

Camper Information Packet

Nebraska 4-H Day Camps



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***Welcome* to the Nebraska 4-H Day Camp Experience**

We're excited to have your camper join us for a fun-filled Nebraska 4-H Day Camp experience! Day camp is all about learning, trying new things, making friends, and having fun.

This packet includes helpful information for families as you get ready for camp. It's also a great opportunity to talk with your camper about what they're excited for and how to prepare for a great day at camp.

Nebraska 4-H Day Camps provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where youth can build confidence, creativity, and friendships through hands-on activities and outdoor fun.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

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What to Expect at Day Camp

Day camp is designed to be fun, active, and supportive. Campers will:

- Participate in group games and hands-on activities
- Spend time outdoors exploring and learning
- Make new friends and work together as a team
- Return home at the end of each day

Our Goal

Our goal is for every camper to leave the day feeling confident and proud of a new skill and having learned something new about the environment. We are excited to spend the day with your camper!

What to Bring

Please send your camper with:

- Comfortable clothes
- Closed-toe shoes
- Water bottle (labeled)
- Sunscreen (applied before arrival)
- Hat or light jacket (weather dependent)
- Small backpack (if desired)

Health & Safety

Your camper's safety and well-being are very important to us. In order for your camper to attend camp and receive the best care in the event of an accident or illness, all campers must submit a current Health History form via registration confirmation. This form must be completed three (3) weeks prior to the camp session your camper is attending. Please provide us with all relevant information regarding your camper. If your camper has any special needs, our knowledge of these will only further the camp experience. This information is securely stored and only shared with staff working with your camper. If you have questions, please contact us.

Special Dietary Needs and Food Allergies

If your camper has any specific dietary restrictions or needs, please put them on the Camper Health History form.

Medications

If your camper requires medication during the camp day. Please note:

- Medications must be turned in to staff at check-in
- Medications must be in original containers with clear instructions.
- Rescue medications (inhalers, EpiPens) may be carried by the staff or the camper.

Leave at Home

Please do not send youth with cell phones or smart devices. Nebraska 4-H is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Common Camper Questions

What if I don't know anyone?

That's okay! Many campers are meeting new friends. We start with games and activities to help everyone get to know each other.

What if I get hungry or thirsty?

We schedule snack and water breaks, and campers can always ask for water. Be sure to bring a bottle of water with you!

What if I get dirty?

That's part of the fun! Day camp activities can get a little messy, so dress for play

Cancellations

A \$15 Cancellation fee will be applied to ALL day-camp cancellations. A 50% (minus \$15 fee) will be refunded if cancellation is made four weeks prior to the start of their day-camp. After the four-week deadline, no refunds will be issued.

Camp Check in Process

Check in will begin for day camps at 8:30AM CT with the program beginning at 9:00AM CT.

Camp Check-out Process

The person picking up the camper is required to show photo identification and be an authorized pick-up person. This is done on registration form.

There are no exceptions to this policy – even parents and guardians must show ID. This is for your safety as well as your camper's protection. Check out time will be 3:00PM CT for day camps. Youth must be picked up by 3:30PM CT.

Our 2026 4-H Day-Camp Locations

Grand Island

Izaak Walton League Park

3rd Rd Grand Island, NE 68801

Lincoln

Holmes Lake

70 & Normal Lincoln, NE 68506