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## (Neb.) - 6th-8th grade students invited to ACE

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Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts are encouraging all interested students to sign up now for the third annual Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE). ACE is for middle school students who have completed sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the 2011-2012 school year and are interested in having fun and learning about Nebraska's Natural Resources. ACE is hosted at the State 4-H Youth Camp near Halsey, June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> and is organized by Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD).

The four-day adventure camp focuses on water resources, soils, forestry, range, grasslands and wildlife, while educating campers through hands-on activities about the importance of protecting our natural resources. During ACE, campers have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and dig into nature and form a new understanding of the environment through interactive participation.

In addition, campers have the chance to experience nature through other activities such as tubing, archery, zip line, water rockets, the water slide and other adventures. Campers also will learn about possible careers in the area of natural resources from the professionals who work in those fields every day. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn about natural resources through hands-on activities with many experts who are excited about natural resources.

Fees and registration are \$185.00 per camper, but many NRDs offer a scholarship for the four day camp. The Upper Niobrara White NRD will reimburse half the registration cost for campers from Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan or Sioux Counties after the event. Space is limited and the **registration deadline is May 25, 2012**.

ACE is sponsored by Nebraska NRDs, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Olsen Agricultural Laboratory, Hooker County Turner Youth Initiative, the Nebraska Environmental Trust and Nebraska Academy of Science, Inc. Nebraska NRDs and the NARD partnered with several organizations to help make the camp a success, including the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska State 4-H Camp, and Nebraska Pheasants Forever.

To find out more information about ACE or to get a copy of a registration, contact your local NRD, UNWNRD at 308.432.6190 or <a href="https://www.unwnrd.org">www.unwnrd.org</a> , visit <a href="https://www.nrdnet.org">www.unwnrd.org</a> , visit <a href="https://www.nrdnet.org">www.unwnrd.org</a> , visit <a href="https://www.nrdnet.org">www.nrdnet.org</a> or find ACE on facebook.
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