

Summer Camps for 6-8 Grade Students

NEW! NRDS Sponsor 1st ACE Camp

Concern and interest in the environment is booming, whether it's about understanding the needs of wildlife or how to take care of local water and land. Students who have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade are invited to attend "**Adventure Camp About the Environment**," which promises both fun and adventure while learning about the environment.

Sponsored by Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, the camp will focus on water resources, soil and land, forestry, range and grassland, wild-life and aquatics. During the camp, students will have a chance to roll up their sleeves and dig into nature, forming a new understanding of the environment through interactive participation.

In addition, the students will have a chance to enjoy the environment through activities such as canoeing, climbing, water slide and other adventures. Students will also learn about possible careers in the area of natural resources from the resource professionals.

It takes place at the State 4-H Youth Camp at Halsey June 20th-23rd.

Camp cost is \$175.00– scholarships are available from the Central Platte NRD. *Registrations are due May 1, 2010.*

For more information contact Marcia Lee at 308-385-6282, email: lee@cpnrd.org or download information at <http://www.cpnrd.org>.

Partnering with the NRDs to provide training are Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, University of Nebraska Extension Services, Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska State 4-H Camp, University of Nebraska Conservation & Survey, and Nebraska Pheasants Forever.

Flying Higher

Flying Higher is a hands-on, ecology camp geared for kids presently in 6th through 8th grade. This camp will take campers into the realm of scientific surveys and identification with a huge dose of fun.

Camp registration is \$80. To register, contact Keanna Leonard at (308) 468-5282. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants.

Scholarships: The Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary is teaming up with Wild Birds Unlimited and the National Fish and Wildlife Service to provide scholarships for students to attend camp. Call (308) 468-5282 for more information.

We share the belief that when children spend quality time outside it can have a lasting, positive impact on their personal lives and the future of our great natural heritage.

S.O.A.R. Summer Orientation About Rivers

June 14-17 and June 21-24

Big Bend SOAR Camp is a nature day camp where children can learn about the Platte River and other natural areas in and around Buffalo and Kearney counties. Campers take part in a variety of activities that include natural and physical science, language arts, history, agriculture, music and art– while having fun.

SOAR is a blast! Campers get to participate in activities not normally offered during the school year like getting wet and muddy – all for the sake of learning. SOAR is for any student presently in grades 2-5. Camper registration is \$80. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants. Call (308) 468-5282 for more information.

SOAR is a program of the Prairie Plains Resource Institute in Aurora, NE and is sponsored locally by Rowe Sanctuary. The Central Platte Natural Resources District helps sponsor the SOAR Program annually.

Volunteers Needed for GW Festival

The staff here at the Central Platte NRD are currently coordinating the 22nd annual Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival; which will be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2010** at the Central Community College and College Park in Grand Island.

The schools have been picked, presenters have sent their presentation descriptions in and the schedules have been put together.

Now, all we need are VOLUNTEERS! This statewide event takes about 300 people to get students to their classrooms, help presenters throughout the day, registration and help in the lunch and exhibit hall tents.



If you know of a high school student that needs community service hours, a retired teacher, or anyone who would be interested in helping with this fun, educational event, please have them contact **(308) 385-6282 and ask for:**

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