



**NORTH PLATTE**  
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**Eighth Annual “ACE” Camp Scheduled**

Nebraska’s Natural Resources Districts are asking all interested students to sign up for the third annual Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE). ACE is for middle school students who have completed sixth, seventh or eighth grades in the 2017-2018 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 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 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. During ACE, campers have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and dig into nature and form a new understanding of the environment through interactive participation.

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. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn about natural resources through hands-on activities with experts who are excited about natural resources.

Fees and registration are \$215.00 dollars per camper. Nebraska NRDs and the NARD partnered with several organizations to help make the camp a success, including the University

of Nebraska, Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Game and Parks, Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska State 4-H Camp, and Bessey Nursery.

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](http://www.npnrd.org).

### **North Platte NRD offers full scholarships to Youth Range Camp**

The North Platte Natural Resources District is once again sponsoring scholarships for four area high school students to attend the 2018 Nebraska Youth Range Camp to be held June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE.

The NRD will pay the camp fee of \$200 for four students, age 14-18, who reside in Scotts Bluff, Banner, Morrill, Garden, and southern Sioux counties. The camp fee covers meals, lodging, recreation, books, and camp insurance. Scholarship application deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup> and the registration deadline for the camp is May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

Strong candidates for the scholarship and camp participation include students who demonstrate leadership ability and good citizenship, a willingness to work and learn while attending camp, a commitment to report to their home community about their camp experiences, and hold leadership positions in 4-H clubs, FFA chapters or other youth organizations.

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp provides educational opportunities to students who are interested in rangelands and practical range management. The camp's focus is on plant-soil-animal relationships, range livestock management, ranching, economics, and wildlife habitat management. Campers participate in field and classroom activities which include: a forest tour, a ranch visit, and numerous hands-on exercises designed to introduce and develop the skills important for range management and range judging. Campers will also enjoy recreational activities including canoeing, hiking, and swimming.

Applicants that wish to apply for a scholarship to either camp must complete the registration form and submit a letter of recommendation by May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Phenomenal Prairies Camp!**

Prairies will be the focus of the 2018 High Plains Science Camp. The camp gives students an opportunity to get out and experience nature closer to home. Campers will experience how the prairies have shaped both the wildlife that lives on it and the people that depend on it and will learn from professionals in related disciplines. Campers will learn about the prairie ecosystem, and how the prairie influences both the wildlife and the people that call it home. Activities will include guided prairie hikes, field trips to surrounding parks in the panhandle, cultural demonstrations, guest speakers, and an overnight stay at Wildcat Hills Nature Center.

The camp will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and is for students ages 9 to 12. The registration fee is \$175. The deadline for registration is May 25<sup>th</sup>, and scholarships are available for those who apply.

For more information and a copy of the registration form contact Amber Schiltz [amber.schiltz@birdconservancy.org](mailto:amber.schiltz@birdconservancy.org).

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