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January 24-26, 2023 HYATT REGENCY CORALVILLE WINTERFEST 2023

**REGISTRATION DISCOUNT
NOW AVAILABLE 😊**

51st ANNUAL IACCBE WINTERFEST CONFERENCE!

As of Nov. 21 - we have 140 CCB employees from 31 counties registered and 15 representatives from 10 vendors! 😊 A great start on registrations for our 2023 Winterfest!

LODGING RESERVATIONS at the Hyatt Coralville are available via the "HYATT ROOM BLOCK" link on the Winterfest 2023 page at MyCountyParks.org (link below). **Cut-off for the room block is 1/3/2023. Registration Deadline for all participants is also January 3rd** – a \$20 late fee will be applied to all registrations received after midnight on that date (ie: Starting Jan 4th). **Registrations will NOT BE ACCEPTED after January 11th.** Save yourselves all the frustrations that many of you had by waiting until the last minute this past year – just get it done before the holidays! We were very close to our dining capacities for 2022 – your advance planning and registrations are much appreciated to assist with all the final minutia in the days running up to this great event!

Winterfest 2023 ONLINE registration has been available since October 15th. Get your calendars marked – observe the late registration penalties noted above and **GET REGISTERED!** – we look forward to seeing you in Coralville!

LINK: <https://www.mycountyparks.org/winterfest.html>

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WINTERFEST 2023
January 24-26, 2023 / Hyatt-Regency Coralville

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WINTERFEST 2023 - EMPLOYEE REGISTRATION

Event: 01/24/2023 - 01/26/2023
Registration From: 10/03/2022 - 01/11/2023

The absolute best annual networking and educational event created by County Conservation Employees FOR County Conservation Employees! Join us in January for WINTERFEST 2023 in Coralville - looking forward to seeing you all there!



WINTERFEST 2023 - COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION

Event: 01/25/2023 - 01/26/2023
Registration From: 10/03/2022 - 01/11/2023

(For College Students & Accompanying Faculty ONLY) WINTERFEST 2023 - your BEST opportunity for an introduction to a career in County Conservation - hands down! Join us in January 2023!

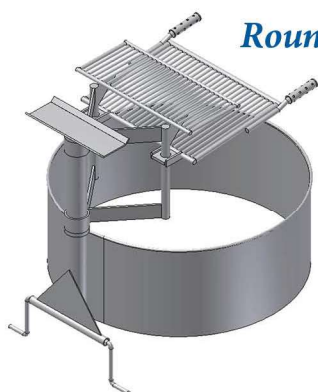


WINTERFEST 2023 - VENDOR REGISTRATION

Event: 01/24/2023 - 01/26/2023
Registration From: 10/03/2022 - 01/11/2023

WINTERFEST 2023 EXHIBITOR & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - connecting businesses and service providers with the leaders of Iowa's County Conservation System! Join us in Coralville for one of our best networking opportunities of the year!

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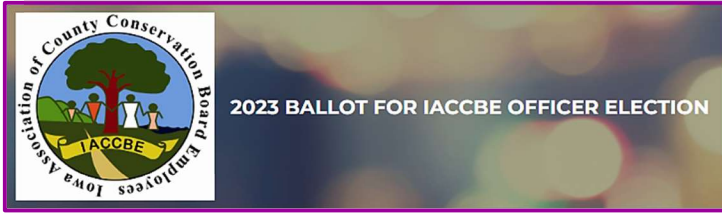
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HYATT ROOM BLOCK

WINTERFEST REGISTRATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

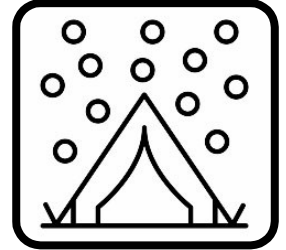
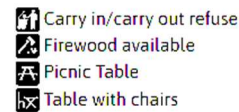
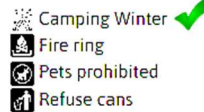
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NEW Amenity on MCP.com – Winter Camping!

Due to several User requests, we have added another means of searching for facilities that offer “Winter Camping” as an AMENITY. Now customers can query the facility database on the website for this experience! IF YOU HAVE THIS as an option – be sure to add it to your Facility! (primarily for campsites – add at facility admin page)

THANKS!



New Email, Etc. for MCP.com – MCPAdmin@MyCountyParks.org

As noted on Page One of this newsletter – included with ICCS transitioning to a new CEO, so too is MCP.com transitioning to a new management environment with a dedicated staff person for your administrative needs. As we continue to look into the future, and commence with a multi-year renovation/upgrade of the website – we will find ourselves in a state of fluid motion with change and innovation. 😊 The office of the ICCS CEO will no longer be tasked with the day-to-day management of the MCP.com and MCP.org websites – these duties have been delegated to the new **Internet Systems Administrator (ISA)** (contractor position – similar to that of the CEO) – which is initially envisioned to be a 50% full-time equivalent contract. These two ICCS contractor positions will be geographically separated and independent “offices” – but digitally and virtually connected. There will be minor adjustments needed in the months ahead, and we appreciate your patience as we work our way forward – thanks!

NEXT-UP, you can anticipate a **new connection (button) within your COUNTY ADMIN** to submit requests for assistance, suggestions for improvements and essentially anything associated with the administration of the website – including customer comments/concerns. This will standardize the way we receive and monitor our website operations, and prepare our system for the next phase of management in the years ahead. We have TWO major development planning meetings scheduled on December 8th and 13th with **Informatics, Inc.** – our original and long-time developer & host for MyCountyParks.com. We can never emphasize how critically important it has been throughout the 15-year history of this website to have the fortune of working with the same team of technical experts that know our code structure and operations forwards and backwards.

Please endeavor to send your website-related email communications to the MCPAdmin@mycountyparks.org address from this point forward, and utilize the (319) 521-5952 cell phone number for direct communications – thanks!



CCB Email Harvest Completed - Update

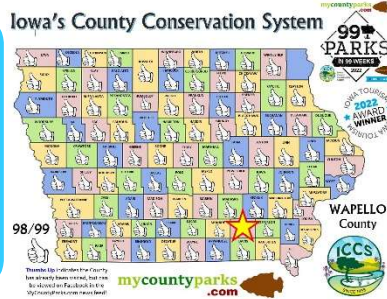
As promised – we completed the **Portal Harvest** of all the current email addresses for both Staff and Board Members on Nov. 1st! Many thanks to those of you that ensured your CCB's data was refreshed and up-to-date! We noted improvements across the

board in all categories – especially for CCB staff! The most-recent harvest of listings yielded the following totals: **1,109 total email contacts**; 86% of all Employees (601 of 705); 80% of all Board Members (395 of 495); 31 Preferred Vendor Member Contacts; and 82 CCB Alumni & Stakeholder Contacts. We still have some CCBs that have not updated their Portal Contact information since 2013. 😞 BUT – we have made vast improvements over the past decade from where we were hovering in the 30-40% arena. This means that we are shy approx. 104 employees and 100 Conservation Board Members – *we can continue to do better!* Remember, it is not just ICCS that relies on these listings – but also ALL SIX IACCBE Districts, and all of our affiliate Divisions who wish to maintain contact will each of their individual members for important communications! **NEXT HARVEST** is due in the Spring of 2023 – thanks! 😊

MCP.com is pleased to be working with the **Kossuth and Plymouth CCBs** to bring them **onboard with E-Commerce** (online reservations/registrations) in the upcoming months! **Cherokee CCB** went **LIVE** with their E-Commerce presence just a few weeks ago too! If you are one of the remaining 42 counties or so that have been considering this upgrade for your operations – NOW is a grreat time to advance your programming! Get in touch with Tom to discuss your next steps! 😊 – MCPAdmin@mycountyparks.org

New Employee & E-Commerce Schools

Nearly 60 CCB employees participated in each of these important training opportunities on October 25-26 at the **Briggs Woods Conference Center** in Hamilton County! Participants are reminded to fill out the post-event surveys that were distributed via email shortly following these events – thanks! ICCS appreciates the support of our CCB Directors and Boards who empowered their staff by allowing them to engage with these annual programs. The majority of attendees to the New CCB Employee School had only been onboard for 8 months or less – THANKS for joining us!



WEEK NUMBER 97 UPDATE – WooHoo, WE'RE DOWN TO 2!!

2 MORE WEEKS TO GO!by the time you are reading this section in the December '22 ICCS Newsletter – this marketing campaign will be concluded! 😊 It has been a historically productive effort since January 2021 – many thanks to those of you that have assisted with this incredible, two-year-long effort with ICCS! 😊 **We will be sharing all the Numbers next month – Visitor engagement, # of awesome pictures posted, etc.! Proud to have been recognized as the 2022 Iowa Tourism Outstanding Niche Marketing Initiative!!**



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS

■ Full Time
■ Seasonal/Part-Time

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

1. BUTLER Co. – Executive Director
2. CARROLL Co. – Naturalist
3. DECATUR Co. – Conservation Technician
4. KOSSUTH Co. – Maintenance Technician
5. WOODBURY Co. – Education Director
6. WOODBURY Co. – Clerk (PPT)
7. HAMILTON Co. – Golf Course Clubhouse Mgr. / Pro
8. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer – Construction
9. POLK Co. – Facility Attendant
10. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 4 opportunities listed on website



Grundy County Museum (GCCB)
Morrison, IA

11/23/2022