



SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also available online via

mycountyparks.org

- * July 26 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- * Aug. 1-3 – Summer IAN – Yellow River
- * Aug 9 – ICCS Board of Directors Meeting
- * Aug. 15 – District 3 Mtg. – Sac CCB
- * Aug. 16 – District 4 Mtg. – Adams CCB
- * Aug. 21 – IACCB W'Fest Mtg. – M'town
- * Aug. 22-24 – Summer ISAC/CCDA Meetings
- * Oct. 8-10 – CCPOA Fall Workshop – Camp Dodge
- * Oct. 17 – District 3 Mtg. – Plymouth CCB
- * Nov. 13 – E-Commerce Summit – Story CCB
- * Nov. 15 – 2018 New Employee School – D.M.

2018 IACCB Annual Fall Conference
September 19-21
Des Moines, IA



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE – AUGUST 17TH!



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Bonding, land acquisition & management, water quality & trails, monarchs, archeology, youth conservation corps, deer management, volunteers, and more!

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SEPT. 19-21



A Visit with Ding Darling

Don't miss Tom Milligan, Humanities Iowa, step into the shoes of Jay "Ding" Darling from his early years at the Des Moines Register to his later years where he became one of the most influential members of the modern conservation movement.

Tom will be our luncheon speaker on Thursday, September 20th.

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Friday Field Trips

Choose from three fields to Jester Park, Yellow Banks/Thomas Mitchell Parks, or Fort Des Moines/Easter Lake Parks.

Spend the day seeing and hearing about park amenities and programs that are sure to get you thinking and inspired. End the conference with some outdoor fun!

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Start With Why!

Why do you get up in the morning? Why does your organization exist? Your Why is the purpose, cause, or belief that inspires you to do what you do. When you think, act, and communicate starting with Why, you can inspire others.

You won't want to miss Jen Waldman, our Thursday evening banquet keynote speaker!

Register Now!

SEPT. 19-21

THE 59TH IACCB ANNUAL CONFERENCE!!

For the first 7-8 years, the IACCB Annual Conference was held in May – then shifted to the fall season to better accommodate getting the crops in the ground in the spring! 😊 Kudos to the first 66 registrants from 22 CCBs that have jumped through the new online registration hoop to get signed up to attend! **YOU HAVE EXACTLY 28 DAYS** to beat the late registration fee deadline on August 17th!

Get on over to the **CONFERENCES TAB** on **MyCountyParks.org** for all the information about the conference and a link for getting registered:

<http://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>

Your CCB Staff and Board Member peers in Polk County have been working very hard to put the final touches on a fantastic conference, while all the time putting the final touches on their new Jester Park Nature Center that will have its grand opening next month! Join them and us for this historic conference in Central Iowa. Your presence is requested! 😊

NO NEW SILENT AUCTION ITEMS SINCE JUNE?!?!?



Seemingly stuck at four! Time to conjure-up your donation!

You have cabins, you have events, you have local CVBs, you have canoes/kayaks, you have golf, you have local attractions, you have talented staff/board members in various crafts – we can only envision how COOL your silent auction donation could be!! 😊 Plenty of time to partner-up and get creative. Get your entry form via the conference link listed above – **HAVE FUN!** 😊

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COUPLE OF TOURISM UPDATES!

FINAL REMINDER!!! VISIT YOUR LISTINGS ON traveliowa.com!

On August 7th, eligible listings on traveliowa.com will be gathered for inclusion in the next **Iowa Travel Guide**. Now is the time to make sure your listing is active and up-to-date or to add any new listings in your county!

Listings that haven't been updated in the last 18 months will not be included in the Iowa Travel Guide. If you have questions about accessing your listing, contact [Kristin Losenicky](mailto:Kristin.Losenicky@traveliowa.com) or watch the tutorial videos available on the "Industry Partners" section of www.traveliowa.com



2018 E-COMMERCE SUMMIT

The annual gathering of CCBs providing online reservations has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 13th at the Story County Conservation Education Center** in McFarland Park near Ames. With 26 counties now providing these online services, and a couple more coming online in FY2019 – this has become an important yearly gathering for these managers to network! Mark your calendars to attend, and look forward to additional email and newsletter communications! 😊



2018 NEW EMPLOYEE SCHOOL

The influx of new CCB employees across the state has continued in to 2018! ALL of you should plan to join us on **Thursday, November 15th in Des Moines** for this excellent orientation & educational event. This is provided at no cost to participants, with each receiving the all-new **2018 ICCS New Employee Handbook!** Presenters include representatives from the **DNR, INHF, IPERS, the Iowa Tourism Office and ICCS** – see you there! 😊

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ENTER COUNTY CONSERVATION ZOOM MEETINGS!



New Fiscal Year 2019 arrived with some long overdue new technology! In response to support from our CCB Divisions across the board, ICCS has purchased a Zoom Meetings Membership to better facilitate efficiencies, networking and learning. While there is a learning curve for all involved – the first meeting was held last week

(CCPOA Exec. Comm.) with participants in in different states, and it was clear that the possibilities are endless! So much so that we have scheduled our first MCP.com “Webinar” later this month to train some folks on use of specific functionalities of the website!

Use of the **ICCS ZOOM Meeting** and other Division services will be coordinated by new **ICCS Administrative Assistant, Daniele Dorsey**. Zoom meetings may be scheduled on a first come – first served prioritized basis. Though most likely to be a rare occurrence, ICCS will reserve the right to pre-empt other meetings as circumstances may warrant. Divisions will be able to host their own meetings as set up by our coordinator. When Daniele comes on board in early August, her new system email address will be INFO@mycountyparks.org Please utilize this contact information for Daniele for various questions and services from ICCS in the months to come! ☺ All scheduled ZOOM meetings will be posted to the **ICCS Calendar** as available on www.MyCountyParks.org so that conflicts can be minimized.

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YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ED. PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is a national environmental program for educators and their students in grades pre-K-12. GreenWorks! is the service-learning component of PLT that provides grants of up to \$1,000 to PLT trained educators who assist students in the implementation of environmental improvement projects. Students help design projects to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood's environment. These projects make a difference in young people's sense of responsibility toward their communities, and in their understanding of their relationship to the environment. The funds can be used by

students to initiate recycling programs at their school, conserve water and energy, establish school gardens and outdoor classrooms, improve a forest, restore a natural habitat, etc. The application deadline is September 30, 2018. Visit the PLT website to learn more about the application process for GreenWorks! grants. <https://www.plt.org/resources/greenworks-grants/>





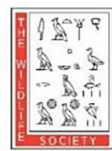
2018 ROADSIDE CONFERENCE!

September 12-14 – Hotel at Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids

WEBSITE: <https://www.tallgrassprairiecenter.org/irvm/roadside-conference>

Banquet will include a talk by Dr. Doug Tallamy, entomology and ecology professor, University of Delaware and author of the award-winning book *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants* and co-author of *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden*. He has authored 89 research publications and has taught insect taxonomy, behavioral ecology, humans and nature, and other courses for 36 years. Dr. Tallamy is a regular columnist for Garden Design magazine and Lifetime Honorary Director of Wild Ones. He has received the Garden Club of America's Margaret Douglas medal, the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence, and the American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award.

IOWA TRAPPING MATTERS WORKSHOP – AUGUST 9TH



Many wildlife professionals shy away from trapping-related discussions because trapping is considered to be a controversial wildlife management technique. Yet, it is essential that wildlife professionals understand the diverse ways that regulated trapping provides environmental & social benefits. This workshop will help participants understand & better communicate the benefits of regulated trapping to wildlife management. Participants will leave with scientifically sound information & be trained in skills that will make them effective communicators on this subject.

Space will be limited so get registered today to ensure your spot. Please feel free to share with staff, volunteers and other organizations that you feel may be interested in attending.

WEBSITE: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efi8zhy86215c898&llr=dep4qyuab>



PROPOSED CHANGES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The **IACCB Board of Directors** has proposed significant changes to both the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for our statewide organization. These changes have been posted and are now available for your review on **MyCountyParks.org**. Go to the **CONFERENCES** tab as if you are looking up the 2018 Fall Conference, scroll to the bottom where you will find the **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**.

We are currently developing a synopsis of the changes which will be released with the ballots for Board Members and Directors to vote on all the changes. **The preferred method of voting will be online via a Survey Monkey link** that will be provided. You will also be able to vote via a downloadable PDF paper ballot that will be emailed to all 99 Conservation Directors. Both methods of voting will have a deadline for submission, but you will be able to turn in any final paper ballots at the annual meeting on Friday, September 21st. Please anticipate that this will be the final year that voting will involve any paper balloting. It is high time that ICCS get onboard with online digital voting – which you will see is part of the changes being proposed in the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation updates. ☺

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION



BYLAWS - Proposed 2018 Amendments
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - Proposed 2018 Amendments
[Download File](#)



<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx>

1. **BLACK HAWK Co. Conservation Park Ranger II**
2. **ELKADER Co. – Operations Supervisor**
3. **HARDIN Co. – Roadside Vegetation Mgmt. Specialist**
4. **POTTAWATTAMIE Co. - Naturalist**
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