



Mills County Conservation Center

SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also available online via

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- * Jan. 3-4 - REAP Congress, State Capitol
- * Jan. 23 - Dist. 1 Mtg. - Warren CCB
- * Jan. 28-30 - Winterfest 2020 in Coralville *
- * Feb. 19 - Dist. 3 Meeting - Crawford CCB
- * Mar. 2-4 - Iowa Tourism Conference - Des Moines
- * Mar. 12-13 - Spring ISAC Conference - D.M.
- * Mar. 18-20 - Spring IAN, Ringgold CCB

(*Online Registration currently available)



Ryan Wiemold, Story CCB participates in the "Shop With a Cop" program last month w/local youth.

2020 ICCS
65th Anniversary
Fall Conference
September 16-18, 2020
Ames, IA



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Newsletter

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WINTERFEST 2020 - DEADLINES LOOMING!

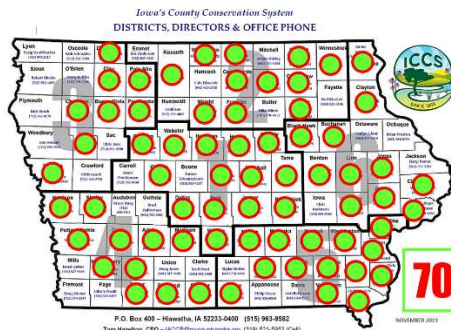
JANUARY 7th - Marriott Hotel Room Reservations Deadline

JANUARY 17th - Conference Registration Deadline

(\$25/person late fee applied after this date)

There is still time! - But best be getting' on it! Just a few days remain if you need to get your **lodging booked at the Coralville Marriott** - use the online link to the IACCBE room block available via the link below!

Also - continue to take advantage of the **early registration discount through January 17th** - late fees apply after that date! The same link below will get you to ICCS online registrations ☺



278 EMPLOYEES from 70 CCBs are registered to-date representing a full 42% of all **CCB employees** across Iowa! We also have **33 Collegiates** from 4 colleges and 28 folks from **19 Vendors** that have registered. We anticipate a goodly number of additional registrations from all categories to be rolling in over the next couple of weeks - hopefully surpassing the record attendance of WINTERFEST 2019! **REGISTER TODAY!**

TO REGISTER: <https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/Default.aspx>

Iowa Interagency Wildland Fire Training Calendar

Iowa DNR Fire Program along with other agencies have posted the Iowa Interagency Wildland Fire Training schedule for the 2020 season. **Please visit the following connection:**

LINK: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Fire-Management/Training>



Every couple of years, ICCS puts together a silent auction basket or two in support of the **Iowa Tourism Conference**. If your CCB would like to donate a cabin / camping certificate or some promotional items - we have been known to put together some pretty cool regional baskets! ☺ This is all dictated by what comes in! With Winterfest looming - it would be a great time to hand some of this stuff off, eh?? **Let us know if you are IN!**

We also encourage you to consider attending the conference - a link to more information and registration follows:

LINK: <https://www.traveliowa.com/industry-partners/iowa-tourism-conference/register-to-attend/>



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REAP CONGRESS – This Weekend @ Capitol !

The **REAP Alliance**, **Iowa DNR** and **ICCS** will be pleased to welcome some 81 Delegates to the **16th Biennial REAP Congress** this weekend at the State Capitol! We consistently have great representation amongst the delegates from the CCB system, and this year – a full 40% of the delegates (32 of the 81) hail from county conservation! In no particular order – we wish to acknowledge these folks and to THANK THEM for stepping up at their local REAP Assemblies to serve the broader good: Jim Janett (Allamakee), Rod Marlatt (Fayette), Kenny Slocum (Clayton), Adam Sears (Floyd), Adam Shirley (Mitchell), Mike Webb (Cerro Gordo), Will Horsley (Clay), Greg Johnson (Buena Vista), Nick Schmalen (Osceola), Nick Beeck (Plymouth), Zach Hall (Ida), Doug Kuhlman (Monona), Jeremiah Manken (Marshall), Mark Vavroch (Poweshiek), Logan Roberts (Tama), Dan Cohen (Buchanan), Ann Burns (Jackson Alumni), Adam Ohsann (Scott), Tyler Kelley (Story), Jessica Meredith (Sac), Robert Benton (Fremont), Kayla Stalder (Decatur), Kate Zimmerman (Ringgold), Rick Tebbs (Wapello), Katie Hammond (Louisa), Scott Heater (Louisa), Julie Solinski (Des Moines), Darin Haake (Shelby), Jonah Quick (Harrison), Andy Wuebker (Monroe), and Phillip Visser (Appanoose). ☺

We very much appreciate all of your support for the recent 18 Regional REAP Assemblies across the state, as well as the active involvement with the public participation aspect of the REAP Program – **Kudos to all CCBs!**



ALERT ! ALERT! - Portal Contacts Harvesting Soon!

While our email “Bounce-Back” continues to improve – it is still running around 10% - which is odd, because these are the addresses that **YOU keep up-to-date for US** in the **IACCB Portal!** Not only does ICCS rely on this contact information to be accurate – but so do our various Divisions and Districts. ALL of us are accessing these secure addresses on a regular basis for internal communications, newsletters, etc.

Please take some time in January to **visit your CCB's CONTACTS in the Portal and ensure that everything is current and up-to-date**. The harvest will occur around the first of February – giving you all plenty of time to purge exiting Board Members and upload information for the new ones! It IS actually really pretty AWESOME that we maintain such a great listing of 1,200-ish contacts....BUT, we can do better! ☺ **Thanks for your assistance!** Tom



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

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TOURISM ADVERTISEMENT

ICCS annually invests marketing dollars in a couple of publications, including the Travel Guide published by the Iowa Tourism Office. A prototype of the 1/6 page ad for 2020 is shown above - the effort being to drive folks to our website to find **YOU!**



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