



2019
SUMMER ACTIVITIES
&
RESOURCE GUIDE

Day Camps
Pools & Spraygrounds
Reading
Fairs, Festivals, & Other Fun Stuff
Music & Art
Museums
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Community Resources

Please check the event website or contact the host agency to verify dates, times, locations & cost of these activities! Have a fun & safe summer!

DAY CAMPS

YMCA of Lincoln

www.ymcalincoln.org

A variety of licensed day camps. Activities include: arts & crafts, indoor & outdoor sports, music, nature, swimming, field trips, drama & on field trip per week based on a theme. Administrative Offices, 402-434-9208

- **The Open Doors Financial Assistance Program** provides support to those who have financial need & qualify for assistance. This program provides families, children & adults with the financial assistance they need to obtain quality Child Care, Youth Programs, & Health & Wellness services. Anyone is welcome to apply for our Open Doors Program. The amount of assistance granted is based on the application process & review of the required documentation provided by the applicant. The Open Doors Program reduces membership & program fees, but does not eliminate them.

Nebraska Extension 4-H Camps & Centers

www.4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp

A variety of day camps & overnight camps are available throughout the state. Open to youth ages 5-18, the UNL Extension 4-H youth development program emphasizes learning-by-doing. Through activities, 4-H develops: practical skills such as public speaking, science, cooking, photography, horticulture, taking care of animals & money management & life skills such as goal setting, problem solving, critical thinking, healthy choices, communication, teamwork & leadership. 402-441-7180

Bright Lights: Summer Learning Adventures

www.brightlights.org

Bright Lights is a not-for-profit organization takes learning beyond the classroom by providing youth (K-8th grade) with unique, motivating hands-on opportunities. Tuition cost: \$135/half day class, \$270/full day camps. Before Care: \$20/week, Lunch Care: \$15/week (included in full day camps). Students must bring a sack lunch. Additional fees apply to some classes. 402-420-1115

Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camps

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/programs/daycamps/index.htm

At Parks & Recreation camps, participants will experience: Recreation & Leisure Skill Building, Physical Fitness Through Active Play, Social Development, Nutrition Awareness, & Nature Interaction.

- Need Based Scholarships are available at all recreation centers, the Parks & Recreation Administration Office, the Playground Office & online. Applicants must provide proof of income (copy of tax return or most recent paycheck stub), size of household & statement of need. Once your application has been received, your location will make contact to discuss your request.
- All programs, except Irving & Bethany, are approved to accept Title XX, the State of Nebraska DHHS Child Care Subsidy Program. The purpose is to assist low income families with child care expenses. For eligibility information, call 1-800-383-4278 or visit www.accessnebraska.ne.gov.
 - Camp Locations:
 - Air Park Neighborhood Center, K-5 levels
 - Belmont Recreation Center, K-4 levels
 - Bethany Park, K-5 levels
 - Calvert Community Center, K-4 & 5-7 levels
 - F St. Recreation Center, K-5 levels
 - Goodrich Middle School, 5-7 levels
 - Irving Recreation Center, K-4 & 5-7 levels
 - McPhee Elementary School, K-5 levels

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum Camps

www.sacmuseum.org/what-to-do/education/camps/

All camps are facilitated by our qualified Museum Education Staff. Please register early to ensure camp t-shirt availability. Parents may select a camp at the level they feel their campers can handle. The Museum recommends camps for youth entering their next grade. Available for grades 1-6. 1-Day Camps \$65 (\$50 for members), 3-Day Camps \$180 (\$150 for members), 5-Day Camps \$300 (\$225 for members). Prices subject to tax. 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003, 402-944-3100 x204

Nebraska Game & Parks

www.outdoornebraska.gov/daycamps

A variety of day camps & learning centers.

POOLS & SPRAYGROUNDS

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/parksfacilities/pools/index.htm

Take a swim this summer at any of Lincoln's swimming pools from May 25th-August 11! Extended season at Star City Shores from August 12-18, 2019. July 4th hours at all pool locations: 1-5pm. Admission varies by location.

Arnold Heights Pool	4000 NW 46th	402-441-7829	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Ballard Pool	3901 N 66th	402-441-7898	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Belmont Pool	12th & Manatt	402-441-7826	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Eden Pool	4400 Antelope Creek	402-441-7827	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Highlands Aquatic Center	5511 NW 12th	402-441-7800	M-F: 1-8pm, Sat-Sun: 1-6pm
Irvingdale Pool	1900 Van Dorn	402-441-7828	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Star City Shores Aquatic Center	4375 S. 33rd Ct.	402-441-6670	Sun-Sat: 12:30-8pm
University Place Aquatic Center	2000 N 48th	402-441-7834	M-F: 1-8pm, Sat-Sun: 1-6pm
Woods Pool	33rd & J	402-441-7782	Sun-Sat: 1-6pm*
Woods Park Sprayground *FREE	33 rd & J St.		Sun-Sat: 11am-7pm
Trago Park Sprayground *FREE	22 nd & U St.		Sun-Sat: 11am-7pm

*Family Swim Nights 6-8pm on certain weekdays

READING

Lincoln City Libraries *FREE

www.lincolnlibraries.org/kids/

The summer reading program is online! If you are a parent or caregiver, you can create Beanstack profiles for children in your care & track their reading program progress. With a Beanstack profile, you'll receive one recommendation per week of a book matched to your child's age, interests, & background. Included are easy-to-use learning tips & activities for each book selected. You can register in the library, from a home computer, or from a mobile device. Staff or volunteers will be happy to assist you with any part of the program. Log reading progress & enjoy activities this summer!

Family Library Learning Times (Story Time) *FREE

The entire family is welcome to enjoy crafts & story time!

Preschool Library Learning Times (Story Time) *FREE

Preschool Storytime is a half-hour of books & activities for children ages three, four & five. Preschool Storytime supports early literacy by offering vocabulary development, experiences with a variety of literature, & participation in language-related activities. Pre-registration is not required for Preschool Storytime. Newcomers are always welcome!

- **Getting Started Book List for Children Birth to 5**

<http://lincolnlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/GetStartedBookList-10-2016.pdf>

Anderson Branch Library 3635 Touzalin Avenue (68507) 402-441-8540	Eisley Branch Library 1530 Superior St. (68521) 402-441-4250	Williams Branch Library 5000 Mike Scholl St. (68524) 402-441-8580
Gere Branch Library 2400 South 56th St. (68506) 402-441-8560	South Branch Library 2675 South St. (68502) 402-441-8570	Walt Branch Library 6701 South 14th St. (68512) 402-441-4460
Bethany Branch Library 1810 North Cotner Blvd (68505) 402-441-8550	Bennett Martin Public Library 136 South 14th St. (68508) 402-441-8500	

MUSIC & ART

Lincoln Community Foundation Garden Performance Series *FREE

www.lcf.org/about/foundation-garden/summer-performance-series

Family-friendly summer concerts! Every Wednesday from May through August, free performances by local musicians entertain lunch-hour crowds from 12-1pm at 1415 N St., 402-477-8008

Lincoln Municipal Band Summer Pops Concert Series *FREE

www.artsincorporated.org/lmb/schedule.asp

Performances are held Sunday evenings in July & August at 7pm at the John Shildneck Memorial Bandshell in Antelope Park (33rd & A St.). The FREE series features a variety of themes to suit all musical tastes!

Jazz in June *FREE

www.jazzinjune.com

Enjoy the Jazz in June Market, every Tuesday in June, starting at 5pm at 12th & R Streets, and then stroll onto the University of Nebraska–Lincoln campus to listen to great jazz, beginning at 7pm. For the best seating locations on the plaza North of The Lied Center for Performing Art, come early with a blanket or lawn chair for comfort. VIP Reserved seating is also available with artist Meet and Greets through the Lied Center Box Office.

MUSEUMS

Lincoln Children’s Museum

www.lincolnchildrensmuseum.org

Children will create, discover & learn through the power of play! Admission: 0-18 months: FREE, 18 months-15 years: \$10.95, 16 years & up: \$9.95. Prices subject to tax. 1420 P St., 402-477-4000

- **The Have a Heart Family Membership Program** provides income-qualified families an annual membership to the Lincoln Children’s Museum at a significantly reduced cost. To inquire about a Have a Heart membership call 402-477-4000, ext. 118 or send an email to Memberships@LincolnChildrensMuseum.org

University of Nebraska State Museum (Morrill Hall)

www.museum.unl.edu/index.html

So many fun things to see & interact with! Museum Admission: 0-4 years: FREE, 5-18 years: \$4.00, 19 years & up: \$8.00, 65 years & up: \$7.00, Veterans & Active Military: \$7.00. Price includes tax. 645 N 14th St, 402-472-2642

Nebraska History Museum *FREE

www.history.nebraska.gov/museum

Many people & cultures have made Nebraska their home. Come see fascinating artifacts & hear amazing stories from our rich past! 131 Centennial Mall North, 402-471-4754

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum

www.sacmuseum.org

Open 9am-5pm, 7 Days a Week. 0-3 years: FREE, 4-12 years: \$6.00, Adults: \$12.00, Senior Citizens: \$11.00, Active/Retired/Veteran Military: \$11.00 (with military ID). Prices subject to tax. Parking is free. 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003

Sheldon Art Museum *FREE

www.sheldonartgallery.org

Sheldon Museum of Art preserves, presents, & builds its collections, giving special emphasis to American art through cultural & transnational study. 12th & R St., 68588, 402-472-2461

National Museum of Roller Skating *FREE

www.rollerskatingmuseum.com

At the museum, we collect, preserve, & display the history of roller skating. 4730 South St., 68506, 402-483-7551 ext. 16

OUTDOORS & NATURE

Lincoln Children’s Zoo

www.lincolnzoo.org

Children will experience interactive, up-close encounters with all of the zoo’s animals! 0-1 year: FREE, Children & Seniors (2-12 & 62+ years): \$8.95, Adults (13-61 years): \$9.95. Prices may increase this summer because of expanded exhibits. Contact the zoo by phone or visit the website for membership levels & pricing! 1222 South 27th St., 402-475-6741

Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium Outdoor Education Center *FREE

www.outdoornebraska.gov/aksarben

The Center, conveniently located on the banks of the Platte River between the cities of Lincoln & Omaha, boasts the largest exhibit of native aquatic species in Nebraska. The facility offers a unique aquarium & terrarium, an interactive classroom & the World-Herald Auditorium. Additionally, visitors can access the ponds, nature trails & historic fish hatchery at Schramm Park, located directly east of the facility. 21502 W NE Hwy 31 Gretna, NE 68028, 402-234-6855

Pioneer's Park & Nature Center *FREE

www.lincoln.ne.gov/CITY/PARKS/naturecenter/index.htm

Walk the trails through the prairie, meet exhibit animals, listen to the birds in the bird garden, relax on one of the benches, treat yourself to the smells of the herb garden, dig in the natural play area, or learn from the exhibits. Enjoy the picnic areas, ponds, playground, outdoor amphitheater & golf course. Admission is free, however there are suggested donations of \$3/person, \$5/family or \$10/group. 3201 South Coddington

Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari

www.wildlifesafaripark.com

Drive. Hike. Explore. Wildlife Safari Park is a four mile, drive-through North American wildlife adventure. You will feel like you are on an actual safari, coming face-to-face with North American plants & animals such as elk, white-tailed deer, bison & waterfowl! 0-2 years: FREE, 3-11 years: \$5.00, 12-64 years: \$7.00, 65+ years: \$6.00. Military members and their family receive a \$1.00 dollar/admission discount. 16406 N. 292 St. Ashland, NE 68003

Hyde Observatory *FREE

www.hydeobservatory.info

Gaze at the night sky through three powerful telescopes, enjoy two programs about astronomy or space exploration that change monthly, & interact with knowledgeable volunteers. Open to the public on Saturdays, March-August from sundown-11pm. Located on the south side of Holmes Lake in Holmes Park, 3701 S 70th St., 68506, 402-441-7094

Lincoln Parks & Recreation: Play in the Parks! *FREE

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/party/play.htm

2019 activities and programming to be announced!

Nebraska Game & Parks: Family Fishing *FREE

www.outdoornebraska.gov/familyfishing

2019 events to be announced! Look for our colorful fishing trailer where we will have rods & reels to borrow, bait & certified fishing instructors ready to help. No experience necessary. The event is free, however participants age 16 or older need a 2019 fishing permit if they fish at the event.

Fishing is Fun-Special Kids Lincoln Workshop *FREE

www.outdoornebraska.gov/familyfishing

April 27th at Fallbrook YMCE, April 27th and 28th at Scheels-Lincoln, June 4th at a Lincoln location to be announced.

This is a special clinic for special youth and young adults that need a smaller and more hands-on experience at fishing. The Nebraska Walleye Association Kids Fishing Clinics Charity, Inc. puts these clinics on all over the state of Nebraska. This clinic is smaller in size to give special youth and young adults a chance to tryout fishing. No rods or reels are needed. Fishing is Fun! will provide instructional training, fishing gear, bait and assistance with fishing. All that you need are your children and a lawn chair. Brothers and sisters are welcome but please sign them up at the same time. Space is limited, so sign up ASAP! Printable form at www.nebraskawalleye.com. Click on "Fishing is Fun!"

FESTIVALS, FAIRS & OTHER FUN STUFF

Nebraska's County Fair Schedule

www.nebraskafairs.org

Lancaster County Super Fair

www.lancastereventcenter.org/super-fair-home

August 1-10, 2019 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th St & Havelock Ave

2019 Flatland Juggling Festival *FREE

www.underthecouch.com/flatland

Juggling & variety acts. Come & watch, learn, or join in with all the juggling! June 7-9, 2019 at the Abbott Sports Center, 7600 N 70th St, Lincoln, 68517

Recreation Centers

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/parksfacilities/reccenters/index.htm

Recreation centers in Lincoln offer some of the best activities for youth & adults around. With so many things to learn, see & do, it's no wonder Lincoln's recreation centers are FUNDamental to active living & youth development. There are 6 recreation centers, each providing different amenities, programs & classes. To reserve a gym or meeting room, please call the location for available times & more information.

Locations

- Air Park West Recreation Center, 3720 N.W. 46th St., 402-441-7876
- Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St., 402-441-6789
- Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St., 402-441-8480
- Easterday Recreation Center, 6130 Adams St., 402-441-7901
- F St. Community Center, 1225 F St., 402-441-7951
- Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn St., 402-441-7954
 - Dual Language Preschool at Irving Recreation Center offers developmentally-appropriate activities for children that allow them to grow by incorporating new experiences into their daily routine. Our thematic content supports language development in both English & Spanish & allows preschoolers of all language backgrounds to have fun while playing & learning kindergarten readiness skills. To learn more or to schedule a visit, contact the rec center at 402-441-7954.

Nebraska State Capital *FREE

www.capitol.nebraska.gov/index.php/visit

Beautiful mosaic ceilings & floors, paintings & sculptures inside the 400-foot high capitol building are as impressive as its marble, bronze & gold leaf exterior & white tower topped by a bronze statue. Free guided tours are available. 1445 K St, 402-471-0448

Lincoln Farmers Markets

www.food.unl.edu/farmer-market

Some Farmers Market Locations accept SNAP benefits. See website for list of current markets and events!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Utilities

If you receive a shut off notice, call the utility company RIGHT AWAY & make a payment plan to avoid shut off.

Black Hills Energy (gas): 1-800-303-0752

LES (electric): 402-475-4211

Lincoln Water (water): 402-441-7533

DHHS LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program): 402-471-3121

www.dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/fia_energy.aspx

If qualified, the program will help with a onetime payment to the utility company. Apply online or with a paper application. If assistance is needed in applying, the Center for People In Need can help you apply online

Rent & Utility Assistance

Community Action Partnership: 210 O St., 402-471-4515

Assists with crisis needs such as rental deposit & past-due rent or utilities. Call to complete an application over the phone.

Catholic Social Services: 2241 O St., 402-474-1600

Assists with rent & utilities. Applicants must be current on rent (not behind on rent). Go to the office to apply in person.

Salvation Army: 2625 Potter, 402-474-6263

Good Neighbor Center: 2617 Y St., 402-477-4173

St. Vincent De Paul: 402-435-7968

Housing/Shelters

People's City Mission: 402-475-1303

Friendship Home (for women): 402-437-9302

Non-Emergency Housing Assistance

Lincoln Housing Authority: 402-434-5500
Homeless Voucher Program: 402-471-4515, ext. 132
VA Supportive Housing (Veterans): 402-489-3802, ext. 68504
People's City Mission: 402-475-1303
St. Margaret of Cortona: 402-474-1600
Mercy Neighborhood Network: 402-477-3512
Neighbor Works Lincoln: 402-477-7406

Food

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

www.dhhs.ne.gov

The federal SNAP helps low-income people buy food. Households that meet the program guidelines for income & resources receive SNAP benefits for free. Application assistance available at the Center for People in Need. 402-323-3900

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/dental/wic.htm

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program serving pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum women, infants & children up to age 5. Contact the Health Department to complete an application. 3140 N St., 402-441-6200

Summer Food Service Program

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/pde/food.htm

For children ages 2-18 years. Parents are encouraged to call the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to find the closest available site to their home. Locations vary. No meals are served to adults. Meals must be eaten on site & are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Sites & times will be announced at the end of May. 402-441-8045

Pantry & Meal Sites

Search food distribution locations & schedules at www.lincolnfoodbank.org/get-food/food-finder/

Call ahead to confirm the day & times of distribution to verify what you should bring along!

FoodNet Sites: 402-416-6197

- Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St.
- Lincoln Christian Fellowship, 4111 NW. 44th St.
- Havelock United Methodist, 4140 N. 60th St.
- Church of Christ, 3110 N. 1st St.
- Christo Rey Catholic Church, 4221 J St.
- Allon Chapel, 26th & Y St.
- Barnabas Community Center, 931 Saunders
- New Hope United Methodist Church, 27th & R St.
- First St. Bible Church, 100 W. F St.
- Neighborhood Church, 1302 F St.
- Grace Presbyterian Chapel, 40th & Sheridan
- St Mary's Catholic Church, 14th & K St.
- Capital View Seventh Day Adventist Church, 17th & A St.

Neighborhood Food Program Sites: 402-476-4357

- Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis St.
- Malone Community Center, 2032 U St. (476-4357)
- Oak Lake Church, 3300 N. 1st St., enter through west door
- F Street Center, 1225 F St.
- Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St.

Other Sites

- **Jacob's Well at First Presbyterian:** 840 S. 17th St., 402-730-6339
- **Catholic Social Services:** 2241 O St., 402-474-1600
Order for next day pickup.
- **Indian Center:** 1100 Military Rd, 402-438-5231
Mostly perishable foods (fruits, vegetables, dairy products, bread, etc.) provided to all needy families.
- **Northeast Family Center at Havelock United Methodist Church:** 4140 N 60th St., 402-471-3700

Perishables & non-perishables.

- **People's City Mission: Homeless Prevention/Distribution Center:** 2615 O St., 402-475-6888
Food boxes are available until they run out. Clients are allowed once per day, twice per week. For employed & student distribution, must provide check stub or class schedule. Employed clients & college students, please provide pay stub or class schedule.
- **Good Neighbor Community Center:** 2617 Y St., 402-477-4173
Perishable food distributed until they run out. No appointment needed to come in for perishables but they do ask for GNCC client cards. An emergency food box is available once every 30 days by calling the office at 9am to set up appointment for the following business day.
- **Salvation Army:** 2625 Potter St., 402-474- 6263
Food pantry. Documentation required, call for more information.
- **Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center:** 4621 NW 48th St, 402-434-2621
Serves NW Lincoln Neighborhoods: Arnold Heights, Olympic Heights, Oak Hills Green, Prairie Heights, Cardinal Heights, Ashley Heights, & Rural Northwest Lincoln.

Meals Served

- **People's City Mission:** 110 Q St., 402-475-1303
Three free meals daily. Call for times.
- **Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach:** 2121 N 27th St., 402-477-4116
Meals times served daily. No ID required. Call for times.
- **The Gathering Place:** 1448 E St., 402-476-7398
Free meal, bread, coffee, etc. Call for days and times.
- **Lincoln Indian Center:** 1100 Military Rd., 402-438-5231
Call for days and times.

Other Community Resources

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

Gas Vouchers are available on the first business day of the month. Must have: proof of insurance, a valid driver's license, & current automobile registration. May receive one every 6 months. 2121 N 27th St., 402-477-4116

Clinic with a Heart

School Physicals & Immunizations offered on Saturday, August 3 & 24, 2019 from 8:30-11am in the Sowers Building at 1701 S. 17th St., Suite 4G, 402-421-2924

Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660

24 hour parenting resource & crisis line.

CenterPointe Crisis Response: 402-475-6694

24/7 mental Health, suicide, substance use helpline for youth, adults & families. During business hours, walk-in support is available at 1000 S 13th St.

Nebraska DHHS Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 1-800-652-1999

Report suspected child abuse/neglect.

United Way 211 Call Center: 211 or 402-444-6666

One stop phone call to find resources and services.

Voices of Hope Hotline: 402-475-7273

Relationship violence helpline.