

**By Jan Schultz**

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SCORE camps will be here in just over five weeks.

SCORE stands for Science Camps Offer Rewarding Experiences, and are offered every other year in and around Imperial.

This year, the camp will be spread out over the week of June 10-14.

Camp Director Marla Smith of Imperial said registration is now open for all grade levels, which include 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 (age as of 2012-13 school year).

Cost for all campers is \$100, and forms are available at the school, local businesses or by contacting Smith at [mrsmith@chase3000.com](mailto:mrsmith@chase3000.com)

Smith noted there are a few scholarships available from individual donors. Students may apply for a scholarship by writing a short paragraph titled, "Why I want to go to SCORE camp."

Parents or guardians need to sign the application along with their child and return to Kim Spady at CCS. Requests can also be made to Smith by mail, Box 876, Imperial, NE 69033.

Final registration, which includes pick-up of all camp materials, is set for Monday, June 3, at Chase County Schools.

Anyone wishing to volunteer during the camp can contact Chelsea Zuege, volunteer chairman, or visit with her at final registration June 3. She can be contacted at [chzuege@esu15.org](mailto:chzuege@esu15.org)

Those wishing to help with snacks or meals for guests can contact Charlesa Kline at [kline@chase3000.com](mailto:kline@chase3000.com)

Here is an overview of each camp by grade level.

## **Grade level schedule**

**Grades 1-2: June 10, 11, 12,  
8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

### **Monday, June 10**

Students will rotate to seven different stations presented by staff from the Strategic Air and Space Museum from Ashland. Ken Schroeder, Deputy Director, is coordinating the activities. Sessions include: Planetarium show, the giant Earth Balloon, multi-axis machine, robotics, the

Giant (37') Space Shuttle Slide, Astronaut training 101 and rocketry.

Everyone is invited to the Open House from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 10. Experience some of the activities the camp participants are engaged in, observe the liftoff of an unmanned hot air balloon into near space and monitor its voyage via a large screen computer screen.

Just added to the Monday night open house are "Laser Shows" presented by Jack Dunn, UNL Planetarium Director from Lincoln.

**Tuesday, June 11**

Camp takes place at Champion Lake. Sessions include:

Clouds/Ken Schroeder, Omaha

Investigating Soil & Sand Art/Heather Francis, Imperial

Groundwater Give and Take/Nate Jenkins, URNRD, Imperial

Hug a Tree/Rachel Allison, District Forester North Platte

Rocks & Metamorphic Pancakes/Charlie Colton, Imperial

"Ribbit"/Khoreen Vetter, Omaha

Time to Spill the Beans/Matt Vlasin, Imperial

Tracks, Furs, Skulls, and Scat/Mark Brogie, Creighton

**Wednesday, June 12**

Camp takes place at Champion Lake. Sessions include:

Animal Show/Riverside Zoo, Scottsbluff

Kayaking with Kayakjak/Marty Hughes, Benkelman

Erupting Volcanoes/Ken Schroeder, Omaha

Looney Lizards/Khoreen Vetter, Omaha

Fossil Dig/Dr. Robert Diffendal, Lincoln

Bugs, Beetles, and other Insects/TJ Walker, NE Game & Parks, North Platte

Fishing Instruction and Catch a Fish/Tom Elder and Isaac Walton Team, Imperial

**Grades 3-4: June 12, 13, 14,**

**8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 12**

Students will rotate to seven different stations presented by staff from the Strategic Air and Space Museum from Ashland. Ken Schroeder, Deputy Director, is coordinating the activities. Sessions include: Planetarium show, the giant Earth Balloon, multi-axis machine, robotics, the Giant (37') Space Shuttle Slide, & Astronaut training 101.

"Lasermania" will be presented by Jack Dunn of UNL Planetarium

**Thursday, June 13 At Champion Lake, 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

Animal Show/Riverside Zoo, Scottsbluff  
Kayaking with Kayakjak/Marty Hughes, Benkelman  
Clouds/Ken Schroeder, Omaha  
H.O.O.T./HAWKQUEST, Parker, CO (in the Champion Community Center)  
Fossil Dig/Dr. Robert Diffendal, Lincoln  
Fishing Instruction and Catch a Fish/Tom Elder and Isaac Walton Team, Imperial

**Friday, June 14 At Champion Lake**

Erupting Volcanoes/Ken Schroeder, Omaha  
Fantastic River Run/Scott Snell, UBNRD, York (in the Champion Community Center)  
Groundwater Give and Take/Nate Jenkins, URNRD, Imperial  
Tree Bark Casting/Rachel Allison, District Forester North Platte  
Make Your Own Compass & Treasure Hunt/Nate Vitosh, Imperial  
It's Time to Spill the Beans/Ellen Brogie, Creighton  
Tracks, Furs, Skulls, and Scat/Mark Brogie, Creighton  
Kayaking with Kayakjak/Marty Hughes, Benkelman

**Grades 5-6: June 11, 12, 13**

**8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 11**

Students will rotate to seven different stations presented by staff from the Strategic Air and Space Museum from Ashland, NE. Ken Schroeder, Deputy Director, is coordinating the activities. Sessions include: Planetarium show, the giant Earth Balloon, multi-axis machine, robotics, the Giant (37') Space Shuttle Slide, & Astronaut training 101.

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**Wednesday, June 12**

The 5-6 grades students will be divided into two groups. Each group will travel to Swinging Bridge Ranch west of Champion for a day's activities and spend one day north of Imperial at Open Country Adventures.

Camp Highlights at Swinging Bridge—Archery with Dennis Dahlkoetter & Mitch Hoskovec, Low Ropes Course/Team Challenges with Jill Bauerle, Edible & Non-edible Plants with Randy & Jeremy Vlasin, Geo-caching with Mike Simonson (SASM), River Exploration with Sara Cooper (UNL Biological Station Students/Staff) and Herpetology (Nebraska Reptiles/Amphibians) with Dr. Dennis Ferraro (UNL).

Camp Highlights at Open Country Adventures—Prairie Bird Habitat / Ecology with Jeff Pribbeno, Game Birds with Mark Brogie, "Ready, Aim, Fire" with David Hogsett & Chris Tomky.

Noon Program—Hunting Dog Demonstration by Kyle Waggoner and Fly Tying & Fly Fishing with Kyle Waggoner and Darrol Eichner Team, NG&P.

