

Summer Camp Opportunities

The North Platte Natural Resources District provides scholarships for three different natural resources related summer camps. Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts are asking all interested students to sign up for the Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE). ACE is for middle school students who have completed sixth, seventh or eighth grades in the 2015-2016 school year and are interested in having fun and learning about Nebraska Natural Resources. ACE is hosted at the State 4-H Youth Camp near Halsey, June 12th - 15th, and is organized by the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD).

The four-day adventure camp focuses on water resources, soil and land, forestry, range and grassland, and wildlife, while educating campers through hands-on activities on the importance of protecting our natural resources. In addition, campers have the chance to experience nature through other activities such as tanking, tubing, outdoor cooking, zip line, water rockets, the water slide and other adventures. Campers will learn about possible careers in the area of natural resources from the professionals who work in it every day. Fees and registration are \$190.00 dollars per camper.

To find out more information about ACE or to get a copy of a registration, contact the North Platte NRD at 632-2749 or visit www.npnrd.org.

North Platte NRD offers full scholarships to Youth Range Camp

The 2016 Nebraska Youth Range Camp will be held June 6th – 10th at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE. The camp is for students ages 14-18, and the fee is \$325. The camp fee covers meals, lodging, recreation, books, and camp insurance. Scholarship application deadline is May 20th and the registration deadline for the camp is May 27th. Both the camp registration forms and the scholarship essay must be sent to the North Platte NRD office at 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, NE 69361. For more information on the Youth Range Camp, visit the North Platte NRD's website, <http://www.npnrd.org/camp.htm>.

Applicants that wish to apply for a scholarship to either camp must complete the registration form and submit a letter of recommendation by May 20th to the North Platte NRD office, P.O. Box 280, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0280. The scholarships are open to students that live in Scotts Bluff, Banner, Morrill, Garden, and southern Sioux counties. The approved applications will then be forwarded to the appropriate camp headquarters by May 29th. Applicants who do not receive a scholarship will have their applications returned in time for the students to submit it to the camp themselves. For more information, contact David Wolf at (308) 632-2749.

Paleontology Camp, Can You Dig It!

Bugs will be the focus of the 2016 High Plains Science Camp. The camp gives students an opportunity to get out and experience nature closer to home. Campers will experience what it takes to be a paleontologist and will learn from professionals in related disciplines. Students will participate in examining fossils, fossil hunting, hikes, and camp out at Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

The camp will be held June 20-24, and is for students that have completed fourth through seventh grade. The registration fee is \$175, with \$75 due at the time of registration, and the remaining \$100 due on the first day of the camp. The deadline for registration is May 20th, and scholarships are available for those who apply.

For more information and a copy of the registration form contact Amber Schiltz at 402-310-6137 or visit <http://riversidediscoverycenter.org/Education/Camps/>.