



SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar &
Zoom Meeting Room
Bookings
are available online via



* April 14 – District 1 Mtg.
– Dallas CCB
* April 19-20 – IA Tourism
Conference – Des Moines
* April 23 – IWLA 100th
Anniv. – Indianola, IA
* May 12 – ICCS Board of
Directors Meeting – D.M.
* May 19 – District 4 Mtg.
– Madison CCB
* Aug. 17 – Dist. 3 Mtg. –
O'Brien CCB
* Aug. 18 – Dist. 4 Mtg. –
Ringgold CCB
* Aug. 24-26 – ISAC/CCDA
Annual Meeting – D.M.
* Aug. 26-30 – Summer
IAN – Boundary Waters

Indicates Online
Registration Available



2022 ICCS

Fall Conference
September 13-15, 2022
Doorway to the Driftless
Dubuque, IA

REGISTRATION
COMING
SOON!



Newsletter

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REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIIF)

HF2579 was introduced earlier this week and placed on the House agenda – additional Information can be found via the link below – some of the relative highlights follow:

HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$2.6 million for trails (Department of Transportation)
- \$1.5 million for water trails & low head dams (DNR)
- \$9.6 million for Lake Restoration (DNR)
- \$6 million for State Park Infrastructure (DNR)
- \$10 million for (CAT) Community Attraction & Tourism (Econ. Dev. Authority)
- \$2 million for Iowa Great Places (Cultural Affairs)
- \$12 million for Sports Tourism (Economic Development Authority)

LINK to HF2579: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/1289026.pdf>

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS

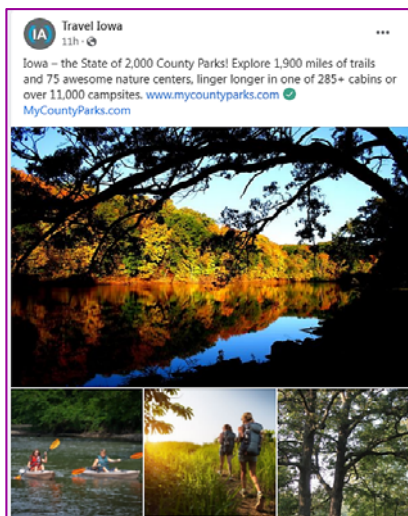
(Please refer to the 3/27/22 ICCS Legislative Newsletter for current information) As we progress towards the end of the 2022 Legislative Session – we will be keeping tabs on happenings at the Capitol. Occasionally - some bills that we thought were done/gone for the Session have managed to resurrect themselves as attachments, etc. AND – bills that we have had success in “defeating” in the current Session may return in future sessions – so our collective vigilance is essential.

Generally – when a Legislative Session ends – we shift to reviewing what has transpired and take an introspective look at where/how we can be more effective in our educational efforts and messaging. Much of this work started weeks ago, and you will be hearing more from ICCS and our partners in the weeks/months ahead as preparation for the 2023 Iowa Legislative Session takes shape. There will be many new faces at the Statehouse next year – no question that we need to ramp-up our educational efforts and materials! Thanks for all of your engagement to-date for the 2022 Legislative Session! ☺

FEATURED THIS WEEK!

Get on over to the **Iowa Tourism Facebook Page** “Travel Iowa” and give a **LIKE** and a **SHARE** to the post about “Iowa – The State of 2,000 County Parks!” This is just one of the multiple promotions and advertisements that we have pushed out in a marketing thrust this spring as outlined in the February ICCS Newsletter. As with anything digital – the more visits, likes, shares and hits that tag the digital presence – the wider the distribution will go!

THANKS! in advance for your assistance with this effort to enhance our outreach efforts this spring to engage more folks with Iowa’s County Conservation System! ☺



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IACCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET MAY 12TH

The nine-member **ICCS Board of Directors** will hold their spring quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 12th in Des Moines. Each year, the May meeting is dedicated to review and approval of upcoming fiscal year budgets for both ICCS General Operations, and that of the MyCountyParks.com Website Operations. This year, the Board is also tasked with the following significant agenda items: Final Review and Approval of the new ICCS CEO Job Description; Review and Approval of the FY2023 CEO Compensation Contract; Review and Approval of the 2022 CEO Recruitment Plan; and, the Preliminary Review & Discussion of the MyCountyParks.com Internet Systems Administrator Position - projected for onboarding around the beginning of 2023. *If all goes well, letters of application will be solicited for the CEO position in late May/early June for a six week period.*



"HANDS-ON HABITAT WORK DAY"/ EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND

As announced in February – a reminder that your local PF/QF Chapters have been challenged to get their hands dirty by organizing and participating in a "boots on the ground" habitat work day between April 22nd to 24th. If you do not already have something scheduled locally – some examples are listed here to the right for your creative planning! ☺

"Many of our chapters are just wrapping up from their banquets and are now pivoting into spring habitat projects. If you have a project on one of your public areas that could use some volunteer help, or if you'd just like to promote your areas with a great event, reach out to your area's regional field rep and we'll connect you with your local chapter volunteers!"

Eric Systma, Regional Field Representative., Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever



- Pollinator plantings
- Tree/brush removal
- Invasive species removal
- Tree/shrub planting
- Lake/river clean up
- Trash clean up
- Sign restoration
- Fence removal

CONSERVATION CORPS MINN./IOWA SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa is currently seeking nominations for candidates to the Board of Directors. Ideal candidates will have an interest in serving on an active working-board interested in advancing a race-equity culture aimed at improving access and economic opportunities in the natural resources and environmental sector. Comprised of up to 20 members, CCMI Board members may serve up to three, 3-year terms. In 2022, we seek to fill up to four open seats on the board.

More Information & Nomination Form: <https://conservationcorps.org/about/board-of-directors/>



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Iowa's County Conservation System
Wildlife Habitat Stamp
Grant Program
HABITAT STAMP GRANT COMMITTEE



REMINDER — that applications are **due by March 31st** for the current open position on the **Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant Review Committee**. Directors can refer to the **February 14th email from ICCS** with all the information, links and directions for the application process – thanks! Your emailed letters of introduction/qualifications should be sent to the ICCS Board of Directors for review to: IACCB@mycountyparks.org

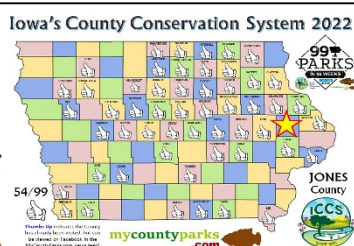
CCB CABINS TO BE FEATURED IN TOURISM CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION!

MANY THANKS! to these 10 CCBs: **Woodbury, Harrison, Calhoun, Webster, Hamilton, Polk, Buchanan, Benton, Lee and Wapello** for answering the call and partnering with ICCS to promote county conservation cabins at the **2022 Iowa Tourism Conference** in Des Moines next month. Each CCB donated at least one night of cabin lodging for one of the three regional offerings of two cabins per package! The **total combined value of \$1,755** will certainly tantalize attendees to the conference, raise some much needed dollars for Iowa Tourism, AND promote Iowa's County Conservation System to our tourism peers! ☺



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4/4/2022	Audubon
4/11/2022	Crawford
4/18/2022	Dallas
4/25/2022	Des Moines
5/2/2022	Jasper
5/9/2022	Kossuth

WEEK NUMBER 64 UPDATE!



- MyCountyParks.com

CONGRATS! to Adams county for dishing up **over 12,000 connections** in the first four days of their splash for the **99 COUNTIES /99 WEEKS promotion** on MyCountyParks.com Facebook page this past week. Just a wee bit of effort on the part of your CCB and Staff can get you there too...remember, **Adams CCB is the least populated county in Iowa!** ☺

"You don't need to practice social distancing from Mother Nature: Enjoy Iowa's County Parks!"

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

mycountyparks.com

JOBS

■ Full Time
■ Seasonal/Part-Time

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

1. O'BRIEN Co. – Environmental Educator/Naturalist
2. LEE Co. – Conservation Technician
3. HARDIN Co. – Interpretive Park Technician
4. SAC Co. – Park Technician
5. CERRO GORDO Co. – Executive Director
6. WINNESHIEK Co. – Waste Reduction & Recycling Educator
7. O'BRIEN Co. – Office Manager
8. BLACK HAWK Co. – Conservation Park Ranger II
9. WINNESHIEK Co. – Education & Outreach Coordinator
10. TAMA Co. – Park Officer
11. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer – Construction
12. POLK Co. – Facility Attendant
13. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 100+ opportunities listed on website



3/30/2022

And what adventure is your **99 PARKS** backpack taking you on this spring of 2022??