

Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also available online via

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Camping
 Cabin
 Trails
 Swimming
 Fishing
 Nature Center
 Selfie Station

*** Sept. 17-19 – ICCS Fall Conference – Muscatine!**

*** Oct. 7-9 – CCPOA Fall Workshop – Camp Dodge***

*** Oct. 16 – Dist. 3 Mtg. – Lyon CCB**

*** Oct. 29 – ICCS New Employee School – D.M.***

*** Nov. 6-8 – Fall IAN Workshop – Hamilton CCB**

*** Nov. 21 – Dist. 4 Mtg. – Fremont CCB**

*** Dec. 3 – E-Commerce '19 Summit – Jester Park**

*** Dec. 18 – Dist. 3 Mtg. – O'Brien CCB**

*** Jan. 28-30 – Winterfest 2020 in Coralville**

*** Mar. 2-4 – Iowa Tourism Conference – Des Moines**

(*Online Registration currently available)

2020 ICCS

65th Anniversary

Fall Conference

September 17-19, 2020

Ames, IA



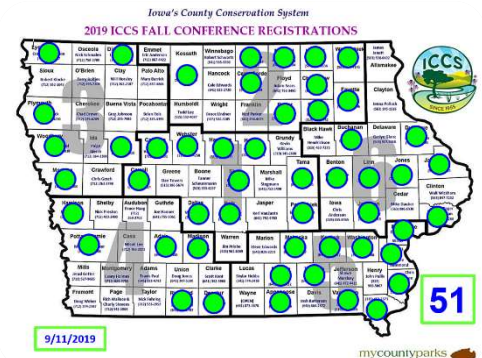
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ARE YOU READY FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE? ?

Looking forward to seeing a bunch of you next week at the **60th Annual ICCS Fall Conference** in Muscatine! So many of you are coming that we had to run out and acquire an additional supply of name badge holders! 😊 **MANY THANKS** in advance for the months of attention to detail by the **Lousia and Muscatine County Conservation staff and Board Members** as they assembled this awesome opportunity for us along the Mississippi River!

Very much pleased to have representatives registered from **51 CCBs** across the state – including many from our “west coast” that will be making the Mississippi their stomping grounds for a couple of days! **THANK-YOU** for supporting the annual conference and all the work that your Muscatine & Louisa CCB peers have put in to pull together this memorable experience! 😊 Messaging is currently going out to all those registered for **pre-conference events** – please contact your CCB individual that registered you if you have yet to receive any updates – Thanks!



CCBs Attending 2019 Fall Conference

See you next week in Muscatine for the **ICCS Annual Fall Conference!**

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU!

(Check out the link below for a full listing of silent auction items that have been submitted to-date!) 😊

GREAT ADVENTURES and bargain shopping await you at the annual **ICCS Silent Auction** next week! Items featured include: 2020 ICCS Conference Registration; Cabins & Canoe Float; Cabins & Wine; Corn Bin Cabins Stay; Boone Forks Regional Package – Cabins, Camping, Golf, Paddling, Biking, OHV, etc.; Mojo Dove Decoys; Boyt Gun Case & Parts; Jerner's Duck Plate Collection; Cabins with Golf & Pool Passes; Cabin with private tour of the American Gothic House – just for starters! (Credit cards always accepted for your purchases! 😊) Be ready to bid early & bid often – time frame is short!

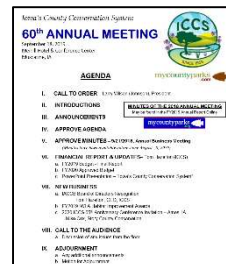
<https://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>



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ICCS ANNUAL MEETING ON TAP – September 18th ☺

Please join us for the **2019 ICCS Annual Meeting** on Wednesday morning, September 18th – starting at 8:00 AM, immediately following breakfast at the Merrill Hotel & Conference Center in Muscatine. The Annual Meeting has been held in conjunction with the ICCS Annual Conference each year since 1960. Informational materials available in advance of the meeting include the following:

- Annual Meeting Agenda
- ICCS FY2019 Financial Report & FY2020 Approved Budget
- ICCS FY2019 Annual Report

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FINANCIAL REPORT - 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
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FY2019 ANNUAL REPORT
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These items may be found under the **“CONFERENCES”** tab on the MyCountyParks.org website via the link below. You are encouraged to review/download these materials prior to the meeting or have them available via a mobile device as there will be only a limited number of agendas available and no annual reports at the conference. The ICCS FY2019 Annual Report has been available online since early-August and availability was announced in the August Newsletter. Please find all Conference and Annual Meeting information via the link that follows:

2019 ICCS Fall Conference Page Link - <https://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>

WINTERFEST 2020 – Collegiate Registration Available!

The **IACCBE Winterfest Planning Committee** has opted to get some preliminary promos and the online registration opportunity out to our college connections very early this year! We seem to struggle a bit each year in reaching the students late in the fall due to the lengthy holiday breaks and our mid-January registration deadlines – so we'll see how this early deployment works for us this year! IF you know of students that may be interested, or have a connection with either instructors or career planning offices – please share this information / LINK with them! Look forward to registration links for staff and vendors to be released as soon as the information packets have been mostly finalized – **WINTERFEST 2020, on January 28-30th** ☺

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Info/WINTERFEST.aspx>



DARYL PARKER (Jackson CCB) TO RETIRE! – Daryl has served as the Director for the Jackson County Conservation Board for the past 27 years, having been employed in the CCB system for 33 years – previously by the Linn and Black Hawk CCBs. He has served in numerous leadership roles across the state within the CCB system, county government, Tourism and more. He concluded his retirement announcement article in the recent JCCB Newsletter with this note.....“.....and feel pretty good that I have made my very small part of this world a little better than I found it. I challenge you to do the same.” **An open house celebration of Daryl's career will be held from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, November 22nd at the Hurstville Interpretive Center in Jackson County.**





FORESTRY MOWER DEMONSTRATION DAY 2019

Squaw Creek Park (Linn CCB), Marion – Friday, October 25th

Hawkeye CWMA, Johnson County IRVM, and Linn CCB are again hosting a Forestry Mower Demonstration Day on October 25th at Squaw Creek in Linn County. Come operate skid steer and excavator forestry mowers and learn how they can more efficiently and safely help you manage your invasive species infestations! Presentations by invasive species management experts using prescribed fire, herbicides, and native grass planting to reclaim infested areas. Attendee's get a free lunch, and get to come run multiple forestry mowers, skid steers, excavators, stump grinders, hydroseeders, etc. **TO REGISTER:** Contact **Chris Henze** at chenze@co.johnson.ia.us or ring him up at **(319) 356-6046**

OCTOBER 2019 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

These full-day workshops will provide information from organic experts and presented resources about the National Organic Program, organic certification and transition, organic standards and production practices and insight into current organic market trends and demands. They are seeking a diverse, target audience that includes NRCS, Extension, IDALS, FSA, SWCD, RC&D, County Conservation, crop insurance agents, farm lenders, farming organizations, farmers, agriculture educators and students, and others interested in learning more about organic opportunities. For more information or to register – visit the following website: https://www.iowaorganic.org/field_days



**GROWING ORGANIC
EXPERTISE IN IOWA**

34th CCPOA ANNUAL WORKSHOP – October 7-9, 2019

The **CCPOA Division of ICCS** is hosting their **34th Annual Fall Workshop & Annual Meeting** at **Camp Dodge on October 7-9**. 110 CCB Officers have already registered for this annual event. For more information or to register – visit the following links as provided by the CCPOA – thanks!

CCPOA WEBSITE:

<https://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/2019-fall-workshop-information.html>

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/17/34th-Annual-Fall-Workshop-Business-Meeting.aspx>



AS ANTICIPATED.....THE DISCUSSION WILL BE ABOUT TRAILS & LAND ACQUISITION

The current 67-page listing of **"The Un-Met Needs of County Conservation"** demonstrates **\$1,080,265,558.00** of these needs in just 79 counties. 43% of this total, or **\$462,341,035.00 is identified for trails** – 80% of which is needed for development /acquisition, the remainder for maintenance. If IWILL were to be funded, we are already a generation behind as it would take 46.9 years (@ \$23M/year) to pare down that list of \$1.08B. And you know what – we are already a **BILLION DOLLARS** behind, as that would be the amount that would have already flowed into the **Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund** had it been funded in 2010 with the passage of the constitutional amendment.

The focus of our mission for the **2020 Legislative Session** is very quickly becoming much clearer, and Directors can be on the lookout for important communications in the upcoming days. We will have a discussion with those present at the **ICCS Annual Meeting** next Wednesday – perhaps the last best chance for the foreseeable future is on our doorstep? Collectively, **WE ALL NEED TO BE UP TO THE CHALLENGE**, and by the way – this means educated AND engaged, stay tuned.....



Two EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for both New and Veteran Employees

Sponsored at no-cost to participants by ICCS and MyCountyParks.com



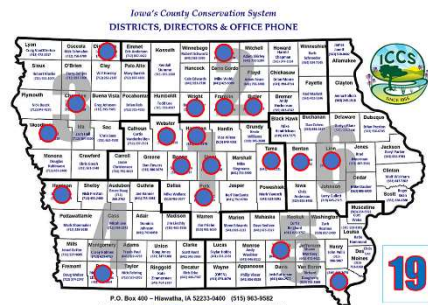
2019 NEW COUNTY CONSERVATION EMPLOYEE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 29th – Ramada Tropics Conference Center, Des Moines

40 NEW EMPLOYEES from 20 CCBs registered to-date – WOW! ICCS is pleased to host our **7th Annual New County Conservation Employee School** this fall in Des Moines. Provided at NO COST to all participants – this is a MUST-DO orientation for all new employees that have come on board in the past 12+ months, or those that have yet to have the opportunity to attend! Get the date on your calendars – you don't want to miss out on your personal copy of the **New CCB Employee Manual**, as well as dynamic partner presentations from across Iowa! More information, the agenda and your registration opportunity provided below..... ☺

NEW EMPLOYEE SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/16/2019-NEW-CCB-EMPLOYEE-SCHOOL.aspx>



New CCB Employee School Registrants

2019 ANNUAL MyCountyParks.com E-COMMERCE SUMMIT

DECEMBER 3rd – Jester Park Nature Center, Polk County

35+ CCBs are now actively engaged with the **MCP.com** online reservation system! ICCS has identified that **84 of our 99 CCBs would benefit** from providing online bookings of facilities or events – due primarily to an active environmental education program, or currently providing reservable facilities. **Isn't it time that you get connected?** Therefore – invitations to attend will be extended to **ALL CCBs** – those currently online, those currently contemplating, and those that may just have questions! The **MCP.com Advisory Committee** met via ZOOM Meeting earlier this week, and is actively assembling another great meeting – to include morning refreshments and a luncheon – all at no-cost for participants.....stay tuned! ☺

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER!



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REMINDER: ICCS OFFICE CLOSED 9/17 thru 10/6

Due to the **ICCS Fall Conference** and some other extended travel – operations will be curtailed somewhat during this period. Arrangements have been made for monitoring phone and email communications, and **MyCountyParks.com emergencies** can be directed to **Informatics as follows: Kaisha Billings, (319) 363-2795 (ext. 125)** & via email with screen shots to: kaisha.billings@informaticsinc.com (If your website issues are not critical, please send along a normal email to ICCS and we will work with you on the matter as time permits in October – thanks!)



JOBS

9/12/2019

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

1. JEFFERSON Co. – Park Technician
2. JACKSON Co. – Executive Director
3. JONES Co. – Natural Resource Manager
4. BENTON Co. – Park Ranger – River Parks
5. DICKINSON Co. – Roadside Prairie Technician
6. CALHOUN Co. – Park Ranger/Naturalist
7. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 6 opportunities listed on website

■ Full Time

■ Seasonal/Part-Time

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