right to change procedures relating to illness to be in accordance with the updated measures. For further information about current Nebraska State Directed Health Measures, visit the DHHS website below:

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[COVID-19 Nebraska Guidance Documents](#)

COVID-19 Refund Policy (only for paid registrants)

- If campers are present on the 1st day of the camp and develop symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC, 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 develop symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC, 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 develop symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC, 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 develop symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC, you are NOT eligible to receive the refund.
- Parents who cancel their spot in camp the Friday before camp starts will receive a full refund. Any cancellations afterwards will not receive a refund.
- Children who have received tuition via scholarships will not receive a refund.

For the most current list of COVID-19 symptoms, please visit the CDC website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

For our most current COVID-19 policy, please visit our website at:

<https://fontenelleforest.org/coronavirus/>

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!