



Nature Center

Pioneers Park Nature Center



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Lincoln, NE 68502

Location:
3201 South Coddington
Lincoln, NE 68522

West end of Pioners Park, West Van Dorn
and South Coddington
p 402 441-7895

Hours:
Monday- Saturday: 830a-5p
Sunday: Noon-5p

REGISTRATION

Reservations may be made by phone or mail. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Call 441-7895 to register and pay by credit card or check. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Nature Center webpage and sent with payment to: Pioneers Park Nature Center, 2740 'A' Street, Lincoln NE 68502.

Refunds: Refund requests for classes must be made 72 hours prior to the program date and are subject to a \$5.00 service charge.

Cancellations: PPNC reserves the right to cancel classes. Participants will be notified prior to the program; they may choose to receive a full refund or sign up for another available program.

FOR EVERYONE

Hayrack Rides:

Pioneers Park Nature Center is offering nature-oriented hayrack rides in Pioneers Park again this fall. Available between September 11th and October 24, you may choose among a variety of options:

Family Hayracks:

Enjoy a 40 minute hayrack ride, a campfire with naturalist program, and hot cocoa. \$6/person. Not recommended for children two and under.

Group Hayracks:

Reserve the whole hayrack for your group. The evening program includes a 40 minute ride, a campfire with optional naturalist program, and hot cocoa. \$180, 30 person maximum.

Special Hayracks:

Do you have a large group that would enjoy a fun evening program with a nature emphasis? Schedule a hayrack ride with campfire program plus one or more additional activities, fees begin at \$250. Special requests considered.

All hayrack rides require pre-registration and pre-payment. Call 441-7895 for available times.

Hayrack in the Park

Enjoy a 20 minute hayrack ride with a nature focus in beautiful Pioneers Park. This family evening will also include a campfire program, an owl extravaganza and a beverage. Register by 9/17, rack times assigned every half hour beginning at 6:30.

Date: September 18, Friday Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Pioneers Park Concession Building Fee: \$6/person

Backyard Composting - Free!

Learn how to compost in your back yard through a training session provided by UNL Extension and the City Recycling Office at the Nature Center's backyard composting demonstration area. Attendees will receive a free compost thermometer or plastic compost bin. No registration necessary.

Date: September 19 and October 17, Saturdays

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: Compost Demonstration Area

Bird Banding Demonstrations - Free!

This is your opportunity to see up close some of the migratory birds that pass through our area as well as our year round residents. Join a licensed bird bander to watch the banding process and to learn about this nation-wide research project. In case of rain or excessive heat, banding will be cancelled. No registration necessary.

Date: October 10 and 17, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: Bird Banding Station

Primitive Survival Basics

Do you know what to do to take care of yourself should you ever be in a true survival situation? We will discuss basic human needs for survival in the wilderness and several methods of meeting these needs. We will also have several primitive artifacts for participants to see. Register by 11/11.

Date: November 14, Saturday

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Prairie Building Auditorium

Fee: \$7/person



A unique
Halloween celebration!

Bats & Spiders & Owls, Oh My!
Thursday & Friday, October 29 & 30
6:45 - 9:00 p.m.
Trail times assigned each 15 minutes

Live animals
Skits by costumed critters along the trail
Campfire & sing along with Mike Mennard
Popcorn & cider

Register for your time by calling 441-7895



FOR YOUTH

Mommy and Me: Fall Fling

Eight Mondays beginning September 21

Changing colors, birds flying south, spiders and their webs, tall prairie grasses... there is so much to appreciate during the fall season! Explore these natural wonders with your little one through hikes, games, crafts, stories and puppets. Dress for the weather, as we will be spending a portion of each class outside. A snack will be provided. Class size is limited to 12 children, please register early. Winter and spring sessions are planned for 2010.

Ages: 2 ½ to 3 ½ year-olds with accompanying adult

Dates: Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, Nov. 2 and 9

Time: 10–11:30 a.m.

Location: Prairie Building Goldenrod Classroom

Fee: \$55/8 week session

NATURE CENTER PRESCHOOL

Where Kids Explore

Call 441-7895 for a brochure.

September 2009-May 2010

Tues/Thurs Sessions: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Wed/Fri Session: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

PreK: MWF 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

SPECIALLY FOR SCOUTS

Scout Hikes

One hour naturalist-led hikes are offered for scouts each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$3/scout, \$30 minimum

Badgework

Nature Center programming will help your group complete a badge in one morning or afternoon. Programs will rotate.

Forester for Webelos

Trees are an important part of our lives. With the help of Nature Center staff complete the Webelo Forester Activity Badge fulfilling requirements 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9. Register by 9/30.

Date: October 3, Saturday Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Prairie Building Auditorium Fee: \$10/scout

Plants and Animals Badge for Junior Girl Scouts

What role do plants and animals play in your life? We'll hike to see Nature Center animals, discover some real pests of the plant and animal world, taste a fruit and vegetable you may never have heard of, and create a piece of seed art. With the help of Nature Center staff complete activities 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10. Register by 10/7.

Date: October 10, Saturday Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Prairie Building Auditorium Fee: \$10/scout

Watching Wildlife Try-It for Brownie Scouts

Let's take a really close look at the animals that live in our area. What interesting facts can you discover? With the help of Nature Center staff, complete activities 2, 3, 4, and 6. Register by 10/14.

Date: Saturday, October 17 Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Prairie Building Auditorium Fee: \$7/scout

Nature Camp: Winter Detectives

Mark your calendar: Monday and Tuesday, January 18 and 19

Add Some Nature to Your Birthday!

Treat your child to a special birthday at the Nature Center. An hour nature program, including a hike and indoor animal time, is followed by 45 minutes in the building for your birthday activities. We provide space and a birthday favor for each child, and you provide refreshments. Themes include Insect Insights, Reptiles for Fun, or Birds that Whoo Who. \$60 for 10 children, \$6 for each additional child, 15 children maximum. Call the Nature Center for reservations at least two weeks in advance.

ADULTS

Nature Through Scratchboard Drawing

This fun-filled class, taught by illustrator Lana Koepke Johnson, introduces participants to the dramatic and beautiful technique of scratchboard. Black ink is applied with brush and pen, and texture and detail is added to the illustration by scratching parts of the inked areas back to white.

Date: October 24, Saturday Time: 8:30 a.m. -Noon

Location: Prairie Building Goldenrod Classroom

Fee: \$56/person, \$51 for GNSI members (includes materials)

Nature Through Watercolor Painting

Nature illustrator Sara Taliaferro will teach a moist brush watercolor technique that is perfect for nature journaling or coloring a scratchboard illustration! Fall flowers, seed pods, and other seasonal finds can be beautifully rendered in saturated color using this technique.

Date: October 24, Saturday

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Prairie Building Goldenrod Classroom

Fee: \$50/person, \$45 for GNSI members, material list will be sent

Note: If taking this class with the scratchboard class, fees would be \$90.00 for all day, \$85.00 for GNSI members.

OFF-SITE PROGRAMMING

Nature Center teacher/naturalists can bring a variety of programs to your group featuring information on the prairie, herbs or live Nature Center animals. The fee for each presentation is \$40 plus mileage. Call 441-7895 for more information or to schedule a program.

HYDE OBSERVATORY

Open Saturdays in Holmes Lake Park

November through March, 7 - 10 p.m.

April through October, 8 – 11 p.m.

Free

Gaze at the night sky through three powerful telescopes, enjoy two programs about astronomy or space exploration that change monthly, and interact with knowledgeable volunteers.

Weekday special showings for groups of 20 or more may be arranged with two weeks notice.

Call 441-7895 for more information or visit www.hydeobservatory.info