Iowa's County Conservation System





ICCS Calendar of Events can also be found on MyCountyParks.org

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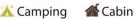
- * July 24 Dist. 2 Mtg. Floyd CCB
- * <u>July 31</u> Aug. 2 IAN Summer Wksp. – Iowa CCB
- * <u>Aug. 1</u> ICCS Board of Directors Mtg. – ZOOM
- Aug. 8 Dist. 1 Mtg. Tama CCB
- * <u>Aug. 15</u> Dist. 4 Mtg. –
- Decatur CCB *Aug. 15 – Dist. 3 Mtg. –
- Dickinson CCB
- * Aug. 17 DEADLINE FOR ICCS FALL CONF. REGISTRATION!!
- * Aug 20 Winterfest Planning Mtg. – Polk CCB
- * <u>Aug. 21</u> Dist. 3 Mtg. –
- Dickinson CCB
- * <u>Aug. 21-23</u> Summer ISAC / CCDA – D.M.
- * Oct. 7-9 CCPOA Fall
- Workshop Camp Dodge
- * <u>Oct. 16</u> Dist. 3 Mtg. Luon CCB
- * Oct. 29 ICCS New Employee School – D.M.
- * <u>Nov. 6-8</u> Fall IAN
- Workshop Hamilton CCB
- * Nov. 21 Dist. 4 Mtg. Fremont CCB

2019 IACCB Annual Fall Conference

September 17-19, 2019 Muscatine, IA



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Selfie Station

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2019 ICCS FALL CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – August 17th!

Now that the beastly long 4th of July Holiday Weekend is behind us all, and the legendary "Hump Day of Summer" is looming on August 1st – time perhaps to get those registrations submitted for the ICCS 60th Annual Fall Conference!!?? We have 90 folks from 21 CCBs registered to-date....looking to push those numbers up to over the 300 mark by the registration deadline! As a reminder - the online conference registration system automatically assesses a \$25 late registration fee after the deadline date – so use the next four weeks to avoid that fate!

Follow the link below to the Conference Registration Packet and your online registration options! Don't forget to sign up of the optional "Fish Fry on the Riverfront" welcome & socializing event on the first evening (Tues.) of the conference! WooHoo! ©



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2019 ICCS Fall Conference Silent Auction Donations

Needing a good late-summer rainy day project (or two)? The annual ICCS Silent Auction is anxious to receive your entry forms! Cabin or camping packages that combine local products and activities are ALWAYS popular. So too are those craft projects created by many of the talented CCB Staff. Board Members or spouses across the state! The Donation Form is available via the conference page at the link above – thanks! ©

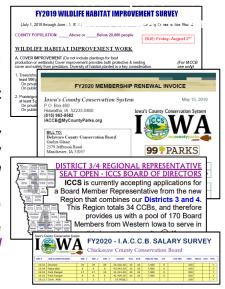
SOME OF THOSE OTHER DEADLINES!!

AUGUST 1st - FY2020 ICCS Membership Renewal due. (Information/invoices distributed to all CCB Directors on May 1st)

AUGUST 2nd – FY2019 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Awards due. (Distributed to all CCB Directors on June 4th)

AUGUST 15th - Nomination Form for Board Member Representative to ICCS Board of Directors due from new electoral region that combines Districts 3 & 4. (Information contained in regular June ICCS Newsletter)

ASAP – CCDA Forest Reserve Survey Monkey (Emailed) STAY TUNED - FY2020 ICCS Salary Survey will be coming your way in August! Should you need additional information or replacement forms for any of the above, please be in touch - IACCB@mycountyparks.org



(515) 963-9582



ALLAMAKEE - DRIFTLESS CENTER

BLACK HAWK - HICKORY HILLS PARK

BOONE - DON WILLIAMS RECREATION AREA

BREMER - CEDAR BEND PARK

BUCHANAN - FONTANA PARK

BUTLER - BEAVER MEADOWS

CARROLL - SWAN LAKE CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

CERRO GORDO - LIME CREEK NATURE CENTER

CHICKASAW - AIRPORT LAKE PARK

CLAY - SCHARNBERG PARK

CLAYTON - OSBORNE PARK WELCOME CENTER

CRAWFORD - YELLOW SMOKE PARK

DALLAS - HANGING ROCK

DALLAS - FOREST PARK MUSEUM

DECATUR - LITTLE RIVER RECREATION AREA

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

LOUISA - CAIRO WOODS WILDLIFE AREA

MADISON - PAMMEL STATE PARK

MARION - CORDOVA PARK

MARSHALL - GREEN CASTLE RECREATION AREA

MONROE - LAKE MIAMI PARK

O'BRIEN - DOG CREEK PARK

OSCEOLA - HAWKEYE POINT

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

WAPELLO - AMERICAN GOTHIC HOUSE - ELDON, IA

WARREN - ANNETT NATURE CENTER AND PARK

WEBSTER - GYPSUM CITY OHV PARK

WINNEBAGO - THORPE PARK

WINNESHIEK - LAKE MEYER PARK

WOODBURY - DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER

WORTH - KUENNEN'S QUARRY

99 PARKS CELEBRATION!





Winnebago CCB

Benton CCB

Summer of 2019 is Marching On!

We have 43 CCBs with 47 Selfie Stations in operation across the state – AWESOME! How about those other 33 CCBS and their 63 stations that are out there? If you got 'em in operation and you are not on this list – please let ICCS know at your earliest convenience so that we can get links posted! This is all about promoting YOUR park(s) and YOUR CCB......looking forward to hearing from several of you all soon!



Dubuque CCB & their AWESOME 99PARKS T-Shirts! ◎





Davis CCB is "Reeling in Conservation" w/ ByWays!

Davis CCB Director Josh Batterson sent along this picture of their entry in the 100-mile "Bale Trail art installation" through far SE Iowa from Moravia to Donnellson. Businesses and organizations are partnering with local landowners to place these artistic cornstalk bales along the route. RAGBRAI 2019 participants may encounter several of these this summer – cool stuff!





Those of you that have attended an ICCS New Employee School know that 18 of Iowa's State Parks are managed by CCBs across the state! These parks will be included in the centennial celebration of Iowa's State Parks in 2020. A vintage car tour of ALL 91 state parks is in the works as part of this celebration. Kevin Szcodronski, recently retired Director of Iowa State Parks is teaming up with other volunteers to engineer this aspect of the 2020 festivities. Those CCBs with state parks under their wings can anticipate more information, coordination and other contacts concerning their parts in this puzzle! ©

| Park Name \$ | County or Counties \$ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bobwhite State Park | Wayne County |
| Cold Springs State Park | Cass County |
| Crystal Lake State Park | Hancock County |
| Eagle Lake State Park | Hancock County |
| Echo Valley State Park | Fayette County |
| Frank A. Gotch State Park | Humboldt County |
| Heery Woods State Park | Butler County |
| Kearny State Park | Palo Alto County |
| Lake Cornelia State Park | Wright County |
| Lake Icaria State Park | Adams County |
| Mill Creek State Park | O'Brien County |
| Oak Grove State Park | Sioux County |
| Oakland Mills State Park | Henry County |
| Pammel State Park | Madison County |
| Sharon Bluffs State Park | Appanoose County |
| Spring Lake State Park | Greene County |
| Swan Lake State Park | Carroll County |
| Three Mile Lake State Park | Union County |
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August 3^{ra} – The Rusty-Patched Bumblebee

The IDNR, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and Linn CCB would like to invite interested citizens to the Wickiup Hill Learning Center on August 3rd from 9:30 to noon to learn about bumblebees! For more information & Registration - https://xerces.org/event/



Invasive Phragmites (European strain) is a tall, aggressively growing grass that can take over large areas of wetland and shoreline, push out native vegetation, and reduce habitat quality for wildlife. In Minnesota, it is a cryptic invasion because native Phragmites is present as well. For more information, visit: https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/phragmites or contact: Jeffrey Flory, Invasive Species Technician, 1854 Treaty Authority, Duluth, MN - jaf523@gmail.com

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants

The **Cornell Douglas Foundation** is dedicated to advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources. The Foundation provides grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. For more information / applications, visit:

http://www.cornelldouglas.org/grants



Life Along the Mississippi River

The 2019 ICCS 60th Annual Fall Conference along the Mississippi River in Muscatine!







BIKE – Muscatine Waterfront



GOLF – Muscatine Municipal



TOUR - Pearl Button Museum



Tuesday, September 17th – Pre-Conference Happenings

As you arrive to Louisa & Muscatine Counties for the 60th Annual ICCS Fall Conference – the Tuesday offerings are simply smashing! © Plan to partake of one of the afternoon options above, AND also join us for the Fish Fry & Welcome Social at the Riverview Center. It is located at the Port of Muscatine, just upstream a bit from the Merrill Hotel. Fish will be provided by Denny Weiss with sides and dessert provided by A Guy & A Grill, a Muscatine favorite! The apple crisp is simply amazing! © If your evening has yet to finish – several local businesses will be offering specials to conference attendees as the evening festivities continue in downtown Muscatine!

ON THE RIVERBOAT - Wednesday, Sept. 18th

The last time an ICCS Fall Conference hosted a portion of the event ON a working Mississippi River paddle-wheeler was in 1989 in Burlington. So – it appears that this opportunity only presents itself ONCE EVERY THIRTY YEARS!? © Dare you miss this this chance in 2019?? We are very excited to be able to host one day of our conference on the Celebration Belle Riverboat as we cruise from Moline, IL to Muscatine, IA. The cruise will include a full luncheon buffet, excellent sights of the Mississippi River Valley, passing through a lock-and-dam, and concurrent educational sessions along the way!

The day concludes with social time with our Exhibitors and an excellent BBQ at the Bayer Recreation facility, including a dessert buffet and short guided tours of the Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve – *Shazam!* Would you want to be anywhere else on September 18th?? The adventure starts below:





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EMPLOYMENTOPPORTUNITIES



7/17/2019

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- 1. BUCHANAN Co. Conservation Technician
- 2. JOHNSON Co. Nat. Res. Mgmt. Specialist
- 3. DALLAS Co. Nat. Resource Technician
- 4. PAGE Co. Director
- 5. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. Env. Ed. Coordinator
- 6. PLYMOUTH Co. Park Ranger
- 7. IDA Co. Director
- 8. SEASONAL POSITIONS 25+ opportunities listed on website





1985 CCPOA Executive Comm.

Tom Hazelton (Linn) Dan Heissel (Poky), Steve Edwards (Marion), Jim Priebe (Warren), Carol Freund (Dubuque), and Mark Hurm (Polk)



Seasonal/Part-Time

Full Time