

SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also available online via

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- * Dec. 21 – Joe Hanner Retirement Open House – Guthrie CCB
- * Dec. 21 – 25 – ICCS Office Closed
- * Jan. 1 – ICCS Office Closed
- * Jan. 3-4 – REAP Congress, State Capitol
- * Jan. 23 – Dist. 1 Mtg. – Warren CCB
- * Jan. 28-30 – Winterfest 2020 in Coralville *
- * 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)

2020 ICCS

65th Anniversary Fall Conference

September 16-18, 2020

Ames, IA



#REAPworks

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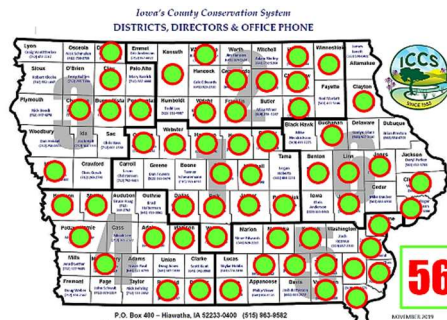
SMOKIN' CAREERS HERE!



In anticipation of the swarm of **seasonal employment opportunities** that will be posted on MyCountyParks.com over the upcoming weeks, **ICCS** has installed a new Banner Ad on the website – AND a posting on each of our two Facebook Pages! 😊 The banner ad has had over 20,000 views in the first 4 days! Feel free to SHARE the F.B. post from either the “MyCountyParks.com” or “Iowa's County Conservation System” pages. Clicking thru on any of these will take visitors to the **EMPLOYMENT** page on MCP.com – got your seasonal jobs posted yet? College kids are home for the holidays – online searching will be at a seasonal peak!



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Pleased to report that 75% of online registrations to-date are paid by credit card – AWESOME!!

WINTERFEST REGISTRATIONS STACKING UP

231 EMPLOYEES from 57 CCBs are registered to-date, along with 31 Collegiates from 4 colleges and 28 folks from 18 Vendors! **Registration Deadline is Jan. 17th** (with late fees applicable on Jan. 10th), and **deadline for booking rooms at the Marriott is January 7th** – time to get after accomplishing both of these tasks! 😊 Winterfest 2020 is going to be another historic CCB event – YOUR CCB should strive to have as many employees there as possible to benefit from unparalleled networking and educational opportunities - see you in January!!

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



HOLIDAY WITH A COP – Benton County

Kudos to Scott Bahmann & Benton CCB, and their partnering-up with DNR Conservation Officers, Benton County Sheriff Deputies, Vinton & Belle Plaine PDs, IDOT Officers and the Iowa State Patrol for their 2nd Annual “Holiday With a Cop” – assisting local families in need during the holiday season! 😊

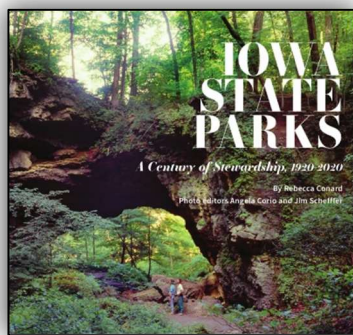


Camping Cabin Trails Swimming Fishing Nature Center Selfie Station

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IOWA STATE PARKS – The Centennial Book 2020

Iowa's State Park System will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2020. To commemorate this occasion, the organization is excited to release an anniversary book, "**Iowa State Parks: A Century of Stewardship**," detailing the stories and information behind the beginnings and growth of the state park system. You can get your copy of this book by visiting the link provided below. For additional information about the Centennial celebrations in 2020 – visit the DNR website at this link: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/Parks-2020>. We also recognize the 19 state parks that are managed by Iowa's County Conservation System – *these historic partnerships are much appreciated!*

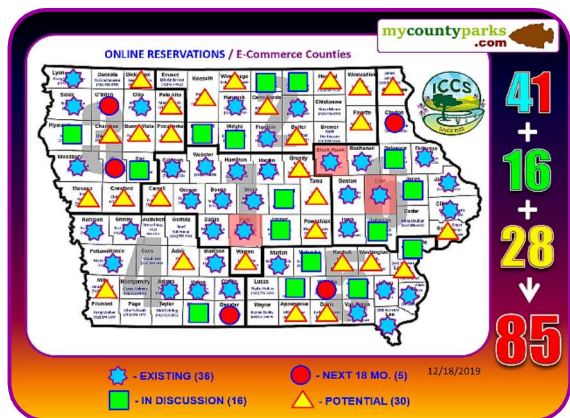


LINK TO ORDER BOOK: <https://www.uiopress.uiowa.edu/books/9781609387136/iowa-state-parks>



'19 MCP E-Commerce Summit Epilogue

Just over one month following the hugely successful 2019 New CCB Employee School - the 56 participants from 26 CCBs for the **5th Annual E-Commerce Summit** gathered at Jester Park Nature Center in Polk Co. Uniquely, approximately half of the attendees were from CCBs that are not currently offering online reservations/registrations for facilities or events – but wanted to learn more! ICCS has identified 85 CCBs that would benefit from utilizing this functionality of the website, and we are on pace to reach the 50% threshold of that number in 2020! 😊 Participants enjoyed some excellent networking opportunities, learned about the major changes coming to the website in 2020-21, benefitted from small break-out discussion groups and met multiple CCB peers that are working within the same chaotic online cyber arena that they are - a GREAT CCB event!!



Nathan Jones is New CCB Director for Jackson County

The **Jackson County Conservation Board** has hired Bellevue native, **Nathan Jones** to replace retiring Director, Daryl Parker. Daryl has been the JCCB Director for 27 years. Jones is a 2010 graduate of Northwest Missouri State, and currently is a Wildlife Technician with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in Western Iowa. Nathan will assume his position with Jackson County on January 6, 2020. **WELCOME, Nathan – best wishes on your new career!**

A NOTE ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES.....

It has been a pleasure to see literally hundreds of you all at recent District meetings – all of which had EXCELLENT attendance – in-fact, District 6 had representatives from ALL 14 CCBs yesterday in Clayton Co. A common denominator at all these meetings has been a very healthy discussion about legislative direction and activity towards the 2020 Iowa Legislative Session – primarily revolving around **REAP** and the **Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund**. With the full penny sales tax increase already in active discussions, and formula changes for The Trust Fund being proposed – we will await direction from the Governor and her staff when they present their State of the State message, and FY2021 Budget to the assembled legislators, judges, etc. at the start of the 2020 Legislative Session. As you have the opportunities to converse over the holidays – emphasis on supporting funding for Trails, full-funding of REAP, no changes to the REAP formula, removing the sunset on the REAP Program and support for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund should all be top-of-mind for you! There is much optimism as to what the 2020 legislature may mean for Iowa's natural resources – stay tuned for enlightenment in the weeks ahead. It would appear that our January 29th general session, "Legislative Engagement" at Winterfest may be a very timely date to discuss what's up for 2020 at the statehouse.....if there are important bills to be introduced, they may already be rolled out – collective fingers crossed! 😊



56th Annual Concrete Paving Workshop – February 5-7, 2020 – Des Moines, Holiday Inn/Airport

The **Iowa Concrete Paving Association** is hosting their annual workshop in Des Moines on February 5-7, 2020 – they invite you all to attend. Additional conference details and registration information can be found at here:

LINK: <https://concretestateiaassoc.wliinc34.com/events/56th-Annual-Concrete-Paving-Workshop-1274/details>



Great District 3 turnout on a single-digit morning! 😊



O'Brien CCB's Observation Deck & Mammoth Sculpture



District 5 Meeting @ Lee CCB Conservation Center



100% solar-powered nature center/Lee CCB Offices



DISTRICTS 3, 5 & 6 MEETINGS – December

District 3 – December 11th – Hosted by O'Brien CCB at their Prairie Heritage Center near Peterson, IA. Thanks to **Terry Boltjes and his staff** for hosting. A HUGE contingent of participants from across the District were present! The District 3 Mtg. encompassed most the morning – including a good discussion about various 2020 legislative issues, followed by an awesome catered luncheon. The early afternoon was occupied with discussion and scoring of the Fish Habitat Grant applications.

District 5 – December 12th – Hosted by Lee CCB at the Lee County Conservation Center along the Mississippi near Montrose, IA. Thanks to **Nathan Unsworth and his staff** for hosting and presenting at the meeting. In addition to the District 5 Business Meeting, there was a very robust hour-long discussion about legislative issues (*primarily REAP and the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund*), as well as other administrative ICCS operations & services. The District voted to dissolve their long-held bank account(s) and route the remaining \$\$ to ICCS for holding. They will work with ICCS to look into some banners that can be utilized for District CCB local county fairs and other regional events – shared by all District counties.

District 6 – December 18th – Hosted by Clayton CCB at the Osborne Center near Elkader, IA. Thanks to **Jenna Pollock and her staff** for organizing and hosting the meeting. Presentations were by Pollock and Clayton County Emergency Management – discussion Disaster Recovery and other partnerships. Fish Habitat Project Presentations were made – followed by District-wide voting for grant awarding. Another great discussion about legislative activities ensued following the locally smoked pork luncheon, and tours were provided of nearby CCCB projects/facilities.



DISTRICT 6 Meeting at Osborne Center, Clayton CCB



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS

12/19/2019

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

1. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. – Administrative Assistant
2. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. – Natural Resource Tech.
3. STORY Co. – Natural Resource Specialist
4. SCOTT Co. – Park Ranger
5. LINN Co. – Nature Center Manager
6. WARREN Co. – Conservation Technician
7. MONTGOMERY Co. – Naturalist
8. JEFFERSON Co. – Park Technician
9. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 15+ opportunities listed on website

■ Full Time
■ Seasonal/Part-Time

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