

Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * July 24 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- * August 1 – FY2015 IACCB Memberships Due
- * August 20 – District 3 Mtg. – Clay CCB
- * August 21 – District 4 Mtg. – Harrison CCB
- * September 25-27, 2014 – IACCB Fall Conference in Sioux City / Woodbury Co.
- * Sept. 29 – October 1 – CCPOA Fall Workshop
- * Nov. 3 – REAP-CEP Grant deadline
- * Nov. 4-5 – IACCB Summit Series 2014 – Des Moines
- * Nov. 5-7 – IAN Fall Workshop – Iowa CCB
- * Dec. 17 – District 6 Mtg. Jackson CCB

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2014 IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Sioux City, IA

LODGING - Call 800-659-2220 and ask for the **IACCB Room Block!!**

CONFERENCE WEB PAGE: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2014-fall-conference.html>

CHECK OUT IOWA'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Got an idea to advance environmental literacy, but lack funds? The Resource Enhancement and Protection Conservation Education Program (REAP CEP) annually awards \$350,000 for conservation education in Iowa. Plan now for the November 3rd grant deadline. The average grant award is approximately \$21,000, and mini-grants for \$3,500 or less are also available.

More information about the application process and the types of programs funded, are available at the **REAP CEP website:** <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/REAP/REAPFundingatWork/ConservationEducation.aspx>

For a quick overview, go to:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/REAP/files/facts.pdf>

For more information, contact Susan Salterberg at 319-337-4816 or Salterberg@uni.edu



EXPLORE BOWHUNTING WORKSHOP

This month the **Archery Trade Association (ATA)** and **Iowa Department of Natural Resources** will offer the **FIRST** Explore Bowhunting workshop at the end of this month!

This workshop is for all educators who would like more information on Explore Bowhunting and interested in implementing the program in their area. For more information about the program and to register for the training contact **Donise Petersen**. Additional information along with contact information is listed below.

When: July 28, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Raccoon River Park, Nature Lodge in West Des Moines

Cost: FREE and includes lunch

RSVP: July 24, 2014 - we will host the first 50 individuals

For more information including sample curriculum (lesson plans) and brochures you can visit the ATA's website at: <http://www.archerytrade.org/grow-archery/explore-bowhunting>

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IACCB 2014 FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE



Promoting Eco-Tourism Through *Group Environmental Expeditions*



We skied, snow-shoed and watched wolves during "Yellowstone Park Winter Explorer."



We hiked the horizons of Denali Park while on "Alaska Wilderness & Wildlife."

NOW - JOIN US
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Room blocks are filling up nicely in the Sioux City area – **be sure to drop off those rooms you may not be using** so that anyone on a waiting list can migrate to the **Stoney Creek Inn** – *thanks!* An added bonus to our conference location is that the **Hard Rock Casino** will be opening in a couple of weeks.....just a short two blocks from the Stoney Creek! (*Stay tuned for additional information in a future newsletter*) ☺

The **NATURE CALLS** event, hosted by Woodbury CCB on Saturday evening is proving very popular with over half of our registrants so far taking advantage this opportunity. This is a great chance for you to experience a successful annual fund-raising event that benefits programs/services for the local county conservation board.

We are looking forward to a robust number of exhibitors at the conference, including several of our **IACCB Preferred Vendor** members. We appreciate their participation and ongoing support of our association – look for their booths/exhibits both at the conference site and our Friday evening social/barbeque.

Special kudos to Rick Schneider (Director), his staff and the Woodbury Conservation Board, as well as Nick Beeck (Director), his staff and the Plymouth County Conservation Board for all of their planning and preparation work to host, educate & entertain us in September – **looking forward to a great event!** Link to conference information is located just below the header on the first page of this newsletter ☺



HABITAT IMPROVEMENT SURVEY IS OUT!

The FY2014 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Survey was sent out earlier this month to ALL county conservation Directors. We have already received a handful of them back – thank-you very much ☺ As a reminder, the deadline for these to be submitted is August 15th. It is a bit of a squeeze to get these in, scored and off to Izaak Walton to get plaques produced for presentation at our fall conference – so, thanks for your prompt tabulations & submissions!

DANCES WITH WOLVES BISON MOVIE PROP FOR SALE (on E-Bay)

Our friend **Mark Wagner**, Education Director at the **National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium** (and former CCB staff), has alerted us to an E-Bay purchase opportunity that he is involved with...."An original bison carcass movie prop from Dances with Wolves has been listed on EBay under my name, but I am selling it for the Dubuque County Historical Society. If you would like to see the listing, or know of anyone who you feel may be interested please forward this link: <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=321465254901>



It would work well for interpreting the bison hunting or slaughter that happened on the western prairies."



FOREST HEALTH TOUR – SAVE THE DATE!

The **2014 Forest Health Tour** will be **August 20th in Waterloo, Iowa**. They will be looking at the EAB infestation in Waterloo and will have other updates. More information will be sent in the next week or two. More info: TIVON FEELEY Forest Health Program Leader, tivon.feeley@dnr.iowa.gov
For additional information about Iowa's forest health – a wealth of information is available on the DNR website at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/ForestHealth.aspx>



IACCB BALLOT for 2014 – COMING SOON

At their July 9th regular meeting, the IACCB Board of Directors voted unanimously to distribute a ballot in advance of the IACCB Annual Meeting on September. This ballot will be an official measure of IACCB support for the 2015 legislative initiative for funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. IACCB is one of six organizations serving on the IWILL Executive Committee – joined by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Iowa Conservation Alliance, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited. Internally, we have established a Legislative Subcommittee for this 2015 effort – Dan Heissel (Clay), Matt Cosgrove (Webster), Mike Brandrup (Hamilton, *Board Member*), Richard Harms (Bremer, *Board Member*), Amy Campbell & Craig Patterson (*Lobbyists*) and Hazelton.

As we have not had a specific ballot since some bylaw changes a few years back – a couple of quick reminders may be in order. Each CCB has a total of 6 votes – 5 conservation board members, and the Director; votes are individual and do not need to be done at a conservation board meeting; ballots will be distributed statewide via email to each CCB Director for distribution to all board members; voting on an official ballot may be done in person at the Annual Meeting, OR by mailing in the ballot so that it is received by the Credentials Committee no later than September 17th (*10 days in advance of the Annual Meeting*).

We plan to send out some educational material with the ballots, and for those who would like to refresh themselves on the structure of the Trust Fund, the 2014 Trust Fund Report is available online via IACCB links: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/Info/IACCB.aspx>



2014 Trust Fund Report

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. **DES MOINES COUNTY** – Operations Supervisor
2. **BOONE COUNTY** – Park Ranger
3. **DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew Positions**
4. **HAMILTON** – Canoe Operations/Campground Host
5. **BLACK HAWK** – Seasonal Park Maintenance
6. **HAMILTON** – Campground Hosts
7. **BUENA VISTA** – Campground Hosts



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Seasonal/Part-Time



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