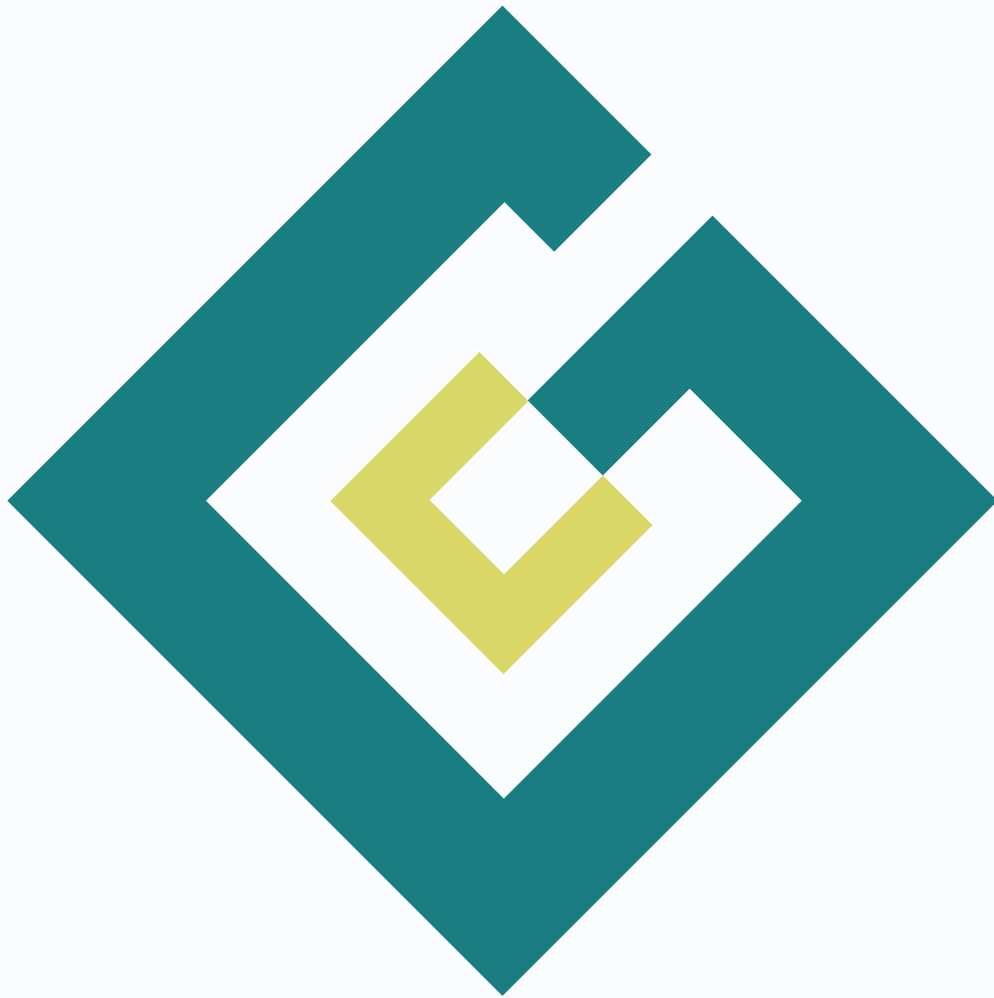




Afterschool Statewide Conference
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for detailed instructions.

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A Welcome Message

Welcome to GetConnected 2022, Nebraska's statewide school-age afterschool conference. GetConnected is designed to support you – the front-line staff, site coordinators, directors, community partners, and advocates powering high quality afterschool and summer programs that meet critical needs of children, families and communities all across our state. This is your opportunity to learn, connect, recharge and importantly, have fun with your peers.

With the start of the 2022-23 afterschool year well underway, we are all looking toward a brighter future, especially for the children and youth in our programs. Afterschool programs must be a part of our statewide recovery efforts and YOU are the professionals that make afterschool work in communities across Nebraska. So GetConnected is focused in on you. Throughout the conference you will have opportunities to build connections, network and learn about programs and practices that can help you enhance afterschool programs across the state. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Jeff Cole
Beyond School Bells

Dr. Saundra Frerichs
Nebraska Extension
University of Nebraska

Jan Handa
21st CCLC
Nebraska Department of Education

Instructions about dietary restrictions

Individuals whose registration included a request for a special meal due to a dietary restriction have a small table tent in their nametag holder. Please show this to your lunch server. No accommodations can be made if you did not pre-order a special meal. Questions, contact the registration desk.

COVID-19 protocols

Face masks and hand sanitizer are available at the registration desk, compliments of the Nebraska Healthy Schools Program.



About the Nebraska Afterschool Conference

The conference organizers have collaborated to convene a statewide conference for Nebraska since May, 2005 when the first Hours of Opportunity Conference was held at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center. As the field of afterschool and summer enrichment has grown over the years, so has the scope and reach of the conference. Thanks to the efforts of the following partners the conference is now held annually alternating between Omaha and Kearney, and a hybrid option has been added:



Beyond School Bells builds partnerships that lead to policies and actions at both the state and local levels resulting in more high quality, locally sustainable afterschool and summer programs for more Nebraska youth.



The 21st CCLC is a competitive grant program to support the establishment of community learning centers offering expanded learning opportunities afterschool and in the summer. The overarching goals are: 1) improving overall student academic success, 2) increasing positive behavior and social interactions, and 3) increasing active and meaningful family and community engagement.



The Nebraska Department of Education is a constitutional agency whose mission is to lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.



Click2SciencePD.org builds the confidence and competence of afterschool professionals in providing excellent STEM programs that support youth development and learning every day. We believe well facilitated STEM activities encourage youth to be curious, ask questions and develop skills for success now and in their future.



Nebraska Extension works across our whole state to provide expertise and support for youth, families, farms and ranches, communities, and businesses. Programs include Ag research and training, child and youth development, community vitality, nutrition, disaster recovery and more. Extension helps Nebraskans enhance their lives through research-based education.

Opening Session Keynote



Getting Real & Rowdy with Rabble Mill



During our opening plenary, Andrew Norman & Mike Smith will give us a behind the scenes look at how the team at Rabble Mill uses Afterschool and Summer programming to get urban and rural youth across Nebraska excited and passionate about learning new things. As the co-founders of Rabble Mill, Mike and Andrew will share how they connect with youth through music, content creation and skateboarding and how they took a leap and rolled all of these strands together in their first full blown summer camp experience at Halsey and how they envision helping more youth find their passions via their newest effort, Lincoln's Bay High.



Andrew and Mike both grew up in Imperial, Neb., becoming friends in high school 22 years ago over a shared love of alternative culture — punk rock, skateboarding, etc. This contributed to making them misfits among the cowboys across the Platte Valley region. They went their separate ways for college: Andrew became a journalist, copywriter and marketing consultant; Mike became a youth/social worker, professional speaker and brand ambassador. In 2010, they each founded a separate nonprofit headquartered in Lincoln: Hear Nebraska; and The Bay. They ran these nonprofits for seven years, before once again joining forces to found and lead Rabble Mill which aims to provide high quality learning experiences to this generation's misfits.

Conference Themes

- Emotional Health and Wellness
- Entrepreneurship
- Environment Education
- Equity and Inclusion
- Innovative Programming


Conference Schedule

- 7:45** Registration Opens
- 7:45** Breakfast and visit Walk & Talk displays
- 8:30** Opening Session & Keynote
- 10:00** Networking & Visit Walk & Talk displays
- 10:35** Workshop Sessions I
- 11:25** Networking & Visit Walk & Talk displays
- 12:00** Lunch and Featured Speakers
- 1:30** Workshop Sessions II
- 2:30** Workshop Sessions III
- 3:20** Networking and Board Games
- 3:50** Ice Cream Sundaes and Prizes

Sessions: At-a-Glance

Sessions I

10:35 AM

	Session Title	Organization	Type	Room
	Robotics Basics with a Few Fun Challenges	Nebraska Extension	Live	Loper North
	Let's Do Math Together	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation	Live	Loper South
	Connecting the Dots and Expanding Your Reach with Community Asset Mapping	National Center for Families Learning	Hybrid	Room A
	A Community School Approach	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation & The Nebraska Department of Education	Hybrid	Room B
	Hands-on and Engaging Content from Beyond School Bells	Beyond School Bells	Hybrid	Room C
	Tasty Tales	Kearney Community Learning Centers	Live	Room E
	Get Your Kids Outside	Nebraska Forest Service	Hybrid	Room F

Sessions: At-a-Glance





Sessions II

1:30 PM

	Session Title	Organization	Type	Room
	Skateboarding and Beatmaking Club!	Rabble Mill	Live	Loper North
	Harvest of the Month: A Culinary Experience	Nebraska Department of Education & Nebraska Extension	Live	Loper South
	Unlocking the Potential of Afterschool	Crete Public Schools	Hybrid	Room A
	Future Kids - How We Use Sports	Future Kids	Hybrid	Room B
	Engagement & Innovation with Youth Entrepreneurship	VentureLab	Hybrid	Room C
	Self Paced Learning in 4-H Afterschool	Nebraska Extension	Hybrid	Room D
	Walk 2 Unlock Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education	Hybrid	Room E
	Beginning a Board Game Club	Nebraska Department of Education	Live	Room F

Sessions III

2:30 PM

	Session Title	Organization	Type	Room
	NASA STEM Activities and Resources	Walthill Public Schools	Live	Loper North
	Engaging Students through Insects	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Hybrid	Room A
	What's All This About Mindfulness?	Wisdom House Collaborative	Hybrid	Room B
	Planning Creative and Engaging Events & Activities	Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands	Hybrid	Room C
	College-Powered Afterschool Service-Learning	University of Nebraska-Lincoln Honors Program	Hybrid	Room D
	Learn, Grow, Eat, and Go	Nebraska Extension	Hybrid	Room E
	Gratitude & Attitude	Collective for Youth	Hybrid	Room F

Workshop Descriptions





Session I

10:35 AM

Robotics Basics with a Few Fun Challenges (Loper North)

This session will teach staff the basic scratch-based programming and will include a few hands-on robotics challenges. It will give participants the skills to feel comfortable teaching this programming within schools or afterschool and provide an overview of what that program could look like. Participants will gain skills in basic scratch base programming, a simple sensor, and gain lessons on how to implement robotics into their afterschool or school enrichment programs.

**Melissa Mracek, Nathan Rice & Mike Eskelson
Nebraska Extension**

Connecting the Dots and Expanding Your Reach with Community Asset Mapping (Room A)

Participants will learn about asset mapping and the toolkit utilized by the Nebraska Statewide Family Engagement Center. The presentation will include hands-on activities where participants can generate their own plans with guidance from the National Center for Families Learning staff. There will be a giveaway!

**Hannah Van Horn , Leesa Kraeger & Monica Huber
National Center for Families Learning**

A Community School Approach: How communities and schools can partner to ensure every child has what they need to be successful (Room B)

In this session, participants will gain a better understanding of the role that community partners play in success for youth, and how to best create meaningful community/school/family partnerships based on lessons learned from the Full-Service Community Schools Pilot.

**Joe DiCostanzo & Mariella Resendiz Alvarado
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation &
The Nebraska Department of Education**

Hands-on and Engaging Content from Beyond School Bells (Room C)

Please join Beyond School Bells' Content Team of Sandy Day, Lauren Mott, Alison O'Toole, and Dakota Staggs as they provide an overview of out of school content that is fun, engaging and hands-on for Nebraska youth. You will hear about updates to the Mizzen by Mott collection, Nebraska statewide content, as well as new content from BSB's own Team. Lauren will highlight free STEM curricula. Alison will showcase youth videography clubs being offered through a partnership between Beyond School Bells and The Bay/Rabble Mill. Dakota will share the new E-CAP - Environmental-Conservation Action Plan - which incorporates diverse environmental programming including clubs, citizen science projects, outdoor education activities, and gardening.

**Sandra Day, Lauren Mott, Alison O'Toole &
Dakota Staggs
Beyond School Bells**



Session I

10:35 AM

Let's Do Math Together: Time to dust of your copies of Family Math, Family Science, and Family Engineering Books (Loper South)

Come and participate in FAMILY MATH so you will be able to host your own local event. What is Family Math? It's parents and children doing and learning math together with activities and games. It's using beans, buttons, and pennies to solve math problems. It's organizing information in new ways. It's estimating and developing number sense. It's working and talking with others. It's finding out that calculators can free our minds for solving harder problems. It's exploring shapes and geometry. It's finding that MATH is a TREASURE we all can share!

Deb Romanek

Nebraska Children & Families Foundation



Tasty Tales (Room E)

Learn 3 easy recipes to combine with books. Participants will be provided with handouts with the recipes and popular books to pair them with. Each recipe will detail what book to use. Other book suggestions will be provided that can work well with the recipes. They are popular books that can be found in school or local libraries. Copies of the books will be on site for participants to view. We will be making one of the recipes provided. No flame, stove, or oven are necessary. These are recipes that can easily be done with few tools. Cost effective activities to do with students. I will also demonstrate how to create a simple recipe book with kids.

Tamma Zulkoski

Kearney Community Learning Centers



Get Your Kids Outside With Projects Learning Tree & WET (Room F)

Looking to advance your afterschool program and engage your students and staff in award-winning environmental education? Learn about Project Learning Tree and Project WET programs and all of the resources they provide, as well as how you can become an active part of the Nebraska network of program partners. Provide your staff high quality professional learning with standards-based curriculum they can use in your programs right away, while also being connected to a statewide community of like-minded individuals.

Jack Hilgert

Nebraska Forest Service



Session II

1:30 PM

Skateboarding and Beatmaking Club! (Loper North)

Come learn how we do our innovative, award winning after school programming so you can do it in your community too!


Mike Smith & Katie B Temple
Rabble Mill

Harvest of the Month: A Culinary Experience with Local Foods (Loper South)

Join us for an interactive culinary experience that will prepare you to implement a Chef's Table event within your afterschool program. Together, we'll explore what makes for an engaging, educational taste-testing experience using local foods and grow your understanding of farm to school and seasonality in Nebraska. You'll participate in a Nebraska Harvest of the Month taste test and walk through the corresponding educational activities. Reflect on your experiences with the taste test event, and then walk through best practices for planning your own Chef's Table. Participants will receive resources, including the Nebraska Harvest of the Month Toolkit, and learn how to engage community and school partners that can support this program.

Sarah Smith, Kayla Hinrichs & Jordan Luxa
Nebraska Department of Education & Nebraska Extension

Unlocking the Potential of Afterschool (Room A)

 Discover how Cardinal Community Learning Centers (CCLC), the K-12 afterschool program for Crete Public Schools, excels in engaging students, staff, and the community through a back-to-basics approach. Mr. Joel Bramhall, Director of CCLC, will discuss the following: student motivation, staff development, community networks, building a brand, communicating with stakeholders, quantitative and qualitative measures, mechanisms for support and accountability, and nurturing the talents of students and staff.

Joel Bramhall
Crete Public School

Future Kids - How We Use Sports to Instill Positive Values in Children! (Room B)

Learn how the largest after school soccer provider in the state teaches positive values to kids through a sports program that is full of fun, healthy activity, and learning!


Graeme Eaglesham, Peter Arch,
Erica Nadeau & Darren Callaghan
Future Kids

Engagement & Innovation with Youth Entrepreneurship (Room C)

Youth Entrepreneurship is an engaging way to recruit and retain youth, provide critical workforce skills, and engage your community of families and partners. Join Scott Mann, the Director of Education at VentureLab to learn more! Entrepreneurship is more than starting a business, it's a way of thinking and doing that brings learning to life for all students, especially girls. Entrepreneurial mindsets and skills allow youth to grow into passionate innovators and courageous change-makers of their communities. Starting young and providing consistent quality learning experiences, youth will learn to identify authentic opportunities, create innovative solutions, take calculated risks, redefine failure as a learning opportunity. We need the adults in their life equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to help make this happen!

Scott Mann
Venture Lab

Self Paced Learning in 4-H Afterschool (Room D)

 Gain insight on how self-paced learning experiences can be utilized as a delivery strategy to support growth in youth. Participants will learn how 'Discover Sewing' has fostered opportunities for youth to explore their spark through hands-on learning over an extended period of time.

Lori Hamling & Ann Dobesh
Nebraska Extension

Session II

1:30 PM



Walk 2 Unlock Nebraska (Room E)

Creativity is a necessity when working in the afterschool setting and Walk 2 Unlock Nebraska allows CLC sites the opportunity to engage youth to learn about agriculture, historical, and science-based content along one of four Nebraska trails that will be built over a two-year project period. Walk 2 Unlock supports the whole child, working to provide activities to support body and mind. The program features an interactive map of Nebraska that allows users to track their locally achieved physical activity miles to make progress on virtual trails across the state. As students travel across the virtual trails, they will encounter checkpoints to learn more about the state through STEAM lessons appropriate for grades K-8th including virtual field trips.

Jessie Coffey & Erika Wibbels

Nebraska Department of Education



Beginning a Board Game Club (Room F)

Come play games with us! No board game experience required. In this session you'll get information about starting your own board game club. We'll briefly talk about board gaming with different age groups and proficiency levels. Then, we'll spend a majority of our time playing some of the games we're talking about. A focus will be placed on games that are easy to learn, but still have great depth of gameplay. Participants will receive handouts with more in-depth guidance and support.

Brian Welch

Nebraska Department of Education





Session III

2:30 PM

NASA STEM Activities and Resources in the Classroom and Afterschool Programs (Loper North)

Using NASA activities and resources to augment current curriculum or as stand alone activities for afterschool programs and summer science camps. Utilizing NASA games as a resource to teach about impacts on Earth's climate, team building skills, enhancing math skills, and other hands-on activities to help cement key science concepts.

Terresa Greenleaf-Littsen
Walthill Public Schools

Engaging Students through Insects (Room A)

Glance at nearly any flower and you are likely to see them. Look closely at the mulch around your building and you will certainly see them. What are they? Insects! Come explore the world of insects & learn how they can be a great tool for education. During this workshop, we will focus on using insects to incorporate science & nature into your afterschool curriculum or start a weekly club. We will learn basic insect information, gain confidence in teaching about insects and explore lesson plans designed specifically for afterschool programs.

Lindsay Rogers
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

What's All This About Mindfulness? (Room B)

A colorful presentation of the what, why, and how of mindfulness practice. Participants will learn about training opportunities with Mindful Schools Curriculum, and how mindfulness can be used to strengthen attention, impulse recognition, and emotional regulation in classrooms and in life.

Aaron Weiner
Wisdom House Collaborative

Planning Creative and Engaging Events & Activities (Room C)

In a world full of Snaps and Tweets, kids spend more time on TikTok and Instagram than talking to their friends. Youth development professionals struggle to entertain the short attention spans of youth. Join us as we discuss the many ways we can enhance, diversify, and market the programming we provide!

Elise Fountain
Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands

College-Powered Afterschool Service-Learning: Impact and Implementation (Room D)

Interested in getting college students involved in your afterschool programs during the school year, or over summer? Since 2018, the University Honors Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has partnered with Community Learning Centers throughout Lincoln to run Honors Afterschool Clubs in Title I schools. These clubs are created and led by passionate, energetic college students. While there are established benefits for K-12 students to participate in afterschool learning, this research evaluated the Honors Afterschool Club Initiative (HASCI) programming to see the impacts of participation on college students. In this session you will learn what students gained from leading Honors Afterschool Clubs, as well as our recommendations for best practices for implementing this programming in your own community. You'll learn about management, staffing, and the effects on the college students who participate in clubs as well as learn where to find curricula and resources.

Amelia-Marie Altstadt & Patrice McMahon
University of Nebraska-Lincoln Honors Program



Session III

2:30 PM



Learn, Grow, Eat, and Go (Room E)

The JMG Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program. JMG engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. JMG inspires youths to be of service to others through service learning and leadership development projects and rewards them with certification and recognition. Participants will learn where and how they can purchase the curriculum if they so choose.

Julie Boyle, Lynn DeVries & Sarah Roberts
Nebraska Extension




Gratitude & Attitude (Room F)

In life, change is a constant. How change affects us relies largely upon how we see ourselves in the world we live. This interactive workshop will help participants explore the important role that GRATITUDE and ATTITUDE play in this new normal. You will leave with practical tools for helping you change your PARADIGM to unlock your full potential in life, work and beyond.

LaRon Henderson
Collective for Youth



Walk & Talk Tables



**CURIOSITY
GROWS
HERE.**

Walk & Talk tables are hosted by statewide partners interested in enhancing your afterschool or summer program with free or low-cost resources including afterschool curriculum, materials, professional development opportunities, virtual field trips and other topics.

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

Locally developed and sustained school-community partnerships, built on generally accepted quality principles, are at the core of how we view Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs).

SUPPORT

Please visit website.

1. Beyond School Bells works to build partnerships at the state level between public agencies and private partners and support similar systems building work at the local level.
2. We also concentrate on building partnerships between Nebraska initiatives and national organizations committed to providing more youth with access to high-quality ELOs.
3. Locally we build partnerships that bring new energy into the ELO space – uniting schools, youth serving organizations, higher education, museums, businesses and other stakeholders in a common effort to create rich expanded learning environments that will benefit us all.

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MISSION

Click2Science.org is an interactive, professional development site for trainers, coaches, site directors, and frontline staff and volunteers working in OST programs serving children and youth.

SUPPORT

Click2SciencePD provides professional development and support for STEM programming.

1. Research shows that skilled staff are key to the afterschool program quality and positive youth outcomes. Click2SciencePD is committed to providing resources that support STEM professional development.
2. Click2SciencePD offers customized services for afterschool programs. Expert staff developers consult with your program to create, implement and evaluate a training plan that develops skills - leading to program improvement.
3. Our new site, Click2Science.org will help your staff build their confidence and competence in leading CS activities. Click2Science.org will be launching in 2022.

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

Empowering Youth To Create a Better Future Through Affordable Afterschool Programs..

SUPPORT

We provide high quality soccer, tennis and fitness programs to afterschool programs across Nebraska:

1. Afterschool Soccer Programs
2. Afterschool Tennis Programs
3. Afterschool Esports Programs

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MISSION

The NebraskaREADS initiative was created to serve the needs of students, educators, and parents along the journey to successful reading. The NebraskaREADS initiative supports the policies and practices outlined in the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, which was enacted in 2018 and went into effect during the 2019-2020 school year.

SUPPORT

NebraskaREADS provides tools and resources to support high-quality literacy instruction for all Nebraska students.

1. Provide research-informed policy guidance regarding the implementation of literacy components into after school and summer programs.
2. Share vetted literacy resources that are appropriate for after school, summer and community based programs.
3. Provide consultation to school and summer programs to support the development of students' early literacy foundational skills

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

Nebraska Space Ambassadors Mission: To offer training to other in-service and pre-service teachers in Nebraska, increasing the skills of STEM educators.

Nebraska Space Grant Consortium Mission:
The Nebraska Space Grant Consortium is awarded funds to develop research infrastructure and enhance the quality of aerospace research and education throughout the state.

SUPPORT

1. Resource and Program Development: Our team developed, piloted, and executed a "Mars or Bust" summer camp for upper elementary students.
2. Teacher Training: The Nebraska Space Ambassadors provide training to inservice and preservice teachers using NASA education resources. These teachers can then implement the lessons and activities into their after school programs.
3. Grant Funding: Nebraska Space Grant offers different grant opportunities for individuals to support NASA/aerospace based activities in their schools/communities.

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MISSION

To lead and support all Nebraskans for earning, learning, and living.

SUPPORT

1. We have a variety of no cost nutrition, physical activity and wellness resources available for you!
2. We provide mini-grants that schools, afterschool programs and summer programs can apply for.
3. We can provide professional development around nutrition programs, physical activity tools and health services for you and your afterschool program staff.

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

Engaging with Nebraskans wherever they are, connecting them with the resources, research and innovation of the University of Nebraska.

SUPPORT

Nebraska Extension serves all Nebraskans and we are where you are:

1. Providing free, engaging, and innovative physical activity programs for youth grades K-12.
2. We provide nutrition education enrichment opportunities that include hands-on learning to engage youth in a meaningful way.
3. We provide opportunities for youth to engage in food access and food security work by assisting in Growing Together Nebraska donation garden and Little Free Pantry projects.

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
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MISSION

Our mission is to Inspire, Educate, and Engage people to serve as life-long stewards for animals, their habitats, and their conservation.

SUPPORT

We provide afterschool care at Bancroft and Castelar.

1. The Zoo supports the afterschool program by providing inquiry-based STEM learning opportunities for at risk students with limited resources.
2. We provide hot meals for them daily as well as trips to the Zoo.
3. We also carefully chose providers to come in for extended learning opportunities that support the learning that happens during the school day.

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool and summer programs offer a broad array of services and activities to meet students' developmental and academic needs including academic support, physical activity, the arts, community service, positive youth development, hands-on learning activities including STEM, and leadership development.

SUPPORT

Support provided to Nebraska's 21st CCLC programs is focused on the quality expanded learning principles identified in the Nebraska State Board of Education's Position Statement for Expanded Learning Opportunities adopted October 2017. Information is available at:

www.education.ne.gov/21stccclc/quality-framework

1. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on improving overall student academic success.
2. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on increasing positive behavior and social interactions.
3. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on increasing active and meaningful family and community engagement.

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in the Classroom**
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MISSION

Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom helps PreKindergarten - twelfth grade students and teachers develop an awareness and understanding of agriculture. Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom is managed by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation whose mission is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in lives of all Nebraskans.

SUPPORT

Kits, presentations, and lesson ideas

1. Provide resources that encourage learning with hands-on activities.
2. Equip leaders with free programs and resources to bring agriculture alive in the classroom.
3. Lead programming with groups across the state using resources aligned to Nebraska State Education Standards.

Walk & Talk

**Nebraska Game and
Parks Commission**
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MISSION

To provide wildlife, nature and environment educational resources, opportunities and professional development.

SUPPORT

1. Provide educational resources available for check-out or online for free.
2. Professional development opportunities for afterschool staff/directors for free.
3. Opportunities for field trips at State Park areas and limited opportunities for programming at afterschool programs.

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MISSION

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) is the trade association for Nebraska's 23 Natural Resources Districts (NRDs). Nebraska's NRDs protect lives property and the future.

SUPPORT

Nebraska's NRDs (23 across the state) can provide outdoor and natural resources education presentations, materials and in some cases field trips. Education curriculum may include water, trees, soils, pollinator habitats, wildlife, etc.

1. Many NRDs provide free trees/seeds for Arbor Day
2. NRDs offer free environmental education
3. NRDs may offer field trips for students at no cost

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

To enrich the lives of all Nebraskans by protecting, restoring and utilizing Nebraska's tree and forest resources.

Conservation Education (CE) at the Nebraska Forest Service connects Nebraskans, especially youth, with our state's trees and forest resources to inspire the next generation of tree planters and conservation stewards.

SUPPORT

1. CE Workshops are defined as professional development opportunities targeting various educators and focus on natural resource interpretation, environmental education, and various PLT/WET curriculum. NFS runs CE Workshop registration via Eventbrite unless registration is being handled by a partner organization. Workshops entail NFS providing professional development to educators on how to implement conservation education lessons/activities into their regular work with Nebraska's youth.
2. CE field trips entail NFS CE staff guiding groups of youth (with adult supervision) in immersive experiences on NFS forest properties, primarily Prairie Pines Nature Preserve. These experiences focus on getting students hands-on and immersed in a forest habitat. Field trips typically last approximately two hours and cost \$5 per person. During the 2022, regularly scheduled field trips

occur Tuesdays/Thursdays at 9 AM at Prairie Pines. Registration is run through Eventbrite. NFS also can schedule private experiences outside of these times for groups per staff availability upon request.

3. CE outreach: Bring award-winning environmental education lessons to your students by scheduling a Nebraska Forest Service classroom visit! Each program is aligned to grade-specific Nebraska State Standards and will include hands-on heads-on activities to connect your students to the nature in your neighborhood.

Walk & Talk

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and Hard of Hearing**
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MISSION

The Commission strives to enhance collaboration by creating support, cooperation, and understanding to achieve fairness and equality in all aspects of the mainstream for all Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans.

SUPPORT

Training on Deaf and Hard of hearing unique needs, equipment loans (FM system etc.):

1. We can provide interpreters for Deaf or Hard of Hearing students.
2. We can provide information on how to communicate with a Deaf or Hard of Hearing student.
3. We can give a presentation to educate staff on Deaf culture.

**Nebraska Student Nutrition
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MISSION

Our mission is to ensure every child in Nebraska has access to the food they need to learn and grow.

SUPPORT

1. Nebraska SNAC is a coalition of advocates, educators, administrators, school nutrition professionals, and state agency leaders who have joined forces to help Nebraska improve child nutrition program participation.
2. We provide nutrition education enrichment opportunities that include hands-on learning to engage youth in a meaningful way.
3. We provide opportunities for youth to engage in food access and food security work by assisting in Growing Together Nebraska donation garden and Little Free Pantry projects.

Walk & Talk

Rabble Mill
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MISSION

Rabble Mill is a 501c3 nonprofit with a mission to work with Nebraska youth statewide toward achieving the belonging, purpose, and upward mobility necessary to grow, achieve, and reinvest in their community.

SUPPORT

1. Skateboarding and beatmaking clubs in Omaha and Lincoln
2. Partnering with Beyond School Bells on the Good Living Tour
3. Partnering with Beyond School Bells to Elevate Youth Voice

University of Nebraska
State Museum
Morrill Hall
645 N. 14th St., UNL
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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
STATE MUSEUM
Morrill Hall

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MISSION

We promote discovery of our natural world and world cultures. We accomplish our mission through research, museum collections, learner-centered educational programs, and public exhibitions.

SUPPORT

1. Provide virtual learning opportunities statewide with our Virtual Field Trips. Scholarships are available to help support rural schools and afterschool programs. We also have some scholarship funding available for urban schools and afterschools.
2. Provide museum specimen kits with simple activities which can be easily implemented in afterschool. Kits can be picked up at the museum if local or shipped.
3. Morrill Hall is open for partnerships and grants with afterschool sites.

Walk & Talk

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MISSION

NCFL works to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families.

SUPPORT

1. Free Professional Development for Educators and Families .
2. Empower parents of disadvantaged students with the information and tools to make good choices for their child's education.
3. Increase the capacity of SEA, LEAs, and community organizations to provide high-quality family literacy and family engagement services.

**UNL IANR Science Literacy
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MISSION

The overall goal of Growable is to promote science literacy as a capacity to make effective decisions grounded in STEM-informed analyses of the big challenges coming our way – both personal and societal.

SUPPORT

1. Providing resources (lessons, supplies, etc.)
2. Providing professional development
3. Financial support through grant-funded projects

Walk & Talk

**Nebraska Department of Education
Farm to School
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MISSION

To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.

SUPPORT

1. Promote Farm to Summer with participating Summer Food Service Program sites via newsletters, training, and webinars.
2. Promote local foods and hands-on learning opportunities in Summer Food Service Programs by marketing the USDA Turnip the Beet award.
3. Provide Harvest of the Month as a free and downloadable program for the public, and will expand materials to include even more easy-to-use items in the near future.

**Walk To Unlock Nebraska
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MISSION

The Walk to Unlock Nebraska (WTUN) program is a robust physical activity program with cross-curricular education component that provides set checkpoints across the state of Nebraska for youth to visit virtually while tacking live physical activity time conducted in one's school, afterschool program or home.

SUPPORT

1. Provides a club opportunity that engages the students mind and body while learning about the history, agriculture and nature of Nebraska.
2. Plug & play teacher's guide provided for each checkpoint with various activities including videos, virtual field trips, recipes & subject content lesson plans.
3. Creates a team atmosphere and introduces goal setting as the club works together to reach their short term goal of hitting the next checkpoint & the long term goal of finishing the trail.

Walk & Talk

Nebraska Community Cafes
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MISSION

Strengthening families and communities by sparking the leadership and relationships needed to create more inclusive and equitable systems.

SUPPORT

1. Facilitating Kid's Cafes for students.
2. Community Cafes as a family engagement approach/strategy.
3. Building partnerships between empowered parents and school systems.

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation - Beyond School Bells - Nebraska Department of Education ESSER Collaborative ELO Grant Program



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MISSION

Beyond School Bells, a program of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Education's Office of Coordinated Student Support Services and the 21st Century Community Learning Center to help support administration of Nebraska's portion of the US Department of Education's ESSER III funding to support new and expand existing afterschool and summer programming, what we call Expanded Learning Opportunity or ELO programs, in 36 targeted communities across Nebraska. While targeting these communities, this work will benefit all of Nebraska's ELO programs. We are calling this exciting new initiative Nebraska's ESSER Collaborative ELO grant program.

SUPPORT

1. Providing direct support and technical assistance for communities receiving ESSER Collaborative ELO grants.
2. Developing free resources and periodic grant opportunities housed and promoted on the Beyond School Bells website that can benefit any communities starting new or expanding existing ELO programs
3. Raising awareness of the importance of Afterschool and Summer Expanded Learning through a statewide marketing and communications campaign, including opportunities for youth voice and community profiles.

After the Conference

Visit the GetConnected Conference website.

www.education.ne.gov/21stccclc/nebraska-afterschool-conference

Certificate of Professional Development Hours

Download the fillable form to self-report your professional development hours for the conference. Participating in sessions (in-person or streaming) and viewing videos from the on-demand library can be included.



On-Demand Videos

The On-Demand video library gives you a chance to take the conference home with you. It includes videos on a variety of topics. Recordings of every streamed breakout workshop, including the plenary sessions, will be available on the website after the conference.



Conference Evaluation

Whether you attend the conference in person or connect virtually, we want your feedback as we plan for the next hybrid conference. Watch your email Monday, September 19 for a link to a short survey.



S A V E T H E D A T E S !

GetConnected
2023 & 2024 Nebraska Afterschool Conference

<p>SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 CHI Health Center Omaha, Nebraska #GetConnected2023</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 Younes Convention Center Kearney, Nebraska #GetConnected2024</p>
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<http://www.education.ne.gov/21stccclc/Conference.html>

Networking Tips

Be prepared:

Your nametag holder includes personalized business cards. Use your cards to make connections. Don't be shy – try to give them all away before you leave today. You can make a note on the back of the card to remind the receiver why you gave them a card and why they should call or email you after the conference. Use your notebook to collect names, emails and phone numbers of people you want to follow-up with after the conference. Hand someone your notebook and ask them to write their contact information – make a note to yourself what to do with that information after the conference. Network during virtual sessions too – you can share your contact information or ask questions in personal chat messages.

Be authentic:

Be yourself. Your self is awesome. If you don't feel very good about networking – try to step out a bit. Try an introduction like, "Hi, I think we're supposed to introduce ourselves. My name is ____, and I work in ____." After a session, you can say, "Thanks so much for what you said during this session. I'd love to talk more. My name is ____, and I work in ____." Remember you network in virtual sessions, too.

Be curious:

Ask people about what they do and ask their self too. You can always start with, "Where are you from?" Wonder about everyone you meet in person or virtually, and ask questions. Listen to understand.

Keep using your GetConnected notebook:

This is a great place to keep track of who you are meeting and to write notes about the great sessions you attend and who presented. Remind yourself what you're learning and what you want to share with colleagues when you get home. Keep track of innovative ideas you hear and Get Connected during the conference.

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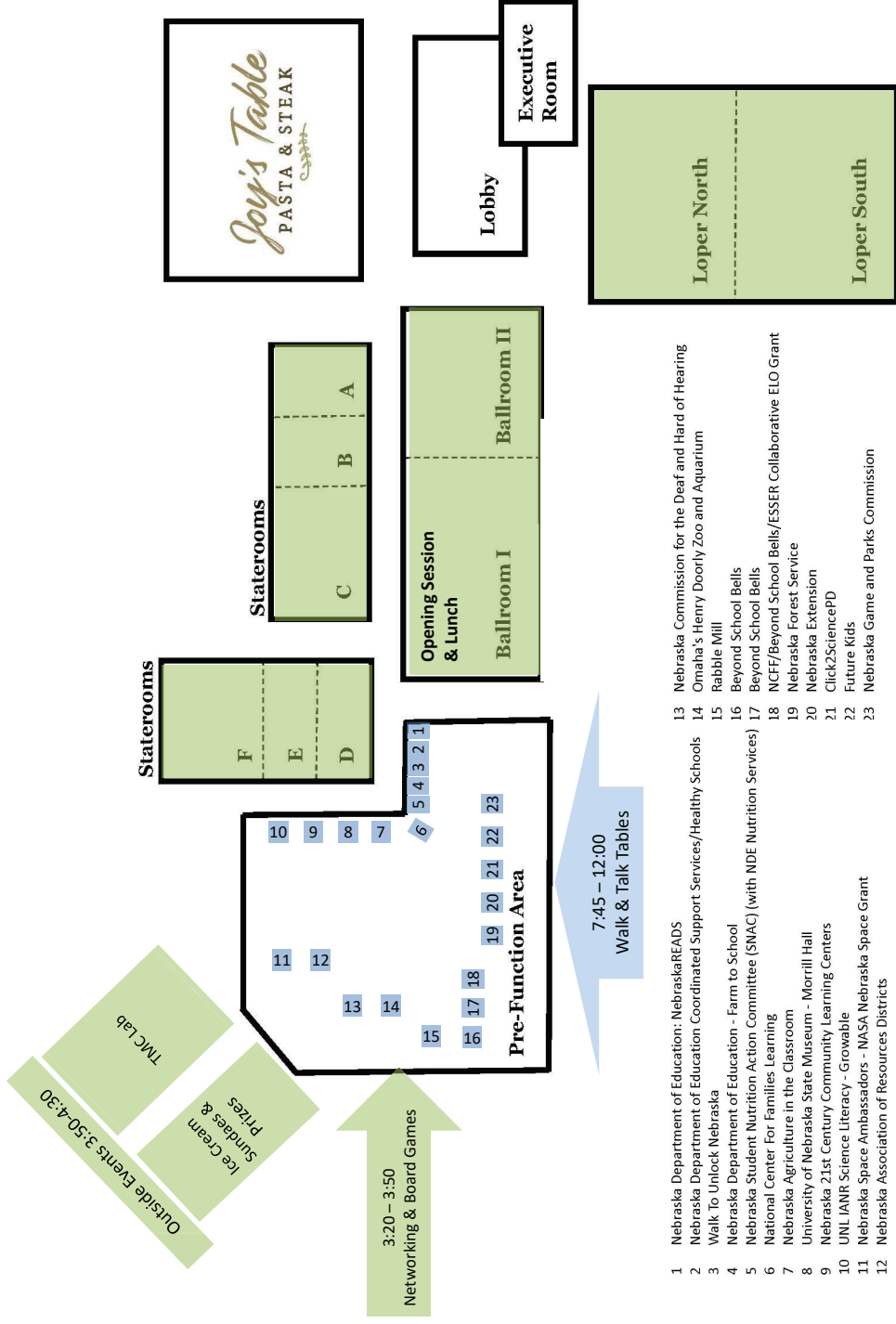
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Holiday Inn Convention Center Floor Plan:

Wifi Network: IHG One Rewards Free Wifi

Password: EARNK



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