

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- * August 1 – FY2015 IACCB Memberships Due
- * August 16 – Habitat Improvement Award Applications 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
- * Sept. 30 – FY2015 Salary Surveys Due
- * 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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PLEASE forward or make copies of this communication for your Board Members.

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>

Hard to believe that a short 8 weeks from today we will be gathered in Sioux City for the **55th Annual IACCB Fall Conference!** There is still lodging available at the nearby Holiday Inn, and just a block away – the brand new Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is opening its doors this evening. Though a bit pricier, the rooms are special treat – room reservations are not associated with our conference and can be made directly with the Hard Rock via the following link:

LINK TO HARD ROCK: <http://www.hardrockcasinosiouxcity.com/hotel/>

We have already received a couple of **silent auction** entry forms, and appreciate your sending them along at your earliest convenience. This auction, along with the raffle drawings directly benefit all of us in helping to keep registration costs stable now for the past couple of years – so we thank you for your support! The talents of your staff or a conservation board member may lend a hand as you create a “package” to promote your CCB/region. Free cabin rentals, watercraft rentals, golf certificates, camping passes, etc. all make for great inclusions in your silent auction entries. Get your auction entry form at: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2014-fall-conference.html>

The **conference registration deadline is looming on Sept. 5th** – never too early to get those registrations in to the fine folks in Woodbury County! Registration forms and a full conference packet is available online via the link at the top of this article – see you there!



IACCB 2014 LEGISLATIVE BALLOT

As referenced in our July 18th newsletter, you can look forward to an IACCB Ballot initiative coming your way next week. Instructions will be contained on the ballot for either casting your absentee vote if you will not be in attendance to the annual conference, OR submitting it in-person in at the annual meeting. These will be individual ballots for each CCB Director and conservation board member, and do NOT need to be done at a conservation board meeting. We are putting the final touches on supplemental educational material that will accompany the ballot distribution next week. Should you have any questions, please be in touch: IACCB@mycountyparks.com / (515) 963-9582



Opens Today!



**Mark your 2015
Calendars for
Sept. 17-19 in
LINN COUNTY!**



C.C.P.O.A. 2014 FALL WORKSHOP



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The 29th Annual CCPOA Fall Workshop is scheduled for September 29th – October 1st at Camp Dodge in Johnston. The tentative "At-A-Glance" agenda and registration form are NOW AVAILABLE on the CCPOA website at: <http://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/>

The workshop will provide mandated annual training for officers in HAZMAT Awareness, Mental Health Awareness, and ILEACP Medical Training for certification maintenance. Additional session topics will include: "Poachers Were My Prey" by Chip Gross; Med-Vac Training with Jeff Johnston with Mercy One; Vehicle Stops with Matt Bruner/Dustin Eighmy (DNR) & Mark Struecker (DPS); Fish, Game, Parks & Other Legal Updates, State of the Academy, etc. Firearms Training Day will once again be held on the Monday (9/29).

CCPOA Members can look forward to a full workshop newsletter next week, but in the meantime – the registration form is available. (Please note the increase in membership dues for 2015 ☺)

IACCB FY2015 MEMBERSHIPS – Due Today

Many thanks to the 84 counties that were able to renew their IACCB FY2015 Memberships by today's due date. As with your local CCB budgets, it is difficult for IACCB to move forward within a fiscal year that has incomplete financial resources. The 15 counties that we are still in anticipation of receiving include the following: **Allamakee, Appanoose, Calhoun, Cass, Cerro Gordo, Clinton, Delaware, Franklin, Lee, Taylor, Wayne, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright.** If IACCB should know otherwise, please advise us as soon as possible. If you are in need of a replacement membership invoice – please let me know and I can get one right out to you.

CONGRATS to the member **CCBs from District 3** for being the only IACCB District that has 100% participation so far for FY2015. (I believe this is 2nd or 3rd year running!)

HABITAT IMPROVEMENT SURVEY – DEADLINE!

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!



WELCOME PREFERRED VENDORS – TRUAX & GEE ASPHALT

We are pleased to welcome back veteran preferred vendors **Truax Company, Inc. and Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc.** You can visit the full listing of all 34 IACCB Preferred Vendors online at the following link: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/preferred-vendor.html> As you consider products and services for your local operations – please consider our preferred vendors as your go-to-first resource! Look forward to seeing many of our vendors at both the **IACCB Fall Conference and IACCB Winterfest** ☺

REAP DISTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION FORMS ARE OUT TO YOU!

Kathleen Moench (DNR) indicates that you should have received (or will be shortly) your **REAP Distribution Certification Forms**. (*documenting FY2014 information*) This is an annual exercise for all 99 county conservation boards to certify their tax levies and other requested budgetary information. As you may remember from the past couple of years, checks cannot be issued until ALL 99 reports have been received – this may necessitate some follow-up with your local County Auditors as necessary. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathleen at (515) 281-3013, or kathleen.moench@dnr.iowa.gov



SALARY SURVEY FORMS – Just around the corner ☺

Sooooo – we are going to try something new for FY2015 – the survey for this year will be done in “real time” – a.k.a. **FY2015 numbers and information**. Historically, we have asked you to enter data from the previous fiscal year – so, for this year – we will be asking that you provide current salary & benefit information for fiscal year 2015. For the most part, you are all well into operating within your new fiscal year budgets and should have this information “right at your fingertips”? ☺ Once I get all the data transferred to the FY2015 forms – I will commence with getting them out to you. We are also looking to move the submission deadline up to September 30th in hopes that we can have it tabulated in time for when you begin work on your FY2016 budgeting. Thanks in advance for your participation in a timely manner!

POS #	JOB CLASSIFICATION	EXP. 1	EXP. 2	EXP. 3	SALARY	VEG.	VEH.	HEALTH/INS.	U.S.	LOANS	UNEMP.	HOUS.	OTEL.	VEH.
2.01	Director	27	27	26	\$44,002.00	0.00	0.00	\$16,775.00	F	\$15,000.00	\$300.00	F	F	F
2.06	Range Tech	13	13	13	\$33,048.18	18.12	0.00	\$7,200.00	S	\$15,000.00	\$150.00	F	F	F
2.03	Park Ranger	13	13	12	\$17,462.15	15.12	0.00	\$12,775.00	F	\$15,000.00	\$300.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	5	5	5	\$10,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	3	3	3	\$9,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	2	2	2	\$8,250.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	1	1	1	\$8,250.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	1	1	1	\$8,250.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F
2.12	PT Cons Aide	1	1	1	\$8,250.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F	F	F



FOREST HEALTH TOUR

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>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. SCOTT COUNTY – Park Maintenance Technician
2. DUBUQUE COUNTY – Park Ranger
3. STORY COUNTY – Outreach Coordinator
4. HARDIN COUNTY – Natural Resource Manager
5. DICKINSON COUNTY – Recycling Manager
6. DES MOINES COUNTY – Operations Supervisor
7. BOONE COUNTY – Park Ranger
8. DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew Positions
9. POLK – Campground Attendant
10. CERRO GORDO – Conservation Education Intern
11. BLACK HAWK – Seasonal Park Maintenance
12. HAMILTON – Campground Hosts
13. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts

 Full Time Employment
 Seasonal/Part-Time



PLEASE CLOSE YOUR POSITIONS THAT ARE LISTED AS “OPEN UNTIL FILLED” IF YOU HAVE FILLED THEM.

Thanks!

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