



## **What is Platte River Safari?**

**Platte River Safari** is a nature day camp that gets children out on the land -- and in the water -- to discover the great diversity of life that exists beyond their own backyards. Using some of our best local naturalists and educators, **Platte River Safari** explores birds, mammals, fish, insects, reptiles, stream-life, prairies, wetlands, natural history, art, music, and much more. And, best of all it's fun!

## **When & Where is Platte River Safari?**

We offer two **Platte River Safari** camps that run Monday through Thursday. Both are held at the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary with different bussing options to help get your child to camp.

**\*June 15-18, 2020**

**\*June 22-25, 2020**

**\*\*\*Free bussing from Minden, Kearney and Gibbon both weeks\*\*\***

## **Who Can Come to Platte River Safari?**

**Platte River Safari** is for students currently in 2nd-5th grade. Students will be grouped by age into peer groups (about 5 students). Registration is limited to 60 students each week.

"Flying Higher" for students in 6th-8th grade will be offered July 14-15 at Rowe Sanctuary. Contact Beka Yates at [beka.yates@audubon.org](mailto:beka.yates@audubon.org) or 308-468-5282.

## **Why Come to Platte River Safari?**

Because it's a blast!!! We do fun hands-on activities like seining and dip netting in the river, aerial netting for insects, hiking, bird-watching, playing games — all to help us explore nature and learn more about where we live. We get wet, sandy, and even muddy! **Platte River Safari** is also a great place to make new friends. Our sites and schedule change every year so campers always look forward to something new.

## **How Much Does it Cost?**

Registration is \$130 and includes a t-shirt. Discounts are given for additional siblings or financial need (see registration form). Campers need to bring a sack lunch and drink on Monday and Tuesday. Snacks are provided each day.

Refunds are as follows: \$80 at 3 weeks or more before camp, \$50 at 1-3 weeks before camp, and \$0 at 1 week before camp.

## **After you Register...**

You will receive an email postcard confirming your registration. Later, you will receive a packet containing:

- \*list of what to bring to camp
- \*camp & bus schedule
- \*map
- \*emergency contact information
- \*health & wellness form
- \*medical, liability, & image-use form

## Weekly Field Trip Schedule and Sites

Campers meet at the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary and then spend their morning sessions exploring nature at different sites along the Platte River. Afternoon sessions are held back at the center. Sessions consist of 3 or 4 rotations; several of these include guest presenters who are experts in various disciplines, e.g. birds, fish, amphibians, bugs, plants, water, art, living history, storytelling, etc. **On Wednesday evening, campers present a program for their families. After the program, campers have night sessions and “camp in” at the center.**

Monday: 8:30am to 3:30pm  
\*am field sessions  
\*pm lab sessions at Rowe

Tuesday: 8:30am to 3:30pm  
\*am field sessions  
\*pm lab sessions at Rowe

**Wednesday: 7:00pm...**  
**Iain Nicolson Audubon Center**  
\*Family Night Program  
\*Night Sessions  
\*Camp-In at Center

Thursday: ...11:30 am  
Platte River at Rowe  
\*River Fun Day



## Bus schedule

We offer several options to help get your camper to Rowe.

June 15-18 & June 22-25

\*We will run buses both weeks:  
From Minden to Rowe and back  
From Kearney to Rowe and back  
From Gibbon to Rowe and back

\*\*Bus times and pick-up sites will be included in the May information packet.

\*\*If you are coming from a different community, please let us know if you would be interested in carpooling with others from your area.

## The Staff

Beka Yates, Education Manager,  
Rowe Sanctuary

Tess Bruner, Teacher, Shelton  
Jenny Hultquist, Nature Enthusiast,  
Heartwell

Robin Hollinger, Teacher, Minden  
Heidi LaClair, NE Master Naturalist  
Naomi Hastings, Teacher, Kearney

In addition to the Platte River Safari staff, several adult supervisors and peer leaders (high school and college students) assist each week. Visiting specialists in various disciplines add their expertise on some of the days.

## Questions?

Contact:

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## PARENTS — PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE

<b>Platte River Safari 2020 REGISTRATION</b>	<i>Questions? Call Beka at 308-468-5282</i>	<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b> (choose #1 or #2)
<p> <b>Camper Name:</b> _____                     </p> <p style="text-align: right;">Check <b>current '18-'19</b> grade:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th                     </p> <p> <b>At t-shirt is included.</b> </p> <p> <b>Mark shirt size</b>    <b>Youth:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (10-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Large (14-16)                                                       <b>Adult:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL                     </p> <p> <b>Additional siblings attending camp (living at same address):</b> </p> <p> <b>Camper Name:</b> _____                     </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th                     </p> <p> <b>Mark shirt size</b>    <b>Youth:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (10-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Large (14-16)                                                       <b>Adult:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL                     </p> <p> <b>Camper Name:</b> _____                     </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th                     </p> <p> <b>Mark shirt size</b>    <b>Youth:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (10-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Large (14-16)                                                       <b>Adult:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL                     </p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female                             </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female                             </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female                             </div> </div>	<p><b>#1. No Financial Need:</b></p> <p>* \$130/camper                      \$ _____</p> <p>* \$105/additional sibling       \$ _____</p> <p>* \$105/additional sibling       \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>       \$ _____</p> <p><b>#2. Financial Need:</b></p> <p><i>(must include proof with registration: school letter stating acceptance into free/reduced lunch program, copy of current Kids Connection/NE Medicaid card, or verification of foster care)</i></p> <p>* \$80/camper                        \$ _____</p> <p>* \$80/additional sibling         \$ _____</p> <p>* \$80/additional sibling         \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Ask Beka at 308-468-5282 how to get a promo code for scholarship online registration fee</p>
<b>Platte River Safari Dates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> June 15-18 <input type="checkbox"/> June 22-25	<b><u>CAMP FILLS FAST!</u></b> <b><u>SEND FORM ASAP!</u></b>	Write checks payable to <b>Rowe Sanctuary</b>

<b>Parent or Guardian:</b> _____	
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Town:</b> _____
<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip:</b> _____
<b>Home Phone:</b> _____	<b>E-Mail:</b> _____
<b>Cell Phone:</b> _____	
<b>I would like my camper to be in the same group as:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please check this box if you can help furnish snacks. Thank you! We'll contact you when camp gets closer.</b> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I am interested in carpooling to and from Rowe and would like to know of others attending from my community.</b> </div>

**Registration can also be completed online at [rowe.audubon.org/summer-camps](http://rowe.audubon.org/summer-camps)**

**Send form to:**  
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 44450 Elm Island Road  
 Gibbon, NE 68840