



## 2025 Into the Wild Outdoor Adventure

Thank you for choosing Pottawattamie Conservation for your child's WILD summer adventure! This document contains important information to help ensure a positive experience for you and your child. Please read it carefully and share the information with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Environmental Education department at [environmentaleducation@pottcounty-ia.gov](mailto:environmentaleducation@pottcounty-ia.gov) or call 712-242-1189.

**Schedule: Please note that locations and activities are subject to change due to water level in the river.**

- **Tuesday, June 24th, 8am to 1pm at Arrowhead Park, 29357 310th Street, Neola, IA:** Participants are to be dropped off and picked up at Breezy Lodge (see map below). You do not need a park permit and may bypass the pay station in the park. On this day, participants will learn canoeing and kayaking skills along with water safety.
- **Wednesday, June 25th, 8am at Eddington Memorial Park, Highway 83, Avoca, IA:** Participants and their overnight gear are to be dropped off at 8am at the shelter in the park.
- **Thursday, June 26th, 11am at Botna Bend Park, 42926 Mahogany Road, Hancock, IA:** After their big overnight adventure, participants are to be picked up at Olsen Lodge at 11am (see map below). Park permits are not required, and you may bypass the pay station at the park entrance.

**Inclement Weather:** If light rain is in the forecast, we will hold this program as planned. If, however, heavy rain or severe weather is forecasted, staff will alert you via text and email by 6:30am (unless you request a phone call) the day of the program regarding the plan. During the overnight portion of this program, we will be camping near Olsen Lodge, the tornado shelter for Botna Bend Park. Pottawattamie Conservation staff will remain vigilant of the weather and river conditions throughout the week.

### **Basic conduct expectations for participants:**

- Follow staff directions.
- Be respectful of themselves, their leaders, their fellow campers, and nature.
- Stay with their group at all times.
- Leave all electronics, including cell phones, at home.
- Try new things, and give every activity their best effort.
- Have Fun!

**Safety:** We want camp to be a physically and emotionally safe place for all campers. Bullying, verbal abuse, and physical abuse from any camper, parent, or staff will not be tolerated. If your child has behavioral or emotional challenges, please reach out to us ahead of time so we can prepare to make the camp experience the best it can be for everyone.

**Food & Water:** All participants need to bring a water bottle. A mid-morning snack will be provided on the first day. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch that does not require refrigeration. On the second day, snacks and the evening meal will be provided; participants will need to bring a sack lunch that does not require refrigeration. Breakfast will be provided on the third day. If your child has a special food allergy or dietary need that was not noted at the time of registration, please contact us the week before camp.

### **Clothing/Equipment**

#### **• Day 1**

Sack lunch

Water shoes/old pair of tennis shoes

Wear clothes that can get wet

Sunscreen (reef safe)

Bug spray

#### **• Days 2/3**

Sack lunch for day 2 only

Water shoes/old pair of tennis shoes

Wear clothes that can get wet

Extra pair of shoes/socks

1-2 extra sets of clothes

Towel

Sleeping clothes

Sweatshirt/jacket for evening

Sleeping bag or blanket

Pillow

Toiletries

Medication (if applicable)

Flashlight

Sunscreen (reef safe)

Bug spray

**• Optional**

Snacks (small amount: chips, candy, etc.)

Sunglasses on a cord





**Botna Bend Park**  
 42926 Mahogany Road  
 Hancock, IA 51536  
 (712) 741-5465  
[www.pottcoconservation.com](http://www.pottcoconservation.com)



- Archery Range
- Bird Viewing Blind
- Boat Ramp
- Cabin / Nature Playscape
- Craft Shelter
- Dump Station
- Firewood/Recycling Station
- Hay Shed
- Hydrant
- Kiosk
- Olsen Lodge
- Office / Rubber Duck Outfitters
- Outhouse
- Playground / Swings / Basketball / Volleyball
- Registration Kiosk
- Restroom
- RV Site
- Shelter
- Shop
- Tent Site
- Tower

