



# 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](http://www.lauritzengardens.org)

Questions? Call 402-346-4002 ext. 212 or email [b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org](mailto:b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org)



### SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP SUPER SALE! – FEB. 1 - 28

- **Great Price** - Buy one week of camp at regular price and receive 15% off the regular price of the second week of camp.\*
- **Incredible Price** – Buy two weeks of camp at regular price and add a third week of camp for FREE!\*

**Please note:** \*Sales are not applicable to camps done in conjunction with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium or Fontenelle Forest. Two or more weeks of the other camp offerings, in any combination, must be purchased in the same transaction for a discount to apply. See the "Regulations" section for further sale pricing and purchase information.

### Member Pricing for Camps

#### Winging It

- Single-day, Full-day \$50
- Half-day Week \$109
- Full-day Week \$195

#### Nature Speaks / Blue Planet

- Full-day Week \$209

#### The Art in Nature

- Single-day, Full-day \$55
- Half-day Week \$119
- Full-day Week \$209

### Non-Member Pricing for Camps

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

#### Winging It

- Single-day, Full-day \$55
- Half-day Week \$119
- Full-day Week \$215

#### Nature Speaks / Blue Planet

- Full-day Week \$229

#### The Art in Nature

- Single-day, Full-day \$60
- Half-day Week \$129
- Full-day Week \$229

## 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!



### Winging It

May 29 - June 2, June 19-23, July 17-21, August 7-11 Available for ages 4-12yrs.

Campers will soar to new adventurous heights as they learn about the creatures that call the sky home. From birds to bats, butterflies to bees and more, this camp will explore the lives and homes of winged wildlife and the plants that they need to survive. Campers will also make fun and educational crafts and experience engaging activities in addition to exploring Lauritzen Garden's 100 acres. 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.

### The Art of Nature

June 5-9, July 3-7, July 31 - August 4 Available for ages 4-12yrs.

From the colors on a caterpillar, to the patterns on a woodpecker, to the shape of a cottonwood leaf, incredible examples of nature's artwork can be found throughout the garden. Campers will create exciting and educational art projects and experience first-hand the amazing wildlife and plants that call the garden home. This unique camp is sure to inspire wonder and creativity! 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.



### Nature Speaks – A Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forrest Camp

June 12-16, June 26-30 Available for ages 5-12yrs.

Just as people communicate with one another through many different sights and sounds, plants and animals also have incredible ways that they use to warn others about danger, find food and more. Singing birds, buzzing bees, fragrant flowers and so much more will help to ensure that there is no shortage of enjoyably educational discoveries to be made in this camp. Campers will learn about the unique and mind boggling ways that nature speaks as they experience both Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forest. Week-long options are available for purchase in a full-day format. Single-day options are not available.



**Blue Planet – A Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Camp**  
**July 10-14, July 24-28** **Available for ages 5-12yrs.**

Far more of the Earth is covered by the life-giving substance, water, than is covered by land. Plants and animals have found many interesting and surprising ways to survive in areas where water is abundant and others where it is scarce. Campers will learn about the role that water plays in the environment and ways that they can conserve and keep water clean as they attend camp at Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**Camp Gifts**

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.



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

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

## Purchasing and Pricing Guidelines

### Sale Pricing

Discounts are not applicable to camps done in conjunction with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium or Fontenelle Forest. Two or more of the other camp offerings, in any combination, must be purchased in the same transaction for a discount to apply. 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 request. 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: [b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org](mailto:b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org) or (402) 346-4002 ext. 212.

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 trains, 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!

### “Winging It” and “The Art of 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 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. 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.
- 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. Campers may choose one of the options listed below, but not a combination of the two.

#### **Meat Option**

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

#### **Vegetarian Option**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Veggie Wrap	Macaroni and Cheese	Hummus and Pita Bread	Veggie Wrap	Cheese Pizza

### **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 Information**

Please note that single day art camp registrants may or may not participate in the completion of an art project. Half-day or full-day week-long registrants will participate in the completion of one or more art projects.

## **“Blue Planet” Camp Only - A Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Camp**

### **Regular Drop-off and Checkout**

- Monday and Tuesday - 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 Omaha’s 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.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Drop-off and pick-up at Lauritzen Gardens - 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108, (402) 346-4002
  - For drop-off and pickup, please park in visitor parking at 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.



### Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up

- Monday and Tuesday - Late drop-off and pick-up at Omaha's 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.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Late drop-off and pick-up at 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.

### 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. Campers may choose either the menu listed below or the veggie wrap, but not a combination of the two.

#### Meat Option

##### Wednesday

Hot Dog

##### Thursday

Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich

##### Friday

Pepperoni Pizza

#### Vegetarian Option

##### Wednesday

Hummus and  
Pita Bread

##### Thursday

Veggie Wrap

##### Friday

Cheese 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

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. Please allow about 15 minutes for the check-in process.



## 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 teacher 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.

## **"Nature Speaks" Camp June 12-16 Only - A Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forrest Camp**

### Regular Drop-off and Checkout

- Monday and Tuesday - Drop-off and pick-up at Camp Brewster - 1313 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 - 402-731-3140
  - 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 Camp Brewster.**
  - The person dropping off and/or picking up the child are required to sign their child in and out.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Drop-off and pick-up at Lauritzen Gardens - 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108, 402-346-4002
  - For drop-off and pickup, please park in visitor parking at 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.



### Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up

- Monday and Tuesday - Late drop-off and pick-up at Camp Brewster - 1313 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 - 402-731-3140
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Late drop-off and pick-up at 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.

### 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. Campers may choose either the menu listed below or the veggie wrap, but not a combination of the two.

#### Meat Option

##### Wednesday

Hot Dog

##### Thursday

Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich

##### Friday

Pepperoni Pizza

#### Vegetarian Option

##### Wednesday

Hummus and  
Pita Bread

##### Thursday

Veggie Wrap

##### Friday

Cheese Pizza

### Lunch when Camp is at Camp Brewster

Children will need to bring their own sack lunch.

### Sign-in and Sign-out Form for Lauritzen Gardens

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 at Lauritzen Gardens. Please allow about 15 minutes for the check-in process.

### Additional Paperwork

If any additional paperwork, such as a sign-in/out form for another organization, that paperwork will be made available when you arrive at that organization.

### 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 teacher 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.

## **"Nature Speaks" Camp June 26-30 Only - A Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forrest Camp**

### **Regular Drop-off and Checkout**

- Monday and Tuesday - Drop-off and pick-up at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center - 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 - 402-731-3140
  - Staff will be in place from 8:45am to 9am for check-in. For check-out, staff will be in place from 4pm to 4:15pm. **No early drop-off or extended pick-up is available at Fontenelle Forrest.**
  - The person dropping off and/or picking up the child are required to sign their child in and out.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Drop-off and pick-up at Lauritzen Gardens - 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108, 402-346-4002
  - For drop-off and pickup, please park in visitor parking at 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.

### **Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up**

- Monday and Tuesday - Late drop-off and pick-up at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center - 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 - 402-731-3140
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Late drop-off and pick-up at 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.

### **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. Campers may choose either the menu listed below or the veggie wrap, but not a combination of the two.

#### Meat Option

##### Wednesday

Hot Dog

##### Thursday

Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich

##### Friday

Pepperoni Pizza

#### Vegetarian Option

##### Wednesday

Hummus and  
Pita Bread

##### Thursday

Veggie Wrap

##### Friday

Cheese Pizza

#### **Lunch when Camp is at Fontenelle Forest**

Children will need to bring their own sack lunch.

#### **Sign-in and Sign-out Form for Lauritzen Gardens**

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 at Lauritzen Gardens. Please allow about 15 minutes for the check-in process.

#### **Additional Paperwork**

If any additional paperwork, such as a sign-in/out form for another organization, that paperwork will be made available when you arrive at that organization.

#### **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.

### **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 may assist teachers with camp. 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. Campers spend the majority of their time inside the garden's main entry gate, but may spend some time in a lawn area on garden property that is located just outside of the main entry gate.

#### **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, it may be asked that the child not return to camp.



### **Medication and Protectant/Repellant Applications**

Garden staff cannot apply/dispense medication, campers must be able to self-medicate and carry their medication with them. Garden staff cannot apply/dispense protectants/repellants (ex: sunscreen, bug spray, etc.), campers must be able to apply/dispense and carry protectants/repellants 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.

### **Camper Expectations**

Campers will be supervised and must be able to function within a group setting. Campers can expect a significant amount of walking, physical exercise and activities involving multi-step instructions. If additional assistance may be needed, please consult the camp manager at Lauritzen Gardens before registering.

### **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, you will be contacted. 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 without checking in at the front desk of the Visitor and Education Center. If an individual is not a Garden member, they must pay admission. This guideline includes campers following the completion of a day of camp.

### **Bringing Items to Camp**

Please do not let your children bring money or toys to camp. Camp groups will not visit the gift shops. The garden 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**

## Lauritzen Gardens Summer Camp Sign-In/Sign-Out Form – General Release Form

Camper's Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Read:**

-Complete this form and bring it with you on the first day of camp at Lauritzen Gardens.

-Campers will need one completed form per camper per week of camp.

### **General Release:**

I hereby authorize Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium and Fontenelle Forest 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, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Fontenelle Forest 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, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium and Fontenelle Forest 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 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
____/____/____	_____
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### **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: \_\_\_\_\_