



Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE:

The IACCB Calendar is also available online via the IACCB link on MCP.com

* **Apr. 11 – Fund the Trust Day** - Capitol!

* **April 11-12 – CCDA Retreat** – Polk County

* **Apr. 13 – CCPOA Wksp.** – Black Hawk County

* **April 13-20 – IACCB Offices Closed**

* **Apr. 19 – District 3 Mtg.** – Ida County

* **April 27 – Frank Frederick Retirement Reception** – Bremer CCB

* **May 11 – IACCB Board of Directors Mtg.** - Ames

* **May 18 – District 4 Mtg.** – Ringgold County

* **June 15 – District 5 Mtg.** – Wayne County

* **June 21 – District 6 Mtg.** – Benton County

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2017 IACCB Annual Fall Conference
September 21-23
Sioux Center, IA
Hosted by the Lyon & Sioux CCBs

DOES IT ALL COME DOWN TO NEXT WEEK?

It was 1943 when staff of the then Iowa Conservation Commission presented a proposal to the Iowa Legislature that would establish a statewide county conservation board system. It would be 12 years later, in May of 1955 that House File 591 would be voted into law – creating Iowa Code **Chapter 111A – “County Conservation Boards”**. Twelve long years of educating senators and representatives, stakeholder organizations, county government and the Governor that Iowa needed US! I doubt that that original 1943 language looked much like the final product – but it was finally something that everyone could agree upon, and so the CCB system was born.

Not that you all needed a dose of our birth history – but we find ourselves in a similar mode – since the Sustainable Funding for Natural Resources Advisory Committee was established in 2006. We now find ourselves another 11 years down the road in a process that even has support from the people of Iowa who voted in a 2010 general election – directing the Legislature to do something else that Iowa needs desperately – create **The Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund!** Efforts over the past couple of years have put us closer than ever before in getting the funds from a sales tax increase to flow in to the Trust. Will our collective investment of time, energy and resources get the job done in 2017?

The momentum and coalition-building has been incredible these past 8 months, we should be very proud of what we have accomplished and the progress that has been made! One final demonstration of dedicated support via the unified voice of thousands of supporters, advocates and everyone concerned about the future of Iowa is at hand! We hope that you have made plans to **join the IWILL Coalition at the Capitol next Tuesday, April 11th for our Fund the Trust Day.** Make sure that you have notified all of your legislators that you plan to be there and hope to have the opportunity to speak with them as a constituent in favor of **HF 597 – the WISE Solution.** We know that water quality is being discussed in committees this week – so the conversation is happening....we are tasked with guiding them to the best long-term and dedicated solution. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the hill next Tuesday. *(As a reminder – IACCB will have a table or two in/near the rotunda event space – look for our banner display!)*

Doors will open at 8:30 AM and there will be programming on the half-hour all day long until 2:00 PM! **Outdoors Dan** will be the emcee and on stage all day with guest trainers, speakers, advocates and leaders as you take advantage of your pre-arranged meetings with your legislators. **(County Conservation will be “on stage” around 11:00 AM)** If you have yet to register your plans to attend – please do so ASAP via the IWILL website at the link proved below:

RSVP to Attend Fund the Trust Day, April 11th :

<http://www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org/take-action/join-us-capitol/>

countyparksiowa@gmail.com

(515) 963-9582

mycountyparks.com



FUND THE TRUST DAY – TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH



JOIN IACCB AT THE CAPITOL FOR THIS HUGELY IMPORTANT DAY!



SAVING POLLINATORS – WITH BLANK PARK ZOO

We note that more than a dozen CCBs are partnering with the Blank Park Zoo's *Plant.Grow.Fly.* initiative, and we were approached on REAP Day at the Capitol about spreading the word about this program. They have a great website for you to visit via the link below, and for additional information you can contact **Jessie Lowry** at: plantgrowfly@blankparkzoo.org LINK: www.plantgrowfly.com

FY2018 IACCB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

IACCB generally targets the end of April to have membership renewal information for the upcoming fiscal year in your hands via email. Thanks to those of you that have inquired about when to anticipate these – as we do each year, our renewal deadline will be August 1st. As a reminder, since 2012 – membership levels have been based on local property tax support as reported on REAP Certification Reports provided by your County Auditor. Should you have any advance questions: IACCB@mycountyparks.com



BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASS

Pilot Knob State Park – Forest City – May 20th, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Michael Strauser, Park Ranger at Pilot Knob State Park in Winnebago County is inviting folks to join him for a FREE all-day program about basic outdoor skills: Cutting tools, Fire Methods, Water Purification, Rope & Knots, Shelter, Basic Traps, etc. Interested peoples are asked to contact the park directly at: Pilot_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov or (641) 581-4835. (We know that many similar programs are offered by CCBs across the state, and share this with you as an example of a locally initiated effort from one state park) 😊



Two Dozen at WINTERFEST 2018 Planning Meeting! – 3/21/2017

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PORTAL CONTACTS – “ORGANIZATION” TAGS 101

So, when we scoop the **CONTACTS in the Portal** for our email communications – you are all harvested by your “**POSITION**” **Classification**. What’s up then with those “**ORGANIZATION**” **options** you might ask? Following is a quick rundown as to how each of you should appear:

AFIRM – If you are an active member of the AFIRM Organization (*Association for Integrated Roadside Management*)

CCB ALUMNI – If the person is no longer employed or an active board member for a CCB. (*Primarily for use by IACCB*)

CCDA – If you are an active, dues-paying member of the CCDA (*County Conservation Directors Association*)

CCPOA – If you are an active, dues-paying member of the CCPOA (*County Conservation Peace Officers Association of Iowa*)

EMPLOYEES – **ALL CCB employees** in the CONTACTS should be designated as such.

IACCB BOARD – The nine-member IACCB Board of Directors. (*Primarily used by IACCB*)

IACCB E – Members of the IACCB E Executive Committee & Winterfest Planning Committee. (*Yes, all employees are members of IACCB E – but this category is for the leadership group*)

IAN – If you are an active, dues-paying member of the IAN. (*Iowa Association of Naturalists*)

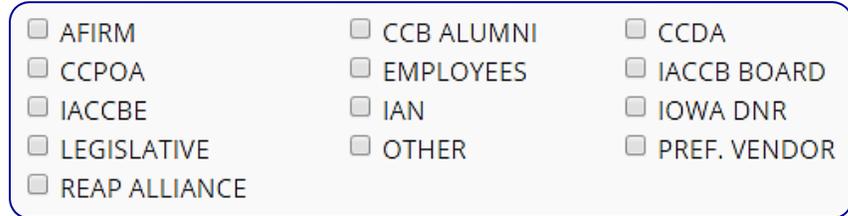
IOWA DNR – Leadership of the Iowa DNR (*Primarily for use by IACCB*)

LEGISLATIVE – Targeted Legislators as needed (*Primarily for use by IACCB*)

OTHER – Designated as needed (*Do not tag as such because there is no other to fit into*)

PREF. VENDOR – for IACCB Preferred Vendors. (*For use by IACCB*)

REAP ALLIANCE – Leadership Team of the Alliance (*For use by IACCB*)



IWILL Coalition Leaders Hazelton and LaPointe at C.R. Roundtable

IACCB OFFICE WILL BE “CLOSED”

You may notice an “**Office Closed**” response to your email communications for a couple of days as the IACCB offices and staff undergo some pre-scheduled maintenance - commencing Thursday, April 13th. We anticipate being “off-line” for up to a week, and plan to let you know when things get up-and-running once again. This is our first interruption of services in over six years, and may experience a few others this year as we upgrade certain aspects of our electronic operations in the months to come.



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

1. IOWA Co. – Executive Director
2. EMMET Co. – Naturalist
3. SCOTT Co. – Roadside Vegetation Specialist
4. ADAMS Co. – Park Officer
5. APPANOOSE Co. – Park Tech. (Permanent P.T.)
6. BUENA VISTA – Roadside Vegetation Specialist
7. STORY Co. – Special Projects Ranger
8. MONONA Co. – Operations & Maintenance Asst. - Officer
9. MARSHALL Co. – Maintenance Technician
10. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 57+ opportunities listed on website



CCPOA Officers training at a Marion Co. workshop in March

Full Time Employment
Seasonal/Part-Time