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Newsletter

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FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINES!

- AUGUST 15** – ICCS Fall Conference Registration Ends (*Late fee of \$25 applies after 8/15*)
- SEPTEMBER 1** – Last Day to Purchase Advance Raffle Tickets for ICCS Raffle
- SEPTEMBER 3** – Last Day to Submit ICCS SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORMS!

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? – IACCB@MyCountyParks.org

ICCS Fall Conference Information, Silent Auction Donation Forms, Vendor & Exhibitor Information, and 2021 ICCS Annual Meeting Information can all be found here:

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



2021 ICCS New CCB Employee School! REGISTRATION OPEN!

Wednesday, October 27th – Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston
THE FIRST ICCS New Employee School since 2019!

There have been at least 110 new hires since our last offering of this school in the fall of 2019 – so we are anticipating a robust attendance! This event is designed to get new and even “slightly seasoned” employees off to a great start with their County Conservation Career – AND, as with previous editions will be provided at NO CHARGE to participants 😊 **To REGISTER** and review the school agenda for the day, visit MyCountyParks.com via the following linkage:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/40/2021-ICCS-NEW-EMPLOYEE-SCHOOL.aspx>



SAVE THE DATES:
The ICCS Calendar & Zoom Meeting Room Bookings are available online via



- * Aug. 11 – District 2 Mtg. – Humboldt CCB
- * Aug. 17 – Winterfest Planning Meeting
- * Aug. 18 – District 3 Mtg. – Sioux CCB
- * Aug. 19 – District 4 Mtg. – Mills CCB
- * Aug. 25-27 – ISAC Annual Conference – D.M.
- * Sept. 8-10 – IRVM Conf. – Winneshiek Co.
- * September 15-17 – ICCS Annual Fall Conference
- * Oct. 4-6 – CCPOA 35th Annual Wksp. & Anniv.
- * Oct. 20 – District 3 Mtg. – Clay CCB
- * Oct. 27 – ICCS New CCB Employee School
- * Oct. 28 – E-Commerce Summit, MCP _ Johnston
- * Nov. 3-5 – Fall IAN – Woodbury CCB
- * Nov. 18 – District 4 Mtg. – TBA
- * Jan. 25-27, 2022 – 2022 WINTERFEST - Coralville

Indicates Online Registration Available

2021 ICCS 65th Anniversary +1 Fall Conference
September 15-17, 2021
Ames, IA

Iowa's County Conservation System SILENT AUCTION DONATION
85th ANNUAL IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Ames, IA
September 16, 2021

Name of Item: _____
Donated by: _____
Brief Description of Item: _____
Suggested retail value of item \$ _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Contact Name: _____ County: _____
Address: _____
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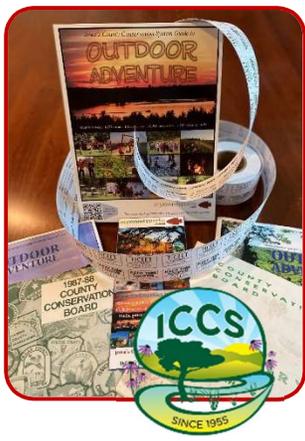
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Advance ICCS Raffle Tickets – Thru Sept. 1st!

(Between August 1st & September 1st ONLY) We are fortunate to have two very AWESOME items this year, and invite you to purchase your tickets in advance through the ICCS Office. Chances for either the custom crafted wooden canoe or the new 2020 Benelli 12 gauge shotgun will be sold in advance for \$5 each / or 5 for \$20. Individuals will receive an emailed receipt, and be entered into the drawing(s) of their choice. *“How To” instructions & MORE INFORMATION about these two prizes can be found in the May and July editions of this Newsletter!*



THIS RAFFLE WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Advance raffle ticket sales will only available to bonafide county conservation board employees and conservation board members within ICCS. MORE INFORMATION: IACCB@mycountyparks.org

NWTF GRANT PROGRAM



After a one-year budget freeze, the **Iowa State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation** will be taking applications for projects in the upcoming 2022 fiscal budget (September 1). The RFP process is currently open and applications will be scored at the next board of directors meeting this fall. Projects can either be habitat related or land acquisitions. With limited funds the board is always looking for innovative ideas that support the mission of "Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt". Feel free to contact John Burk (Iowa State NWTF Biologist) or Jim Coffey (Iowa DNR) if you have any questions. The THREE documents relating to this grant opportunity have been placed in the **NWTF File in the IACCB Portal Files**. If you do not have a local NWTF chapter please contact the state chapter president or closest county with a chapter. (Coffey Contact Info.: (641) 774-2958 / james.coffey@dnr.iowa.gov)



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CONTEMPLATING A MOVE TO ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATIONS?

At their July Meeting, the ICCS Board of Directors voted unanimously to waive the set-up fees for CCBs to provide FREE events via the MyCountyParks.com online registration system! This means that there is NO COST for your CCB to start accepting online registrations for events that are FREE to participants (*do not entail any online financial transactions*). In a normal year, there are over 27,000 events across the state offered by all CCBs.....but less than 10% of these events are available on MyCountyParks?! Shouldn't your CCB be taking advantage of this opportunity to market and promote your events to a broader audience?.....OR, make it easier for your school groups and local supporters to sign-up for your offerings?? To get the ball rolling, just contact Tom at IACCB@mycountyparks.org. We look forward to promoting your programs! 😊

Actions ▾	Yoga + Forest Bathing Event 2
Actions ▾	Yoga in the Park - Fall Equinox Yoga Nidra
Actions ▾	2nd Sunday September Forest Bathing Event
Actions ▾	Harnessing Hartman Reserve's Wild Yeast
Actions ▾	Yoga in the Park - Session 1: Wednesdays, September 1 through October 6 (6 weeks)

Register Online

Q.R. CODE GENERATOR COMING TO MYCOUNTYPARKS.COM 😊



With more & more people utilizing "Scan & Go" services, our website is attempting to keep pace with current trends that are embracing this decade-old+ technology! Currently in the process of development is a built-in QR Code generator that website administrators can create QR codes for any of their facilities or events that have been constructed on the website. The generator will be able to create PDFs of QR Codes that will take users to a specific facility or event page, OR to the availability calendar for a specific facility that has been set-up for online reservations through MCP. This "in-house" generator will ensure pinpoint accuracy to guide users to the exact information they are looking for. *Stay-tuned for the launch in the months ahead!*

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING – TRUST FUND ACTIVITY IN 2022??

IWILL Coalition leadership has been meeting for the past couple of weeks – strategizing an approach to Funding the Trust in 2022 – incorporated with tax reform discussions that are also underway. Good news is that a grant has been received to support hiring a Coalition management team to assist with coordinating efforts within the Coalition, working with the Governor's staff and legislative leaders to hopefully bring the now 11-year challenge of funding the trust across the finish line. Look forward to where you and your connections can fit into this plan as things continue to evolve towards the 2022 Iowa Legislative session!



GOT IDEAS THAT ARE GETTING TRACTION?

On July 20th, a well-attended informational session was held in the ICCS Zoom Room with ISAC Government Relations Manager, Jamie Cashman. Lots of good information was shared, but there remain questions as to how county conservation can navigate to possible funding. We are starting to hear of some success in this arena across the state – be sure to share with us what is working in your county so that we can collectively move forward! 😊

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



- Full Time
- Seasonal/Part-Time

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

1. SCOTT Co. – Deputy Conservation Director
2. PLYMOUTH Co. – Park Ranger
3. LYON Co. - Director
4. CERRO GORDO Co. – Conservation Educ. Manager
5. CLAYTON Co. – Park Ranger/Maintenance Tech.
6. POLK Co. – Stables Laborer 1
7. DICKINSON Co. – Community Relations Coord.
8. CHEROKEE Co. – Office/Naturalist Assistant
9. DICKINSON Co. - Naturalist
10. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer – Construction
11. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 20+ opportunities listed on website



Black Hawk County



Wapello County



Dubuque County



Poweshiek County

8/9/2021

Which selfie station is your 99 PARKS backpack taking you to this month?