



JANUARY - APRIL

FROM THE TRAILS

PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER NEWSLETTER



CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 22.

Contact the Nature Center for additional info.
402-441-7895 | naturecenter@lincoln.ne.gov

WILDERNESS NATURE CAMP (6-13 YEAR OLDS)

Each week includes a field trip to a different location, guest presenters, hands-on activities, time to explore the creek, hike, and build forts. A camp t-shirt is included with registration. Snacks and water are provided. Campers bring lunch, water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, and old shoes.

JUNE 10-AUG 2 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
MON-FRI *Extended hours: 7:30 am-5:30 pm*

PIONEERS PARK \$185/CAMPER/WEEK

June 10-14 Mammal Mania

June 17-21 Aquatic Adventures

June 24-28 Eco-Ventures (ages 6-13)
Eco-Ventures + Biking (ages 9-13)

July 8-12 Nature Escape

July 15-19 Pollinator Protectors

July 22-26 Backwoods Navigators

July 29-Aug 2 Art in Nature

NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP (ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)

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MARCH 11 - 15 MON-FRI 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Extended hours: 7:30 am-5:30 pm

PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER \$185/PERSON



CAMP DISCOVERY (3-6 YEAR OLDS)

Camp Discovery is a half day camp designed for ages 3-6. Children need to come prepared to be outdoors, get dirty, and have fun. A camp t-shirt is included with registration. Campers meet in the Prairie Building Preschool Classrooms.

JUNE 3-JULY 11 MON-THUR 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Pioneers Park Nature Center \$90/CAMPER/SESSION

June 3-6 Outdoor Classroom

June 10-13 Jerome the Gnome

June 17-20 Reptile Ramble

June 24-27 Forest Friends

July 8-11 Mud Pies

July 15-18 Bubbles, Boats, and Floats

LEADERSHIP CAMP (14-17 YEAR OLDS)

During Leadership Camp youth will grow as a leader and role model, gain outdoor skills, increase their knowledge of natural science, make new friends, and have the opportunity to earn volunteer hours during the summer.

June 3-7 MON-FRI 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Pioneers Park \$150/Camper



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER



NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT - WINTER WONDERLAND

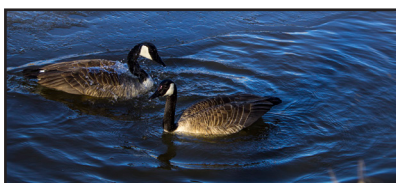
Do you have cabin fever? Get out for some fresh air during our winter outdoor scavenger hunt. Enjoy hot cocoa afterwards to warm up and talk about what you found while on the trails. Register by January 16.

JAN 19 SAT 1-3 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG. \$4/PERSON

HERBAL REMEDIES: HOPS TINCTURE MAKING WORKSHOP

Join clinical herbalist, Alex Svoboda of Arise Botanicals in this hands-on demonstration of herbal tincture making. Tinctures are a concentrate herbal extract. Participants will create and take home your own herbal remedy with hops as you learn about this herb's health benefits and applications. Chemistry, botany, and earth-based approaches to healing will be covered in this presentation. Register by February 1.

FEB 9 SAT 1-3 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG. \$25/PERSON



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Join the Wild Bird Habitat Store for a bird walk and count event. This is a national program, started by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, and is great for birders of all levels. We'll meet at the Chet Ager Building, watch the feeders, and then head out for a hike, weather permitting. Register by February 13, if you plan to attend.

FEB 16 SAT 9-11 AM
CHET AGER BLDG. \$5 DONATION

SATURDAY WITH OUR NATURALIST

Join us for a guided hike with the Nature Center's Naturalist. We'll go for a guided hike on the Nature Center trails to observe the flora and fauna of the area. Hikes will cover different areas of the Nature Center.

Register by the Wednesday before each hike.

MARCH 23 SAT 2-3 PM
APRIL 20 SAT 2-3 PM
MAY 18 SAT 2-3 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG. \$5/PERSON

NATURE CENTER AT DUSK

Take in the sights and sounds of dusk during a guided hike experience. Watch for crepuscular animals and observe the changes of light and sound as day becomes night.

APRIL 12 FRI 7:30 - 9 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG \$8.50/PERSON



SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, the Nature Center will host a volunteer day to help do some spring cleaning in our gardens and along trails. Children may volunteer with an accompanying adult. All volunteers (or accompanying parent/guardian) must sign the Lincoln Parks and Rec volunteer waiver form. Task will include physical labor, walking trails, using garden tools, and other outdoor tasks. No prior experience necessary. Please register by April 17, if you plan to attend.

APRIL 20 SAT 9-11 AM
PRAIRIE BLDG FREE

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Learn how to be successful with composting by attending a free demonstration workshop sponsored by Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln Recycling Office. Demonstrations are presented by Extension Master Gardeners and include three types of composting bins and how to use them. This workshop takes place at the composting demonstration area just across the road from the Prairie Building.

MAY 18 SAT 10-11 AM
JUNE 22 SAT 10-11 AM
COMPOST DEMO AREA FREE



FRIENDS OF PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER ANNUAL MEETING

Join the Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center for their annual meeting. Come learn more about the Friends and enjoy refreshments and conversation.

Special presentation on the urban fox in Lincoln will be provided by University of Nebraska's Elizabeth VanWormer and graduate student, Kyle Dougherty.

Friends of the Pioneers Park Nature Center memberships start at \$25. Benefits of becoming a Friend include special access to Friends programming, 10% off all Nature Center gift shop items, Free or reduced admission to other centers nationwide, and the satisfaction of supporting a valuable community resource.

JAN 26 SAT 9-11 AM
PRAIRIE BLDG. Free

PRESCHOOL



Parent Meeting
January 22
Interested parents/
guardians of children
3-5 years old
are invited to
learn more about
our program!

LEARN ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL Parent Meeting

Join us to learn about the Nature Center Preschool. Does your child love being outdoors, is fascinated with sticks, and has tons of curiosity? Check out our preschool for ages 3-4 and prekindergarten program for ages 4-5.

Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins Feb. 1.

Please, adults only at the information meeting.

For more information please contact the Preschool Director at 402-441-8669.

JAN 22	TUES	10-10:45 AM
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**Inclement weather date Tuesday, January 29.*

PRAIRIE BLDG, CLASSROOM

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FREE FAMILY FUN

WILD ADVENTURES

Mark your calendars for a wild good time during our annual spring festival, Wild Adventures. This event provides a family friendly environment to learn about nature up-close. Games, crafts, special presentation, live animals, educational booths, food vendors, and more will be included.

MARCH 30	SAT	12-4 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG		FREE

OBSERVATORY

HYDE MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY

Observe the night sky through telescopes and learn about astronomy, space exploration, and constellations through educational programming and knowledgeable volunteers. Programs change monthly, call 402-441-7094 for more information or visit hydeobservatory.info.

APRIL-AUGUST	SAT	SUNDOWN-11 PM
SEPTEMBER	SAT	8-11 PM
OCT.-MARCH	SAT	7-10 PM

Hyde Observatory is located on the south side of Holmes Lake on South Shore Rd. Free



SCOUTS

GUIDED HIKES

Schedule a guided hike for your scout group at the Nature Center. Hikes can be adapted for specific scout level and requirements. Hikes must be arranged at least two weeks in advance. 1 or 2 hour programs are available.

\$4.25/SCOUT/HOUR, 10 SCOUT MINIMUM

GIRL SCOUTS - GET IN THE GARDEN

Gather your girlfriends, let's earn your Gardener Badge at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. We'll take a look at different types of gardens, learn about choosing plants, start a seed experiment you can finish at home, and help the Nature Center plant a garden. This program is designed for Junior Girl Scouts, grades 4-5. Fees include cost of materials and badge.

Register through girlscoutsnebraska.org.

MAY 4 SAT 10 AM - 12 PM
PRAIRIE BLDG \$13/SCOUT

MAY-SNEAK PEAK



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MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK AND BRUNCH

Enjoy a day to celebrate mothers by joining us on an early morning bird walk followed by breakfast at the Nature Center. A guide for your walk plus a continental breakfast will be provided. Binoculars are also available for those who need them. Register by May 9.

MAY 12 SUN 8-10:30 AM
PRAIRIE BLDG \$17/PERSON



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BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your birthday at the Nature Center. Included in your party is a guided hike or other nature activity depending on the theme, a special gift for the guest of honor, party bags for each child, and time for you to have your own activities. *Birthday party programming is recommended for ages 5-12.*

Choose from one of the following themes:

- Amazing Birds
- Reptiles Rock
- Nature's Scavenger Hunt
- Insect Investigation (*Offered late summer to fall*)
- Grow in the Garden (*Offered spring to mid-summer*)

Available Times:

SAT	10 AM - NOON	SAT	1:30-3:30 PM
		SUN	1:30-3:30 PM
\$125 (10 CHILDREN)		\$8.50 EACH ADD'L CHILD	

VOLUNTEER

Pioneers Park Nature Center has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Mid-April - September is our peak volunteer season. Much of our volunteer needs are helping maintain gardens around the Nature Center.

Contact Jamie for more info or to schedule a group (church, business, scouts, etc.).

HERB GARDEN	VOLUNTEERS MEET EVERY OTHER THURSDAY	9-11 AM
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CHILDREN'S GARDEN	TIMES AND DATES ARE FLEXIBLE	
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PRAIRIE GARDEN	VOLUNTEERS MEET ON SATURDAYS	9 AM - 12 PM
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Hours: Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday: Noon - 5:00 pm

Admission: Donation - \$3/person \$5/family \$10/group