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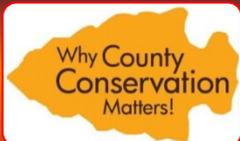
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Years in '15

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * Aug. 7 – Habitat Improve. Award Surveys Due
- * August 17 – Fall Conference Registrations Due
- * Aug. 20 – Dist. 2 Meeting – Franklin Co.
- * Sept. 17-19 – IACCB Fall Conference – Linn County
- * Oct. 5-7 – CCPOA 30th Anniv. Workshop & Banquet – D.M.
- * Oct. 21-23 – Iowa Tourism Conference - Ottumwa
- * Nov. 3-5 – 2015 IACCB Summit Series – Des Moines
- * Nov. 18-20 – Fall ISAC – Cedar Rapids

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60th Anniversary of
County Conservation!
September 17 – 19, 2015
Cedar Rapids

HABITAT IMPROVEMENT SURVEY – Deadline Tomorrow!

We certainly appreciate the numerous applications that have been submitted to-date for the **FY2015 Izaak Walton Habitat Improvement Awards!** The deadline for submitting those surveys is **TOMORROW, August 7th**. These surveys will be scored this weekend and the tabulations sent along to the Iowa Chapter of the IWLA in order for awards to be prepared by conference-time in September!



2015 REAP ASSEMBLIES SCHEDULED!!

We are pleased to share with you the list of dates and cities for the **2015 REAP Assemblies!** Our collective participation and attendance to these meetings is looming HUGE for this year – each providing a springboard of information, media attention and additional education and networking with participants, local business leaders, stakeholders & legislators.

Delegates and alternates are elected from these assemblies for the **REAP Congress on January 9, 2016** – historically, over ¼ of these delegates each congress have county conservation ties. Get these dates on your fall calendars, grab some community leaders and head out to your regional assembly! The actual physical locations will be announced in a couple of weeks – so far at least 5 of them will be in CCB facilities ☺ Several assemblies may be offering tours of local REAP projects in advance of the evening meetings....stay tuned for additional information soon! The urgency of supporting REAP in the 2016 Legislative Session will be a theme through all assemblies!

DATE	CITY
9/29	Sergeant Bluff
9/30	Spencer
10/1	Lake View
10/6	Maquoketa
10/7	Bettendorf
10/8	North Liberty
10/13	Mt. Pleasant
10/14	Ottumwa
10/15	Chariton
10/20	Webster City
10/21	Marshalltown
10/22	Afton
10/27	Cedar Falls
10/28	Decorah
10/29	Ventura
11/3	Shenandoah
11/4	Council Bluffs
11/5	Bondurant



GUIDEBOOK ONLINE



The current version of the **County Conservation Guide to Outdoor Adventure** is viewable via the “Interactive Guide” tab on the top navigation bar on MyCountyParks.com. Visitors to the site are also able to order a hard copy of the 242 page book by utilizing the **EVENTS** tab located in the top navigation bar – just to the right of the MCP arrowhead logo. IACCB sells the guidebook for \$10/copy to cover production and shipping costs. (NOTE: Our inventory of Guidebooks has diminished to a handful of cases – the IACCB Board of Directors has tentatively targeted 2017 to produce a new edition in both digital and hard copy.)

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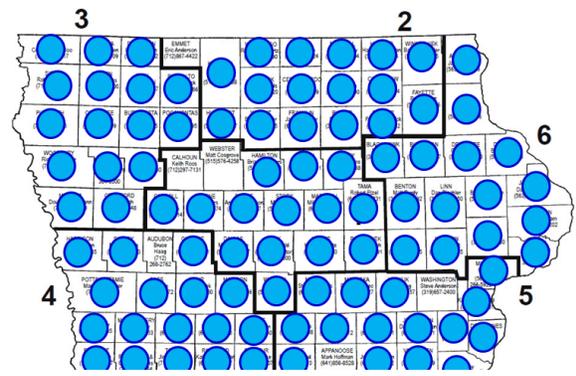
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IACCB FY2016 MEMBERSHIPS REACH 93!

Many thanks to the 93 CCBs that have renewed their IACCB FY2016 Memberships by the August 1st deadline (*shown on map*) Renewal information and invoices were distributed statewide via email on May 7th – should any of you need replacement of any of these items, or a hard copy sent in the mail – please let me know. We anticipate 99-county participation once again for FY2016 and are looking forward to receiving those six renewals yet from Appanoose, Audubon, Calhoun, Emmet, Washington & Webster. A robust FY2016 is already underway!!



WATER RECREATION ACCESS GRANT DEADLINE

In January you received a notice of delay for Water Recreation Access Grant submittals. This letter is to update you and announce the new grant submittal deadline for FY2015. I mentioned in January our desire to change the administrative rules for WRAC to align the granting period with federal funding availability. We are still working through the rules making process but wanted to offer the opportunity to obligate our WRAC Grant funds for this fiscal year..... **the deadline for submittal of Water Recreation Access Grants will be September 30, 2015.** Grants shall be submitted to the Fisheries District Supervisors as outlined in the Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Program Information Packet found at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Recreation/Boating/WaterRecAccessCost-Share.aspx> At this time the application form is still only available through pdf packet download on the above website. Upon the effective date of the new rule change, a new electronic form will be available. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Michelle at (515) 725-8441 or by email at Michelle.Wilson@dnr.iowa.gov



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**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
AUGUST 17th**



UNPARALLELED NETWORKING, EDUCATION, SITE TOURS, ALUMNI & MORE! ☺

CELEBRATE county conservation's 60th year at the **2015 IACCB Fall Conference!** Linn County is very much looking forward to hosting you in a few short weeks – much has happened in the 10 years since we last visited this progressive county conservation board operation, and they are eager to share it all with YOU!

Linn County has been host to our fall conferences in 1962, 1963, 1979, 1984, 1990, 2005 and now once again In 2015 – each time it has gotten just a bit better! The staff and board of Linn CCB has been working hard these past many months to put the finish polish on yet another “top-drawer” event! They think you may be coming as the hotel block is pretty filled up, but they don't know for sure until that registration form lands in the office! ☺



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS LOCATED HERE!: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2015-fall-conference.html>



BAT SIGNAL HAS BEEN LIGHTED FOR REGISTRATIONS!

Now, one might gesticulate that either: A) There may be 175+ or so of you yet to register; B) Somehow you have mis-placed your registration form; or C) Life/work has swept you away for the past three months?!? **Just because the registration deadline is August 17th, doesn't mean you should wait until the last minute!** About this time every summer – we have the same wrestling match to get registrations in earlier than later © *The money can follow – just please get the forms in so we can finalize planning!*



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- All hotels booked and paid in advance
- Travel by private snow coach with local driver-guides
- Time to explore Yellowstone Park in winter at your own pace. (Bring your snow shoes and cross country skis; we will transport them at no extra charge)
- Spend a day in remote Lamar Valley for a glimpse of the park's famed wolf packs with top wolf experts!
- Visit the historic, newly-renovated Albright Visitor Center and new Yellowstone Park Museum

Space is limited and sold on first-come, first-served basis – reserve early. Contact us for a complete itinerary and pricing.



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Walt Disney at the Iowa State Fair

Gerald F. Schnepf, Executive Director

Keep Iowa Beautiful - August, 2015

No - Walt Disney won't physically be present at the Iowa State Fair, but, he will present in "spirit". The "spirit" is in the form of keeping the State Fair clean and attractive. Anyone that has visited a Disney property knows the "rest of the story" and that they are extremely clean and well kept.

In Walt Disney: An American Original, author Bob Thomas writes that Walt visited county fairs, state fairs, circuses, carnivals, and national parks while researching the idea of Disneyland. He studied the attractions and what made them appealing, and whether people seemed entertained or felt cheated. Apparently, his most depressing experience was seeing Coney Island. He found it battered and tawdry, and the ride operators hostile.

According to the author "his spirit revived when he visited Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen". Dating from 1843 and still operating successfully, the park was spotless, brightly colored, and priced within the reach of everyone. The gaiety of the music, the excellence of the food and drink, the warm courtesy of the employees - everything combined for a pleasurable family experience. "Now this is what an amusement place should be!" Walt enthused, his vision for a fundamentally different kind of park confirmed. Walt insisted that his developments would stay clean because "people are going to be embarrassed to throw anything on the ground."

That "Disney Spirit" has become the philosophy encouraged by Keep Iowa Beautiful for any event or property whether it is a local parade, RAGBRAI or the Iowa State Fair. With that philosophy and "spirit" comes a sense of pride and respect.

It is our feeling and that of the Iowa State Fair that every visitor should leave the event with a feeling pride and respect for the events, experience and the quality of grounds and facilities. In addition, that is the desire of the Blue Ribbon Foundation as it continues to help improve the quality of the grounds and facilities. Every visitor should take that message and experience back to their community and put it in place at their local fairs or festivals. Every time that is done, there will be a significant improvement to the beauty of the event and the area. It will encourage a repeat visit and experience and set a great standard for others.

Thank you Walt!

REAP CEP GRANTS DUE – 11/1



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 1 grant deadline. The average grant award is approximately \$22,000, and mini-grants for \$3,500 or less are also available. For a quick overview, visit the following link:

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

For the full monty of information, go here:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/REAP/REAPFundingatWork/ConservationEducation.aspx>

QUESTIONS? : Susan Salterberg, REAP Monitor & Assistant, salterberg@uni.edu



THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY SILENT AUCTION – DONORS & BUYERS !

In order for conference participants to bid on auction items – there needs to be items donated to allow that to happen! The **IACCB Silent Auction** has been a very popular feature of the fall conference for the past 10 years. To-date, we are working with **ZERO donations from CCBs** (that we are aware of). The main reason that conference registration fees have remained at the same fee for the past four years is due to efforts such as raffles, silent auctions, donors and sponsorships. Lin County has done a superb job of soliciting and receiving great raffle items, sponsorships and major donors – now it is time for the rest of us to step-up to the plate and do our part! Baskets of local products / activities / attractions combined with cabin overnights are HUGELY popular, as are hand-crafted items or artwork. Donations from your local vendors, CVBs and development agencies also are greatly appreciated. Time to roll-up our mid-summer sleeves and do a bit of leg-work to advance our mission to keep registration fees low, and continue support of the training and education efforts that IACCB provides throughout the year. Please let me know if you have an questions or need assistance – looking forward to those forms rolling in soon! ☺

DONATION FORMS HERE - <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2015-fall-conference.html>

(NOTE: Yes, we would appreciation knowing about your donation(s) in advance so that we can plan for enough display space at the Marriott – thanks!)

SUMMIT SERIES 2015 – *Just refreshing your radars* ☺

TUESDAY, 11/3 – Friends & Foundations Conference

WEDNESDAY, 11/4 – “That Day for Directors”

THURSDAY, 11/5 – New County Conservation Employee School



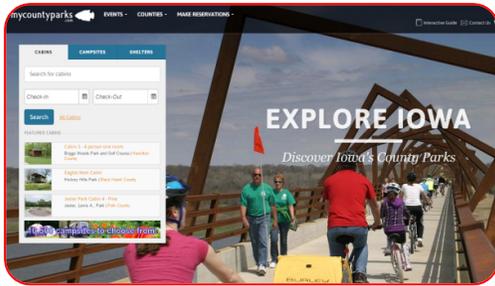
Each of these special days are taking on a life of their own and we look forward to joining us in north Des Moines at the Ramada Tropics Conference Center on Merle Hay Road. We hope to have the agendas finalized by late August/early September with a registration opportunity to follow shortly thereafter. IACCB is pleased to provide these opportunities free of charge as a benefit of your membership in our Association – many thanks! ☺ Stay tuned to future newsletters for additional information and notice of registration being available!



CCPOA 30th Annual Workshop & Anniversary

OCTOBER 5 - 7 – Johnston & Des Moines! A CCPOA Newsletter will be disseminated in the next couple of weeks with the final agenda and registration procedures. If you have not secured your lodging arrangements as of yet – please contact the **Ramada Inn North at (515) 278-0271**. Several exhibitors are on board for the 30th Anniversary reception and banquet, as well as alumni and special guest speakers. Retired ILEA Director Arlen Ciechanowski will be our Guest of Honor for the evening. Make sure you have your calendar marked!





MyCountyParks.com Reaching New Heights!

Perhaps due in part to the release of the new version, and maybe it is just catching on – but visitation to our website is **up 51% from the same period a year ago!** Additionally, we have crashed through the 50,000th registered user milestone, and now have 51,067 users that have constructed a profile to be “members” of MCP.com – a 15% increase since just April! With increased use comes an increased demand for administrative support for many of you, as well as IACCB. For those of you carrying some of that heavy load – thanks! ☺

NEW IACCB PREFERRED VENDOR MEMBERS!

IACCB is pleased to welcome two new **Preferred Vendor members** – **Quick Attach Attachments** and **Bolton & Menk, Inc.** Information on all 30 Preferred Vendors is available under the IACCB link at the bottom of any page on MyCountyParks.com. As always, we invite you to explore this listing when you are in need of products or services for your county conservation operations. We look forward to seeing many of our Preferred Vendors at the **2015 IACCB Fall Conference in Cedar Rapids** next month! ☺

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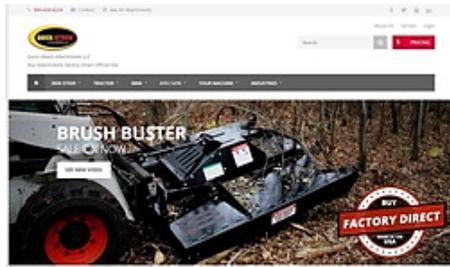
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 September 17 - 19, 2015
(Click here for advance conference information)

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