



LAURITZEN
GARDENS

Summer Adventure Camp



Up-close encounters with nature, a tram ride, fun in the model railroad garden, early check-in and extended checkout, lunch from the Café, the best place for summer fun is at a Lauritzen Gardens Summer Adventure Camp!

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Registration and Pricing

[Click here to register](#) or visit www.lauritzengardens.org

Questions? Call 402-346-4002 ext. 263 or email g.geiger@omahabotanicalgardens.org



SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP EARLY BIRD SALE!

- **Great Price** - Buy one camp at regular price and receive 25% off the regular price of the second week of camp.*
- **Incredible Price** – Buy two camps at regular price and receive the third camp for FREE!*

Please note: *Sales are not applicable to the “Survivor Camp – Into the Wilderness” camps. See the “Regulations” section for further sale pricing and purchase information.

Member Pricing for Camps

Where the Wild Things Are or Great Green Adventures

- Single-day, Full-day \$50
- Half-day Week \$99
- Full-day Week \$189

Survivor Camp – Into the Wilderness

- Full-day Week \$205

Art, Imagination and Nature

- Single-day, Full-day \$55
- Half-day Week \$109
- Full-day Week \$205

Member Pricing for Birthday Party Package

Add on to any camp

- \$30

Non-Member Pricing for Camps

For membership information, visit <http://www.lauritzengardens.org/Visit/Membership/index.asp>

Where the Wild Things Are or Great Green Adventures

- Single-day, Full-day \$55
- Half-day Week \$109
- Full-day Week \$205

Survivor Camp – Into the Wilderness

- Full-day Week \$220

Art, Imagination and Nature

- Single-day, Full-day \$60
- Half-day Week \$119
- Full-day Week \$220

Member Pricing for Birthday Party Package

Add on to any camp

- \$35

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Schedule, Descriptions and Additional Camp Information

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Campers may experience:

- Amazing encounters with nature and science, both outdoors and in the classroom
- 100 acres that are home to interesting insects, animals, plants and trains
- Guided tours lead by trained staff or volunteers
- Tram ride, fun activities and more!



Where the Wild Things Are

May 30 – June 3, June 20-24, July 18-22

Available for ages 4-12yrs.

From the creatures of the night to the dwellers of the day, campers will learn about many of the wilder animals and plants in the garden. Unleash your camper's imagination as they explore the untamed side of nature, participate in fun activities and create amusing crafts. Let the wild rumpus start! Week-long options are available for purchase in half-day and full-day formats. Single-day options are available for purchase in a full-day format.

Art, Imagination and Nature

June 6-10, June 27 – July 1

Available for ages 4-12yrs.

Campers are encouraged to bring their creativity, as they will make crafts inspired by the shapes, colors and patterns of nature. Campers will explore the gardens through art as they discover their artistic side and realize the wonder that surrounds them in nature. Week-long options are available for purchase in half-day and full-day formats. Single-day options are available for purchase in a full-day format.



Great Green Adventures

June 13-17, July 4-8, August 1-5

Available for ages 4-12yrs.

As campers trek through the gardens they will discover fascinating animal habitats and learn about unique plant adaptations through hands-on activities lead by talented camp staff. Campers will combine outdoor exploration, science and nature activities for an exciting time at the garden. Week-long options are available for purchase in half-day and full-day formats. Single-day options are available for purchase in a full-day format.

Survivor Camp – Into the Wilderness

July 11-15, July 24-29

Available for ages 5-12yrs.

From the depths of the rainforests, to the prairies on the plains, survival is no easy feat. Campers will find out what it takes for animals and plants to outlast their competitors in the wilderness. Plus, campers will even learn a few survival skills of their own along the way! Week-long options are available for purchase in a full-day format. Single-day options are not available.

Helpful Facts about Camp at Lauritzen Gardens:

- Full-day camp times are 9am-4pm
- Half-day camp times are 9am-12pm or 1-4pm
- Early check-in, extended checkout and lunch from the Café are available for many camp days
- Every camper that registers for a full week of camp by May 10th is guaranteed a handy sport-pack with the Lauritzen Gardens Summer Adventure Camp logo to carry their things (registrants after that date will receive packs while supplies last)
- Summer camps are available for children 4-12 years of age, campers will be divided into appropriate age groups
- While each camp theme can be found within multiple grade ranges, each curriculum is written to fit the ages associated with the camp
- Be sure to read about important details related to each specific camp within the “Details for a Great Adventure Camp Experience” section



[Click here for a map of the gardens and its amazing 100 acres.](#)

[Click here to take a narrated video tour of the gardens.](#)

Camp Gifts and Birthday Party Packages

Fun gifts are available to surprise your camper(s) on their first day of camp. Available gifts change each year, but have included items such as: paint a bird house, binoculars and butterfly nets. Some gifts are intended to be take home items, and not all may not be for use in camp. Gifts may be purchased during the registration process.

Is your camper celebrating a birthday during or near the time that they will be in a camp at the garden? A birthday party package is a special way to make their birthday even more memorable. The birthday party package may be purchased during the registration process.

The birthday party package includes:

- A special gift for the birthday camper selected by garden staff from the garden's Gift Shop
- A "Happy Birthday" banner hung in the camp room
- Snacks provided by the garden for each camper within the birthday camper's camp
- A party favor provided by the garden for each camper within the birthday camper's camp

The person registering the camper can select the date of camp when the birthday will be celebrated (camp staff will select the time of day). The party may only be held on a date when the camper is participating in camp at Lauritzen Gardens (not at any other location). If multiple birthday parties are taking place on the same day, more than one birthday party may be held at the same time.



Purchasing and Pricing Guidelines

Sale Pricing

Discounts are not applicable to camps done in conjunction with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Discounts are available when two or more weeks of camp are purchased in a single transaction. The discounted week of camp must be of equal or lesser value to the week or weeks of camp purchased at regular price. Discounts may not be combined with or applied to single-day purchases.

A discount may be applied when weeks of camp are purchased for one child or more than one child (ex: two weeks for one child or one week for one child and one week for a second child).

Payment

Payment must be received within two weeks of receiving the email confirming a registration a camp reservation. If registration occurs within two weeks of the start date of the desired camp, payment must be processed before the start date of the camp to reserve a place in that camp.

Cancelations, Transfers and Refunds

If you need to cancel a purchase or transfer a camp to another session, email or call as soon as possible: g.geiger@omahabotanicalgardens.org or (402) 346-4002 ext. 263.

A refund equal to 50% of the purchase price may be given when the refund is requested a minimum of four weeks before the start of the camp, this includes any goods or services purchased in conjunction with the camp. If a refund is requested within four weeks of camp, no refund will be given. The refund of one or more camps may affect the sale prices charged in the previous transaction, and therefore may affect the refund. In the event that multiple camps have been purchased, and a refund is requested, amounts refunded will begin with the least expensive camp and progress higher in purchase price as needed according to purchases within the same transaction. When possible, Lauritzen Gardens can transfer a camper to another session. However, transfer requests are based on availability.

Misc.

Day-of, walk-up registrations may be accepted if space is available, and will only be accepted for week-long camp purchases on the Monday of the camp. A \$10 fee per camper in addition to the registration fee will be added to walk-up registrations.

Lauritzen Gardens reserves the right to alter the age ranges used to create rosters within a single week of camp. Altering age ranges may be used as a method to keep the number of campers in each camp at a safe and manageable amount.

Provided that the tram is available throughout the week, full-day campers will receive two tram rides per week, half-day campers will receive one tram ride per week and single-day campers may or may not receive a tram ride depending on the day(s) when they attend camp.



A Day in the Life of a Summer Adventure Camper – An Example Schedule

This schedule is meant to be used as an example and does not guarantee that a camper will experience everything on this schedule. Morning half-day campers will experience a schedule similar to the one listed below through 12pm. Afternoon half-day campers will experience a schedule similar to the one listed below beginning at 1pm. Not all activities or options listed in the example schedule are available for all camps. See the “Details for a Great Camper Experience” section for important information related to each specific camp.

- **8 - 8:45am: Early check-in**

- **8:45 - 9am: Regular check-in**

All campers check-in at designated area then report to assigned teacher.

- **9 - 9:15am: Handout supplies and fill water bottles**

Camp teachers will lead groups to their classroom and begin handing out camp materials.

- **9:15 - 10am: Campers tour a section of the gardens**

Camp teachers will guide campers through a portion of the garden, such as the Model Railroad Garden, and educate them on the trains, plants and animals that they see.

- **10 - 10:45am: Exciting activity**

Teachers will lead an exciting and interactive craft/experiment/demonstration related to the camp topic. Campers may have the opportunity to touch some of the animals.

- **10:45 - 11:15am: Snack/restroom break**

Teachers will choose the time and location that is most suitable for their campers to have snacks. Snacks may vary from one day to the next.

- **11:15 - 11:45am: Fun themed game**

Campers will partake in an amusing game that captures their imagination while learning cool facts.

- **11:45am - 12pm: Wrap-up and prepare for checkout or lunch**

Teachers will wrap-up the morning session for half-day campers and prepare full-day campers for lunch.

- **12pm: Morning session half-day checkout or the beginning of lunch for full-day campers**

Morning session half-day checkout will run from 12-12:15pm and lunch for full-day campers will run from 12-1pm.



- **12:45 - 1pm: Afternoon session half-day check-in and the continuation of camp for full-day campers**
- **1 - 1:15pm: Handout supplies and fill water bottles**
Camp teachers will lead incoming half-day groups to their classroom and begin handing out camp materials. Teachers will also begin the second half of the day for full-day campers.
- **1:15 - 2pm: Campers tour a section of the gardens**
Camp teachers will guide campers through a portion of the garden, such as the Woodland Trail, and educate them on the trees, plants and animals that they see.
- **2 - 2:30pm: Snack/restroom break**
Teachers will choose the time and location that is most suitable for their campers to have snacks. Snacks may vary from one day to the next.
- **2:30 – 3:15pm: Exciting activity**
Teachers will lead an exciting and interactive craft/experiment/demonstration related to the camp topic. Campers may have the opportunity to touch some of the animals.
- **3:15 - 3:45pm: Fun themed game**
Campers will partake in an amusing game that captures their imagination while learning cool facts.
- **3:45 – 4pm: Wrap-up and prepare for checkout**
Teachers will wrap-up the lessons for the day and prepare campers for check-out and pick-up.
- **4 - 4:15pm: Regular checkout**
- **4:15 - 5pm: Extended checkout**



Please note: Not all activities or options listed in the example schedule are available for all camps. See the “Details for a Great Camper Experience” section for more important information related to each specific camp.

Details for a Great Summer Adventure Camp Experience!

“Where the Wild Things Are”, “Great Green Adventures” and “Art, Imagination and Nature” Camps Only

Early Drop-off, Regular Drop-off, Regular Checkout and Extended Checkout

For drop-off and pickup, please park in visitor parking at the Lauritzen Gardens, and walk with your camper(s) inside the Visitor and Education Center. Please do not leave your camper(s) until a member of the Education Department staff has assumed supervision of the camper(s). Parking is not allowed in the circle drive directly in front of the Visitor and Education Center.

- **Full-day camps**

- Early morning check-in
 - Staff will be in place from 8am to 8:45am. The doors will not be unlocked before 8am.
- Regular morning check-in
 - Staff will be in place from 8:45am to 9am for morning check-in.
- Regular Full-day checkout
 - Staff will be in place from 4pm to 4:15pm.
- Extended full-day checkout
 - Staff will be in place from 4:15pm to 5pm. If the person picking up the camper is going to be late they must call the security cell phone at 402-740-4902 and notify security of the anticipated arrival time. \$5 will be charged to the adult that registered the child for the first one to five minutes that they are late, and an additional \$1 per minute for every minute thereafter.



- **Half-day camps**

- Morning check-in
 - Staff will be in place from 8am to 8:45am. The doors will not be unlocked before 8am.
- Morning checkout
 - Staff will be in place from 12pm to 12:15pm.
- Afternoon check-in
 - For afternoon check-in, staff will be in place from 12:45pm to 1pm.
- Afternoon check-out
 - Staff will be in place from 4:15pm to 5pm. If the person picking up the camper is going to be late they must call the security cell phone at 402-740-4902 and notify security of the anticipated arrival time. \$5 will be charged to the adult that registered the child for the first one to five minutes that they are late, and an additional \$1 per minute for every minute thereafter.

Sign-in and Sign-out Form

The sign-in/sign-out form is located on the last page of this packet. Please complete the form and bring it with your receipt (proof of purchase), when you check-in your camper. This form will also be used to sign-out your camper. Please allow about 15 minutes for the check-in process.

Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up

When dropping off late or picking up early, please follow the guidelines listed within the “Early Drop-off, Regular Drop-off, Regular Checkout and Extended Checkout” section, and allow an additional 15 minutes for garden staff to either contact a member of the Education Department or locate the group in which the camper belongs.

For early pick-up, please notify the camp teacher during check-in. When picking up early, go to the Visitor and Education Center.

Lunch (Full-day Camps Only)

Children will have lunch prepared by the Café and served to them. Outside food is not allowed in the gardens except in cases where medical/allergy reasons will prevent the camper from eating what is provided.

Lunch Menu - All meals include a main dish, fruit, desert and juice box or water. The vegetarian option is a veggie wrap. Campers may choose either the menu listed below or the veggie wrap, but not a combination of the two.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chicken Fingers	Macaroni and Cheese with Chicken	Pepperoni Pizza	Hot Dog	Chicken Fingers

Hydration and Snacks

Please be sure to send a reusable water bottle with a lid with your camper. Campers are responsible for keeping track of their water bottle throughout the day. The camper, and the individual picking up the camper, are responsible for collecting and washing the water bottle at the end of each day. Please let the instructor know of any food allergies on the first day of camp. If the child has allergies or is a picky eater, we encourage you to pack your camper a snack. Water will be provided throughout the day.

“Survivor Camp – Into the Wilderness” Camps Only – A Lauritzen Gardens and Henry Doorly Zoo

Early Drop-off, Regular Drop-off, Regular Checkout and Extended Checkout

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – Drop-off and pick-up at the Lauritzen Gardens – 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108, (402) 346-4002
 - For drop-off and pickup, please park in visitor parking at the Lauritzen Gardens, and walk with your camper(s) inside the Visitor and Education Center. Please do not leave your camper(s) until a member of the Education Department staff has assumed supervision of the camper(s). Parking is not allowed in the circle drive directly in front of the Visitor and Education Center.
 - Early morning check-in
 - Staff will be in place from 8am to 8:45am. The doors will not be unlocked before 8am.
 - Regular morning check-in
 - Staff will be in place from 8:45am to 9am for morning check-in.
 - Regular Full-day checkout
 - Staff will be in place from 4pm to 4:15pm.

- Extended full-day checkout (available only at Lauritzen Gardens)
 - Staff will be in place from 4:15pm to 5pm. If the person picking up the camper is going to be late they must call the security cell phone at 402-740-4902 and notify security of the anticipated arrival time. \$5 will be charged to the adult that registered the child for the first one to five minutes that they are late, and an additional \$1 per minute for every minute thereafter.
- Thursday and Friday – Drop-off and pick-up at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium - 3701 S 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68107, (402) 733-8400
 - Please park in visitor parking at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Staff will be in place from 8:45am to 9am for check-in. For check-out, staff will be in place from and 4pm to 4:15pm. **No early drop-off or extended pick-up is available at the Zoo and Aquarium.**
 - **Day camp teachers will meet you by the green bike racks in the passenger loading area.**
 - To get to this area, follow the passenger loading signs.
 - Plan for traffic and parking at the Zoo & Aquarium during drop-off and pick-up. This is the peak of busy season.
 - Parents/guardians are required to sign their child in and out with an ID card.
 - If there is someone different picking up than dropping off, please inform us.



Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – Late drop-off and pick-up at the Lauritzen Gardens – 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108, (402) 346-4002
 - When dropping off late, please bring the camper(s) to the Visitor and Education Center. Front desk staff will contact the Education Department. The person dropping off the camper(s) must stay with the camper until a member of the Education Department staff arrives to supervise the camper.
 - For early pick-up, please notify the camp teacher during check-in. When picking up early, go to the Visitor and Education Center. Staff will contact the Education Department. Please allow at least 15 minutes for staff to get the camper(s), and their belongings to the Visitor and Education Center.
- Thursday and Friday – Late drop-off and pick-up at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium - 3701 S 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68107, (402) 733-8400
 - When dropping off late, please bring the camper(s) to the visitor entrance at the front gate. Front gate staff will contact the Education Department. The person dropping off the camper(s) must stay with the camper until a member of the Education Department staff arrives to supervise the camper.
 - For early pick-up, please notify the camp teacher during check-in. When picking up early, go to the visitor entrance at the front gate. Front gate staff will contact the Education Department. Please allow at least 15 minutes for staff to get the camper(s), and their belongings.

Lunch when Camp is at Lauritzen Gardens

Children will have lunch prepared by the Café and served to them. Outside food is not allowed in the gardens except in cases where medical/allergy reasons will prevent the camper from eating what is provided.

Lunch Menu - All meals include a main dish, fruit, desert and juice box or water. The vegetarian option is a veggie wrap. Campers may choose either the menu listed below or the veggie wrap, but not a combination of the two.

Monday

Chicken Fingers

Tuesday

Macaroni and Cheese with Chicken

Wednesday

Pepperoni Pizza

Lunch when Camp is at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

Children will need to bring their own sack lunch.

Sign-in and Sign-out Form

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Hydration and Snacks

Please be sure to send a reusable water bottle with a lid with your camper. Campers are responsible for keeping track of their water bottle throughout the day. The camper, and the individual picking up the camper, are responsible for collecting and washing the water bottle at the end of each day. Please let the instructor know of any food allergies on the first day of camp. If the child has allergies or is a picky eater, we encourage you to pack your camper a snack. Water will be provided throughout the day.

Additional Guidelines for Days when Campers are at Lauritzen Gardens

Supervision and Safety

All Lauritzen Gardens staff are screened before they are hired. In addition to teachers and Garden staff, trained volunteers assist teachers with camp. At no time is any child left unsupervised. When possible, class sizes will be limited to an average of 12-15 students per teacher. In addition, the Gardens' full-time staff are able to assist in an emergency situation. Only adults are hired to teach the camps.

Behavior

Behavior is monitored to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Children are expected to behave appropriately. In the event a child is disruptive, time-out may be used. If disruptive behavior continues the parent will be called to help find a solution. If improvement is not realized, the child may be asked to not return to camp.

Medication

Garden staff cannot dispense medication; campers must be able to self-medicate and carry their medication with them.

Can Parents Stay with or Approach Campers Once they have been Dropped-off?

Our camp program is designed for children who are able function well in group oriented programs without parental involvement.

Weather and Clothing

Camp will be held rain or shine unless weather forces the Garden to close for the day. In the event the Garden is closed due to weather, we will contact you. Campers will spend a large portion of time outdoors. Please make sure that the camper is prepared for the weather (preparation may also include things such as sunscreen, umbrella, etc.). Due to the activities typically planned for camp, tennis shoes are strongly recommended and any open toed or open heeled shoes are not recommended.

Entering the Garden after Camp

Individuals cannot enter the Garden for free unless they are covered within a membership to the Lauritzen Gardens. If an individual is not a Garden member, they must pay admission. This guideline includes campers following the completion of camp, or after care.

Bringing Items to Camp

Please do not let your children bring money or toys to camp. Camp groups will not visit the gift shops. We cannot be responsible for any lost items.

Lost and Found

If items are lost in the Gardens, and then found, they will be turned in to the Front Desk of the Visitor and Education Center. To check on lost items after your child's camp week, call (402) 346-4002 ext. 0.



For Additional Guidelines from a Partner Organization, Please Contact the Appropriate Organization

- Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium - 3701 S 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68107, (402) 733-8400

Summer Camp Sign-In/Sign-Out Form – General Release Form

Please Read:

- Complete this form and bring it with you on the first day of camp.
- Campers will need one completed form per camper per week of camp.

Camper's Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

General Release:

I hereby authorize Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium and their agents to use photographs of my child and artwork created by my child for the specific purpose of publication in both print and electronic media (to include use as a still photograph or transparency or use in a motion picture, video, or on television, or any other similar media). In giving my consent, I hereby release and hold harmless Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium and their agents from any and all responsibility or liability, to include any claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or any other claim. I understand that I will not receive compensation, should the media be used. I hereby release Lauritzen Gardens as well as its agents, representatives and employees from all liability during the any Summer Adventure Camp that my child attends for any Summer Adventure Camp related injury to my child and (b) property damage to other Summer Adventure Camp participants or their families caused by my child.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Pickup Authorization: The following people may pick-up my child when camp is finished each day:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

DO NOT fill out this section until the camper is picked up from camp.

Date	Signature of Person Picking-up the Camper
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____

Emergency Contact Information:

In case of emergency, please list the name and phone number of whom you would like us to contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Other contact information: _____

Camper Information:

Special Needs:

Please list any health problems, allergies, physical or behavioral conditions that might require special planning or consideration for your child's participation in camp:

Camper's Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Camper's Name: _____