

IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM

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READY FOR FALL CONFERENCE?

Solid numbers came in for Fall Conference 2023 set for September 19th-21st. Host Counties Pottawatomie and Harrison have been preparing and are excited to welcome all attendees for another great learning and networking opportunity.

2023 PRE-CONFERENCE

Bike, Hike, Golf, Tour, or Fossil Hunt
(in place of float due to a lack of water)

Many conference delegates have registered for one of the FIVE pre-conference options on September 19th. If you are one of these you should hear from your hosting Pottawattamie or Harrison CCB Staff sometime in the very near future. Your pre-conference-activity details should arrive to your email inboxes - **IF YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS WAS PROVIDED TO RECEIVE IT!** If you did not, and perhaps someone else from your CCB registered you for the conference - you may wish to check with them to ensure that you have all the essential information about your particular activity. There may be specific times, locations, and or procedures that you need to be aware of so that you have an awesome pre-conference experience! THEN, as all these events wrap up for the afternoon **EVERYONE** will be migrating to the Conference Welcome BBQ & Social!

SOME GENERAL Registration STATS

190 - Total NON-Vendor Registrations
Representing 45 County Conservation Boards
Participant Breakdown:
46 - Conservation Board Members
39 - CCB Directors
68 - General CCB Employees
23 - Spouses
3 - Board of Supervisors
2 - Alumni
2 - ICCS
1 - Student



DATES

September 19th-21st
2023 ICCS Fall
Conference Hosted by
Pottawattamie
& Harrison CCBS
Council Bluffs, IA

September 30th
ICCS Board of Directors
Ballots Due

October 3rd- 4th
CCDA New Director
Leadership Summit

October 10th-12th
CCPOA Fall Training
Camp Dodge, IA

October 17th & 18th
ICCS New Employees
School & MCP Training
Briggs Woods, Hamilton
County

November 16th-17th
Iowa Nature Summit
Drake University



COUNTY CONSERVATION NEW EMPLOYEE SCHOOL - 2023

Tuesday, October 17th
Briggs Woods Conference Center
Webster City, IA

The ICCS Board of Directors is pleased to present our 10th Annual New County Conservation Employee School! In addition to being an excellent learning and networking event – it is being provided at NO COST to all participants! As we strive to enhance the leadership and professionalism within our system – targeted programming for specific needs has become an essential function for our State Association. As your host, ICCS will be providing morning and afternoon refreshments as well as a noon luncheon.

- DNR Programs & Services – Michelle Wilson, REAP Coordinator, Iowa DNR (CCB Liaison)
- Iowa Tourism Partnerships & Services – Jessica O'Reilly / Katie Kenne - Iowa Tourism Office
- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation – Abby Hade Terpstra, Director of Philanthropy
- The Front End of IPERS – Diane Dannen, Senior Retirement Benefits Officer, IPERS
- “COUNTY CONSERVATION 101.....1955 to 2023” –Adam Shirley, CEO, ICCS
- ICCS & YOU! – Plus – the Affiliate & Division Acronym Conundrum
- Award-Winning MyCountyParks.com, MyCountyParks.org and the IACCB Portal
- Partnering with IWILL, REAP & Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
- The “2023 County Conservation New Employee Handbook”, Networking & More!

This day is designed for new County Conservation Board Employees that have come on board in the system within the past couple of years. We encourage you to attend this event as you are the future of our industry, and your statewide participation & networking is critical in maintaining the success that we have experienced in our first 68 years.

MYCOUNTYPARKS E-COMMERCE SUMMIT

Wednesday, October 18th, Briggs Woods Conference Center, Webster City, IA

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

“State of the Site” and the 2023-24 Renovation Adventure / Marketing with MCP.com
Peer Networking / Q.R. Code Case Studies – Facility Reservations & Event
Registration / Orientation to Critical New MCP Features / The New “SUPPORT”
System: When & How to Use / Comments towards Future Website Improvements /
“Online Reservations 101” for those contemplating

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:03 – 9:58 AM Morning Refreshments & Networking
10:00 AM WELCOME & Introductions
10:17 AM MCP.com Systems 2023-24 Adventure!
Tom Hazelton, ICCS Internet Systems Administrator
11:14 AM Integrated Marketing w/MCP.com
12:16 PM Networking Luncheon
12:41 PM Break-Out Sessions
- MCP.com Q.R. Codes for Your Bookings!
Panel Discussion / Presentation
- Online Reservations 101, PCI Compliance & More!
Tom Hazelton, ICCS Internet Systems Administrator
1:43 PM General Session Wrap-Up!
2:05 PM Summit Adjournment (time approx.)

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SUMMIT
series
2023



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2023 - THE 38th ANNUAL C.C.P.O.A. FALL WORKSHOP

& BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday,
October 10th- 12th 2023

This Year's Training includes:
Firearm Qualifications
"State of the Academy"

Brady Carney, ILEA Director
Fish, Game, Parks & Legal Updates
Capitan Brian L. Smith. IDNR LE
I.L.E.E.C.P. Training (Required)
Bloodborne Pathogens
Haz-Mat Update (Mandated)
Implicit Bias and De-Escalation
And more...

Register by October 3rd

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



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CCDA- COUNTY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION MEETS IN DES MOINES

Just over half of the Director's in the State made it to the ISAC annual school of instruction where they were exposed to educational sessions from various presenters on topics like open meetings laws, CDL changes in the DOT, Bird Friendly Iowa, INHF update, the IFire Program, Active shooter training, and the always popular roundtable discussion.

**These training events are critical to the success of a Director, especially
New Directors!**

After long days of sessions the attendees were spoiled by sponsor Bolton and Menk who hosted an evening social networking event at Ricochet in downtown Des Moines with free food and drinks. Thank you Emily Naylor!



**NEW DIRECTORS
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
STILL ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS TILL
SEPTEMBER 5TH @
5PM**

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SUMMER DISTRICT MEETINGS 1-4

August was packed with districts one through four all meeting in a short span of time and they even met in order. District One met in Jasper County where the Audience learned from Greg Oldsen, JCCB Naturalist, about an unique Floating Wetland Project followed by an interesting presentation on Great Horned Owls from Brenda Smith with Iowa DNR. After lunch we got to see the Mariposa Lake Restoration Project including the lake, new campground, future cabin locations, and playscape. District Two kicked things off in Butler County who hosted a crowd of 40ish. After updates, the attendees were treated to a presentation by Adam Rupe with JEO Consulting who talked about the Watershed Planning 101. Later we explored and learned about a new handicap boat access that was installed by the Butler CCB team. District Three took the cake for attendance with nearly 60 people! Host County Buena Vista did not disappoint, after updates from ICCS, DNR, Little Sioux Water trail, and affiliates there were two tour options available that included some beautiful facilities like their lodge, cabins, and campgrounds... others got to tour a restoration project. District Four met with a purpose this time as they decided to include an option for Hunter Ed updates at the meeting. After a great meal from the local Cattlemen's, we toured Lake Orient and Mormon Trail Lake. Thanks to all the host counties and committees for all their efforts setting up and executing an awesome round of summer meetings!



IOWA NATURE SUMMIT

In order to address concerns about our most cherished resources like Parks, Trails, and Wildlife Areas as well as the age-old issues of water quality, habitat loss, and economic impacts in a broad approach, the first ever Iowa Nature Summit has been organized.

"The Iowa Nature Summit is a two-day gathering of nature advocates and organizations representing a broad spectrum of Iowa's natural world. The purpose is to engage, energize, and inspire Iowans who care about and enjoy nature's diversity. We hope attendees will leave excited to advocate, cooperate and collaborate more effectively to protect nature and to increase public awareness."

This is a great opportunity to discuss solutions to the ongoing and upcoming challenges we face. This is a chance for all Iowa's nature advocates to talk about and plan for a more positive, and sustainable path forward.

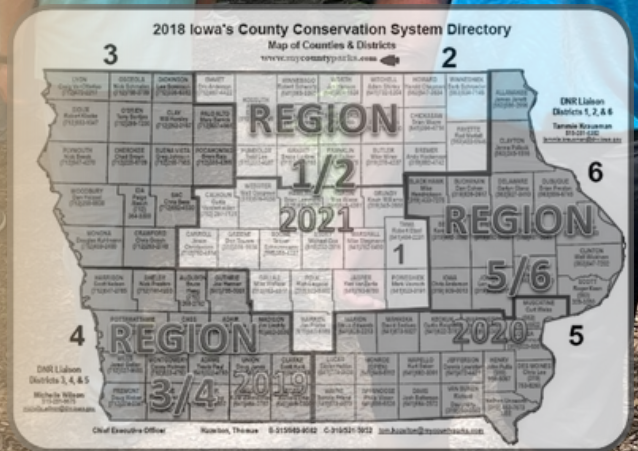
The Summit will be held on November 16 and 17th, 2023, at Drake's Olmsted Center in Des Moines...check out the agenda and register here... <https://www.iowanature.org/about-4>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Johnson County - Education Specialist
2. Dickinson County - Roadside Technician
3. Muscatine County - Director
4. O'Brien County - Director

SEASONAL POSITIONS ON
WEBSITE!!

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



ICCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS EASTERN REGION BALLOT IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICTS 5 & 6.

Each county gets one vote and Ballots are due September 30th 2023.
Thanks to Cathy Ziglar- Des Moines County Conservation Board
and Jenny Murphy- Black Hawk County Conservation Board
for your willingness to step up and serve!