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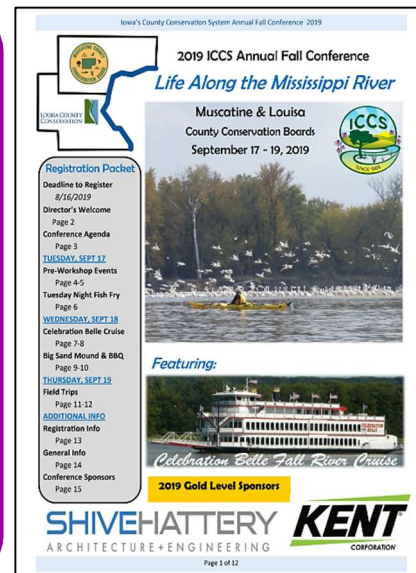
⛵ Camping 🏠 Cabin 🚶 Trails 🏊 Swimming 🐟 Fishing 🌿 Nature Center 📷 Selfie Station



2019 ICCS Board
of Directors

- * Jun. 22 – Briggs Woods Park Centennial – HCCB
- * July 24 – District 2 Mtg. – Floyd CCB
- * July 25 – District 1 Mtg. – Taylor CCB
- * Aug. 1 – ICCS Board of Directors Mtg. - ZOOM
- * Aug. 15 – Dist. 4 Mtg. – Decatur CCB
- * Aug. 20 – Winterfest Planning Mtg. – Polk CCB
- * Aug. 21 – Dist. 3 Mtg. – Dickinson CCB
- * Aug. 21-23 – Summer ISAC / CCDA – D.M.
- * Oct. 7-9 – CCPOA Fall Workshop – Camp Dodge
- * Oct. 16 – District 3 Mtg. – Lyon CCB
- * Oct. 29 – ICCS New Employee School – D.M.
- * Nov. 21 – District 4 Mtg. – Fremont CCB

2019 IACCB Annual
Fall Conference
September 17-19, 2019
Muscatine, IA



<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/15/2019-ICCS-FALL-CONFERENCE.aspx>

MUSCATINE IS CALLING YOU TO THE FALL CONFERENCE ☺

The **2019 ICCS Board of Directors** invites you to join them for the **60th Annual Fall Conference, September 17 – 19** along the Mississippi River in Muscatine – hosted by the **Louisa and Muscatine County Conservation Boards!** Your registrations have started to roll-in, and we encourage you to get them in sooner than later! As anticipated, this event is proving to be popular for spouses to join their CCB representatives with a full 1/3 of all the early registrations being spouses! ☺ ALL ABOARD!!

VERY MUCH AWESOME to have \$27,000+ in sponsorships from these great partners: **GOLD LEVEL** – Shive-Hattery and Kent Feeds; **SILVER LEVEL** – MyCountyParks.com, Bayer, Mid American Energy, Tyson Foods and Bolton & Menk; **BRONZE LEVEL** – HNI, S&J Tube, River Products Co., Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation, and the Community Foundations of Greater Muscatine and Louisa County....**simply Outstanding!!**



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CCB CONFERENCE HISTORY "101" – 30 years have passed since the **1989 Fall Conference in Burlington** also spent the day on a riverboat! Participants then toured the recently rebuilt Fort Madison (in 1983) along the Mississippi. The 1989 Fall Conference remains the record-holder for attendance in several categories: 405 total participants; 124 Board Members, 68 Directors, 120 Spouses and 73 CCBs represented....WOW! ☺ Hmmm.....**will 2019 see YOU on the boat??**

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DISTRICT 3/4 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SEAT OPEN - ICCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ICCS is currently accepting applications for a Board Member Representative from the new Region that combines our **Districts 3 and 4**.

This Region totals 34 CCBs, and therefore provides us with a pool of 170 Board Members from Western Iowa to serve in this important capacity 😊 If you are considering this opportunity, please contact **Tom Hazelton** with your questions or to request an application form. We look forward to hearing from you soon at:

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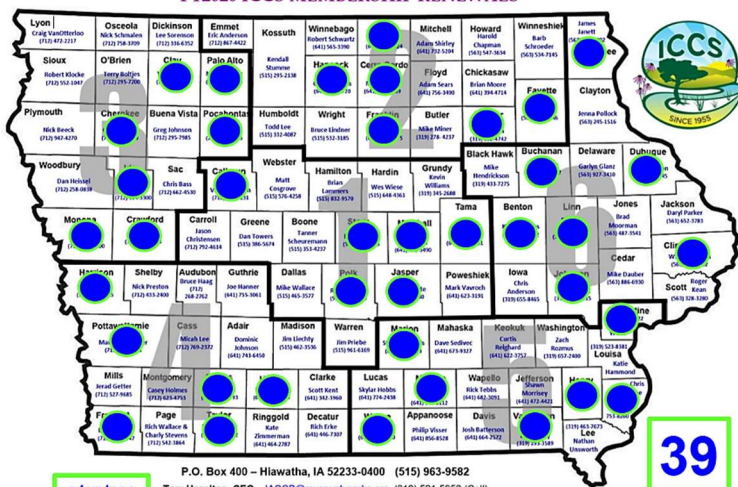
IWLA HABITAT IMPROVEMENT AWARD FORMS DISTRIBUTED IN EARLY JUNE!!

The deadline for submission of these self-nomination/application forms is on **Friday, August 2nd**. If you would like the form re-sent, have questions about this 45-year partnership with the Iowa Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America – contact: IACCB@mycountyparks.org



Iowa's County Conservation System

FY2020 ICCS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



6/17/201

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FY2020 I.C.C.S. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As of this writing, we have over one third of CCBs having opted for the early renewal of their ICCS Memberships by exercising payment from the end of the exiting fiscal year! As a reminder, invitations to renew were distributed to all CCB Directors via email in early May – providing for an August 1st deadline for renewal. Should anyone need this information re-sent, or have any questions – please let me know at your convenience.

On numerous occasions over the past fiscal year we have collectively demonstrated that, as a unified group of County Conservation Boards – we have a strong presence in our state. Coordinated efforts with our local and statewide supporters/stakeholders have made significant impacts, and many have taken notice. YOUR support AND participation make this all possible – **many thanks!**

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RECOVERING IDNR SAFETY CERTIFICATES

At the **District 6** Meeting this week in Cedar County, DNR L.E. Supervisor **Shawn Meier** and RSO **Terry Nims** shared a bunch of updates with us, AND also alerted us to **"ILostMyCard.Com"**. This website allows those who have lost / mis-placed their certificate for Hunter Safety, Boating Safety and Bowhunter Safety to get a replacement for a small fee online! So, if you get one of those calls, and they don't want to wait until Monday ... ☺

33rd ANNUAL IRVM ROADSIDE CONFERENCE "ROADSIDES & RECREATION"

Sept. 11-19 @ Central College in Pella



Do you fit any of the following criteria? Interested in native vegetation in road rights-of-way; Enjoy networking with peers in both the public and private sector; Interested in the latest trends, products and equipment on the market for roadside programs, etc. For additional information, lodging options and registration procedures – visit the following link on the Tallgrass Prairie Center Website:

<https://tallgrassprairiecenter.org/2019-roadside-conference>



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IOWA TRAILS SUMMIT

October 10-11, 2019
Central College
Pella, IA

Regional trail experts will dig into topics such as corridor acquisition and easements, engineering and construction, maintenance, grants and funding, marketing and promotion, trail amenities and volunteer retention. There will be something for trails in all phases of development. For more information – GO HERE:

<https://www.iowatrailssummit.com/>

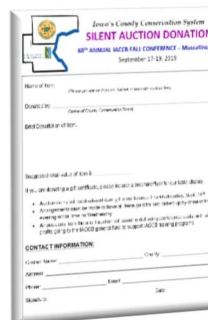


WINTERFEST 2020

January 28-30, 2020 – Coralville, IA

A couple of updates from the recent June meeting of the **IACCB Winterfest Planning Committee**:

- The contract with the Coralville Marriott has been extended through 2023
- Employee registration fees for 2020 will remain the same as 2019 at \$115 for a full package
- With the success of the exhibitor participation at Winterfest '19, plans are to further integrate the efforts with the ICCS Preferred Vendor Program for consistent structure and pricing.
- Pleased to announce that **MyCountyParks.com** has come on board as a \$2,500 sponsor for the 2020 edition of Winterfest!
- APPRECIATION to all CCBs for allowing staff to serve on the Planning Committee – bringing their collective talents and expertise together to create this awesome event each year! ☺



ICCS Silent Auction Form Available for 2019 Fall Conference!

As we are just 3 months from the 2019 ICCS Fall Conference in Muscatine – time to be giving some thoughts for what your CCB might be able to contribute to this great fundraiser!?

Cabin or camping certificates combined with local tourism donations ALWAYS make for robust bidding wars, as well as those woodcraft or other talented creations of staff or Board Members! Have that conversation with your local CVB or tourism groups now to get that basket rollin'! **Forms available HERE:**

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



DISTRICT 5 MEETS in DAVIS COUNTY – 6/6

Appreciation to DCCB Director **Josh Batterson** for hosting the June District 5 meeting in their shelter at the McGowen Wildlife Area east of Bloomfield, IA. The District 5 Business Meeting was followed by a field trip to visit a trail project that is connecting the city of Bloomfield to the west edge of the McGowen Wildlife Area. After a short hike that was uphill both ways, the group adjourned to a local restaurant for a networking luncheon. The Business Meeting included a discussion about District Bylaws that were completely out of date, and perhaps last reviewed in the early '90s. The interim consensus of the CCB representatives assembled was to suspend the Bylaws pending further review to ascertain need, etc. Dist. 5 is also considering housing their District funds in an account with the ICCS banking structure.



DISTRICT 6 GATHERS IN CEDAR CO.

June 18th was one of only TWO meetings that are held by District 6 each year – consequently, meetings are generally well attended! CCCB Director **Mike Dauber and his staff** put together a great meeting for us – including sessions as follows: DNR Fish & Game Updates by Shawn Meier & Terry Nims; NRCS Updates from Lydia Whitman; Moths in Iowa/Website by Jim Durbin; and, various INHF Updates and discussions from Carol Teator. Prior to the District 6 Business Meeting we were treated to a nice locally catered roast beef buffet. **Thanks Mike & Crew** for the excellent effort & meeting! 😊

DISTRICT MEETING REGISTRATIONS & MEAL COUNTS

At more than one District meeting recently, the hosting CCB (*and/or the District bank account*) has gotten saddled with the cost of last-minute cancellations – primarily the morning refreshments and guaranteed numbers for catered meals or restaurant reservations. In one case, there were 10 last-minute cancellations wherein the people that actually attended chipped in money so that the county did not get stuck with a \$100+ tab. Short of billing the CCBs for no-shows, what to do?

Some Districts have gone to restaurant-only dining - with reservations for a range of numbers (ie: 35-40) – usually more costly, involves a drive, and perhaps less conducive to networking/luncheon presentations, etc. We DO HAVE an Online Registration System that could be used for District Meetings – whether you want to have participants pay in advance or not. If they pay in advance, however – at least the \$\$ are collected. (*If any District is interested in using this system, just be in touch and we can visit about the possibilities – IACCB@mycountyparks.org*) I believe everyone understands when there are emergencies that generate cancellations, but perhaps more consideration needs to be shown to host CCBs that commit to hosting and providing breaks, supplies and luncheon arrangements in anticipation of “X” attendees, and then end up with “Y”. Simply honoring your RSVP’s would be a great consideration. All CCBs will eventually will be hosting a District Meeting, and appreciate the same courtesy extended in return. We have been holding District Meetings for 60 years.....nothing really new here....let me know where ICCS can assist!!



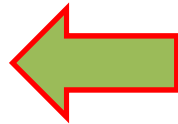
JULY 2017 – Dist. 1 – Grundy

JULY 2012 – Dist. 2 – Worth

June 2011 – Dist. 5 - Appanoose



ALLAMAKEE - DRIFTLESS CENTER
 BLACK HAWK - HICKORY HILLS PARK
 BOONE - DON WILLIAMS RECREATION AREA
 BUCHANAN - FONTANA PARK
 CARROLL - SWAN LAKE CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER
 CERRO GORDO - LIME CREEK NATURE CENTER
 CHICKASAW - AIRPORT LAKE PARK
 CLAY - SCHARNBERG PARK
 CLAYTON - OSBORNE PARK WELCOME CENTER
 DES MOINES - BIG HOLLOW RECREATION AREA
 DICKINSON - DICKINSON COUNTY NATURE CENTER
 DUBUQUE - HERITAGE TRAIL
 DUBUQUE - WHITEWATER CANYON WILDLIFE AREA
 FRANKLIN - MAYNES GROVE RECREATION AREA
 FLOYD - FOSSIL & PRAIRIE CENTER
 HAMILTON - BRIGGS WOODS PARK & GOLF COURSE
 HARRISON - MURRAY HILL SCENIC OVERLOOK
 HARRISON - WILLOW LAKE RECREATION AREA
 HENRY - OAKLAND MILLS PARK
 JACKSON - HURSTVILLE INTERPRETIVE CENTER
 LINN - PINICON RIDGE PARK
 MADISON - PAMMEL STATE PARK
 MARION - CORDOVA PARK
 MARSHALL - GREEN CASTLE RECREATION AREA
 MONROE - LAKE MIAMI PARK
 O'BRIEN - DOG CREEK PARK
 POLK - JESTER PARK NATURE CENTER
 POWESHIEK - DIAMOND LAKE PARK
 RINGGOLD - DRAGOON TRACE NATURE CENTER
 SIOUX - SANDY HOLLOW RECREATION AREA
 STORY - DAKINS LAKE PARK
 WAPELLO - PIONEER RIDGE NATURE AREA
 WARREN - ANNETT NATURE CENTER AND PARK
 WEBSTER - GYPSUM CITY OHV PARK
 WINNESHIEK - LAKE MEYER PARK
 WOODBURY - DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER



YOUR SELFIE STATION "LIVE" YET?

If you don't see your CCB/Park on this list, then we don't know that you are up and running with your Selfie Station(s) 😊
ALL 110 sets of signs have been distributed across the state to the 80 participating CCBs, 34 of you have reported in with your pictures and exact locations – AWESOME! Perhaps the other 46 CCBs will be available for the 4th of July??
 Please keep us posted on your progress – **THX!!**



Carroll CCB



Fayette CCB

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HOW DO WE FIND THE PICTURES TAKEN AT OUR SELFIE STATION(S)?

From any **social media platform** you may be on – simply utilize the SEARCH feature, and type in the # (hashtag) you wish to review results of. OR, just click on a live # link 😊
 The signs on the Stations ask folks to post to the **#MyCountyParks** and **#THISISIOWA** locations, and the **#99PARKS** is also being used. Be sure to utilize your social media and newsletters, E-Blasts, etc. – to push visitors to get out and find these great selfie locations AND remind them to post to social media! 😊

NEED ADDITIONAL 99 PARKS MATERIALS / LOGO? Visit the following link to the **Iowa Tourism Website** for the distressed LOGO above, replacement guides, backpack stuff, etc. **Are we having fun yet??** 😊

<https://www.traveliowa.com/industry-partners/tools/99-parks/>

ICCS OPERATIONAL CHANGES – Please note that effective with the close of our Fiscal Year 2019 on June 30th, ICCS will be adjusting administrative operations to migrate away from the part-time Administrative Assistant position that we have had for the past year. We much appreciate the opportunity to have been able to share this experience with the Mitchell CCB in exploring a unique partnership possibility. All communications for ICCS can be directed to Tom Hazelton via the following contacts: IACCB@mycountyparks.org and (319) 521-5952 or (515) 963-9582.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS

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

1. PLYMOUTH Co. – Park Ranger
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