



Summer Adventure Camp



**Up close encounters with nature, 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!**



Schedule, Descriptions and Additional Camp Information

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
- Crafts, fun activities and more!

Forces of Nature

May 31 – June 4, July 12 - 16

Available for ages 5-12yrs.

Natural disasters have a way of inducing fear into the populations in which they effect. During this camp, campers will learn about the science behind the forces of nature in order to dispel the common misconceptions and fears that surround our most common natural disasters here in the Midwest.

Habitats are Hip!

June 7 – 11, June 21 - 25

Available for ages 5-12yrs.

In partnership with Fontenelle Forest: Delve into our earth's wild habitats! We will explore the various habitats that make our planet so unique and awe-inspiring along with the beautiful animals and plants that call each habitat home.

Superheroes of the Plant and Animal Kingdom

July 5 – 9, July 19 - 23

Available for ages 5-12yrs

In partnership with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo: Superman, Wonder Woman, Batman, and...grasshoppers? Campers will see what grasshoppers and other plants and animals have in common with these superheroes. You will be on the prowl to find these superheroes and see their powers in action.

Can you Survive?

June 14 – 18, July 26 - 30

Available for ages 5-12yrs.

Well....can you? If the answer is no, then this is the camp for you! We will spend each day learning and practicing the basic skills of surviving in nature!

Summer in Color

May 24 – 28, June 28 – July2, August 2 - 6

Available for ages 5-12yrs.

Experience all things colorful during this colored-themed, art-focused camp. Campers will focus on one color per day in an effort to hone in on the beauty of the natural world that surrounds us. Nature will be combined with colors and art to make some fun take-home projects for campers!

Helpful Facts about Camp at Lauritzen Gardens:

- Full-day camp times are 9am-4pm
- Early check-in, extended checkout and lunch from the Café are available for many camp days
- Summer camps are available for children 5-12 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

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. 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). Lauritzen Gardens or partner organization employees/volunteers will receive applicable employee/volunteer pricing, but may not combine employee/volunteer pricing with sale pricing.

Member and Non-member Pricing

Members of the garden will be charged the member price on all camps. Registrants that are only members of an organization partnering with the garden to provide a camp will be charged member pricing on the camp that includes the partner organization and non-member pricing on all other camps.

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: c.jacobsen@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 camp registration to another session. However, transfer requests are based on availability.



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. 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**

Must be purchased with the camp.

- **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 lunch**

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



- **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 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**

Must be purchased with camp.

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 related to each specific camp.

Details for a Great Summer Adventure Camp Experience!

“Summer in Color”, “Forces of Nature” and “Can You Survive” 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, Camp Entrance. Please do not leave your camper(s) until a member of the Education Department staff has assumed supervision of the camper(s). Parking is allowed in the circle drive directly in front of the Visitor and Education Center, for drop off and pick up only.

- **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 Director of Education phone at 402-769-5609 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.
- Early morning check-in and extended full-day checkout must be purchased with the camp.



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 at Lauritzen Gardens. 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, Camp Entrance.

Lunch

Children will have lunch prepared by the Café and served to them. This is included in the price of camp. Should you choose to pack your child’s lunch please note that choice during registration.

Lunch Menu - All meals include a main dish, fruit, veggies and juice box or water. Campers may choose one of the options listed, 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	Spaghetti	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	Spaghetti	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.

“Superheroes...” 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 8:50am 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 the Zoo and Aquarium.
 - Day camp teachers will meet you at the Robert B. Daugherty Education Center main entrance (by the polar bear statues) which is located between the north and south general visitor entrances into zoo grounds.
 - 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, Camp Entrance. Please do not leave your camper(s) until a member of the Education Department staff has assumed supervision of the camper(s). Parking is allowed in the circle drive directly in front of the Visitor and Education Center for drop off and pick up only.
 - 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.
 - **No early drop-off or extended pick-up is available at Lauritzen Gardens for this camp.**



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 Robert B. Daugherty Education Center front doors. Front door 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 Robert B. Daugherty Education Center front doors. Front door 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, Camp Entrance. Call one of the Education Department phone numbers on the door. 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, Camp Entrance. Call one of the Education Department phone numbers on the door. 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. This is included with the price of camp. If you would like to pack your child's lunch, please let the gardens know during registration.

Lunch Menu - All meals include a main dish, fruit, veggies and juice box or water. Campers may choose either menu listed below, but not a combination of the two.

Meat Option

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Hot Dog	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pepperoni Pizza

Vegetarian Option

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

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

Children will need to bring their own sack lunch.

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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 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.

"Habitats are Hip!" Camp Only - A Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forest Camp

Regular Drop-off and Checkout

- Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday - 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, Camp Entrance. Please do not leave your camper(s) until a member of the Education Department staff has assumed supervision of the camper(s). Parking is allowed in the circle drive directly in front of the Visitor and Education Center, for drop off and pick up only.
 - 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.
 - No early drop-off or extended pick-up is available at Lauritzen Gardens with this camp.**
- Thursday and Friday - 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.



Late Drop-off and Early Pick-up

- Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday - Late drop-off and early 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, Camp Entrance. Call one of the Education Department phone numbers on the door. 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, Camp Entrance. Call one of the Education Department phone numbers on the door. Please allow at least 15 minutes for staff to get the camper(s), and their belongings to the Visitor and Education Center.
- Thursday-Friday - Late drop-off and early pick-up at Camp Brewster - 1313 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 - 402-731-3140

Lunch when Camp is at Lauritzen Gardens

Children will have lunch prepared by the Café and served to them. This is included with the price of camp. If you would like to pack your child's lunch, please let the gardens know during registration.

Lunch Menu - All meals include a main dish, fruit, veggies and juice box or water. Campers may choose either menu listed below, but not a combination of the two.

Monday

Chicken Fingers

Tuesday

Macaroni and Cheese

Wednesday

Hot Dog

Vegetarian Option

Monday

Veggie Wrap

Tuesday

Macaroni and Cheese

Wednesday

Hummus and

Pita Bread

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.



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 Director of Education (402-346-4002 ext. 212) 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 shop. 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 use in a motion picture, video, or on television, social media 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
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____

Emergency Contact Information:

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

1.Name: _____ Phone: _____ Other contact information: _____

2.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: _____