

## 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 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 Cen-

ter \*Family Night Program

\*Night Sessions \*Camp-In at Center

Thursday: ...11:30 am

Platte River at Rowe \*River Fun Day



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

June 15-18 & June 22-25

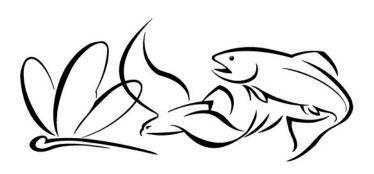
\*We will run buses both weeks: From Minden to Rowe and back From Kearney to Rowe and back From Gibbon to Rowe and back

\*\*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

Platte River Safari 2020	REGISTRATION	TION Questions; Call Beka at 308-468-5282		<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b> (choose #1 or #2) #1. No Financial Need:
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Camper Name: $\Box$ 2nd $\Box$ 3rd $\Box$ 4th $\Box$ 5th		□male	* \$130/camper	
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Platte River Safari Dates		AMP FILLS FAST!		
June 15-18 June 22-25 SEND FORM ASAP!		IND FORM ASAP!	Wr	rite checks payable to <b>Rowe Sanctuary</b>
Parent or Guardian:  Address:  Town:				
Home Phone: Cell Phone:				
I would like my camper to be in the same group as:			Pl	lease check this box if you can help rnish snacks. Thank you! We'll contact

Registration can also be completed online at rowe.audubon.org/summer-camps

# Send form to:

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