

Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE:

- * Feb. 4 – MCP.com Online Res. Wksp. – Dallas CCB
- * Feb. 9 – District 2 Mtg. – Howard County
- * Feb. 11 – District 1 Mtg. – Webster County
- * Feb. 16 – District 5 Mtg. – Jefferson County
- * Feb 17 – District 3 Mtg. – Sioux County
- * Feb. 18 – District 4 Mtg. – Madison County
- * Feb. 19 – IACCB Board of Directors Mtg. - Ames
- * Feb. 23 – REAP Alliance Meeting – Des Moines
- * Feb. 25 – MCP.com Online Res. Mtg. – Des Moines CB
- * March 3 – Capitol Day for IWILL – Fund the Trust
- * March 8 – CCPOA Spring Workshop – Webster CCB
- * March 9 – County Day at the Capitol (ISAC)
- * Mar. 10-11 – ISAC Spring School of Instruction
- * Mar. 15 – IACCB W/Fest Planning Mtg. – Marshall
- * Mar. 16 – CCPOA Spring Workshop – Obrien CCB
- * Mar. 16 – CCPOA Spring Workshop – Muscatine Co.
- * March 22 – REAP Day at the Capitol (IEC)

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ONLINE RESERVATIONS ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

February 4 – Dallas CCB / February 25 – Des Moines County

Your opportunity to experience a couple of hours of orientation (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM) on the functionalities, administration, pros & cons of utilizing MyCountyParks.com as a provider for online reservations for your CCB. There has been strong interest as-of-late, in fact 16+ folks from 9 CCBS have already signed up for the Dallas County workshop, and we had a robust group in Jackson County a few weeks back! With 12 CCBS currently providing online reservations, and another 12 in the planning/exploratory stage – we have quickly approached nearly ¼ of our system taking advantage of this technology! If you need additional information, or are interested in signing up for one of these FREE workshops – please contact IACCB@mycountyparks.com

DISTRICT MEETINGS OVER NEXT TWO WEEKS!

FIVE of our SIX CCB Districts will be hosting meetings over the next two weeks – we hope you have them on your calendars! (All meetings that IACCB is aware of are listed to the left) The **six IACCB Districts** were established in 1959, and remain the single best regional networking and educational opportunity within our statewide system. Local presenters/specialists provide unique perspectives, and what's not to like about the great vittles and touring other CCB areas or county attractions! These cost-effective gatherings should not be missed – *we hope to see you there!* ☺



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WHAT'S YOUR TRAVEL STYLE?

Hitchcock Nature Center – Pottawattamie CCB



Recently, the **Iowa Tourism Office** conducted research to determine travelers' perceptions of our state as a destination. They learned that our prospective visitors didn't necessarily have a bad impression of Iowa, they had no impression of Iowa. They didn't know about the treasures that await them here and were surprised to learn about our variety of places of experiences. With that knowledge, the Iowa Tourism Office created the brand premise that Iowa offers an "escape to the unexpected." You'll never see those words in their work, but they're what constantly guides us to position Iowa as a unique and surprising destination that offers a respite from the hassles of day-to-day life.

They have developed a short guide which shares how to correctly use **#ThisIowa** and its accompanying icon, which you can find on the Travellowa.com website at: http://www.traveliowa.com/asp/industry_partners.aspx?toolkits=y They would welcome you to use it in your copy, on your ads, on your web site and with your social media posts. If you have any questions about an appropriate use, please contact **Shawna Lode**, Director of the Iowa Tourism Office at shawna.lode@iowa.gov

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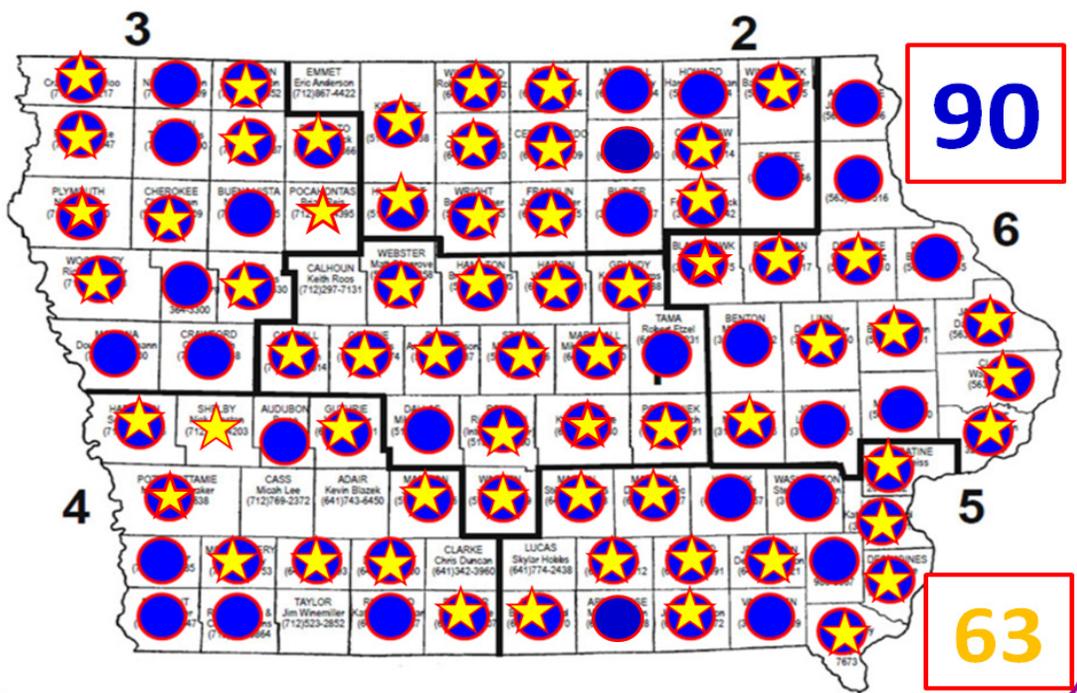
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2016 Trust Fund Discussion Support Documents

2016 TRUST FUND RESOLUTION



- 2016 CCB Resolution Passed



- 2015 Un-Met Needs List Submitted

SURGE CONTINUES!

Since our last communique, we have cracked the 90 threshold of CCBs that have formally passed the support resolution to Fund the Trust! We have also added **FIVE MORE** counties to the list that have provided their listings of **UN-MET NEEDS!**

As the **2016 Legislative Session** progresses, the importance of these two resources will loom larger in the discussions at the capitol. Our **THANKS** for your ongoing assistance in developing this demonstration of support and need to the fullest potential! 😊



LOOKING FOR A GREAT PR OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR COUNTY?

Gift to Iowa's Future Recognition Day is a great opportunity for donors to receive the recognition they deserve while at the same time highlighting the projects your county will be working on as a result of the donation. March 24, 2016 is the Eighth Annual Gift to Iowa's Future Recognition Day held at the Iowa State Capitol. Has your County worked with a landowner who should be recognized by the Governor's Office and the Iowa Legislature?

To qualify, landowners must have donated land, land value or a conservation easement to your conservation entity to place permanent conservation protections on their natural land in 2015 in the form of fee title; bargain sales; full or partial conservation easement; or bequest of donation with reserved life estate. The Department of Natural Resources is charged with maintaining a continuing registry of landowners who donated land or land value for conservation purposes and coordinating their recognition annually. Please contact Stacey Sipe at the Department of Natural Resources at **515-725-8461** or Stacey.sipe@dnr.iowa.gov with any questions about this event.

"DAYS AT THE CAPITOL" IN MARCH!

As you may recollect – IACCB will a part of broader coalition and county participation on three occasions in March as follows:

- **Thursday, March 3rd** – IWILL Day at the Capitol
- **Wednesday, March 9th** – County Day at the Capitol
- **Tuesday, March 22nd** – REAP Day at the Capitol

It is not too early to begin planning ahead towards these days by contacting your senators and representatives to alert them that you will be there on one of these dates to visit with them! IACCB will have a table under the rotunda on each of these days with various fact sheets, promo items, etc. Last year for IWILL Lobby Day, county conservation was the most-represented group under the dome with 100+ staff, board members, alumni & colleagues – *let's do it again!* 😊

Please

Save the Date

for Iowa's Water & Land Legacy

Capitol Day 2016:

Thursday, March 3

Legislative Day of Action Events:

7:30am – Breakfast, Room 15

9am – Rotunda

Visit your legislators

All members, friends, and supporters are welcome

For more information, a Day of Action Toolkit, and to register your support for IWILL, see www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.com
IWILL Coalition (515) 244-5044 brittany.gallagher@tnc.org

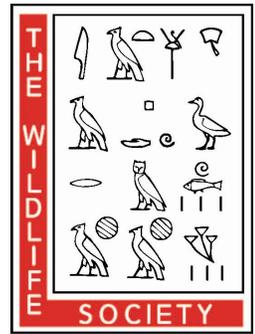
Let's get the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust funded!

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WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEETING – February 17-18, Ames

Registration is now open for the annual **Winter Meeting of the Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society** February 17-18, 2016 at the Quality Inn and Suites Starlight Conference Center in Ames, Iowa. Join more than 120 wildlife professionals and students from across Iowa for two days of networking and presentations! We have an exciting program planned this year with special presentations on water quality issues including our keynote address from Dr. Richard Schultz, Professor of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University and expert in riparian ecology and watershed management. In addition, we are hosting a student-professional panel discussion geared towards helping students learn more about a career in the wildlife profession. For more details about the meeting and to register online, visit the following link: <http://meetings.iowatws.org> The **deadline to register is Wednesday, February 10, 2016**. Any questions regarding the meeting or registration can be directed to Greg Schmitt, Iowa TWS President Greg-A.Schmitt@dnr.iowa.gov



DEADLINE FOR LWCF GRANT APPLICATIONS – March 15, 2016

A reminder that the applications for the **Land and Water Conservation Fund** are due by **4:30 pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016**. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federally funded grant program that provides match funds of 50% for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition. Iowa's cities and counties are eligible to participate. Competition for LWCF funds is intense; but this program provides an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of outdoor recreational projects that are in high demand. Popular projects in recent years have included skate parks, playgrounds, new and renovated swimming pools, sport complexes, campgrounds and multipurpose trails. Initial screening for Section 106 clearance will be done by the IDNR in partnership with the National Park Service. All "Requests for SHPO Comment on a Project" need to be forwarded to the IDNR along with the LWCF grant application. Please be sure that all information is correct and complete. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Manken at IDNR 515-725-8488. For more information regarding the LWCF please visit, <http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Grants-Other-Funding/Land-Water-Conservation-Fund>



FIRE TRAINING REFRESHER COURSE

Hello everybody! Jason Wickizier is planning on holding a S130/S190 fire refresher course **at Nishna Bend** (Shelby CCB) on February 10th from 10 am to 4 pm in the Nature Center. Technically if you're certified you are supposed to attend a refresher every year. The cost of the class is \$25. If you are planning on coming, please let me know - Christina Roelofs, Naturalist, Shelby County Conservation Board / Iowa DNR - cgroen@fmctc.com



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SERIES - SPEAKERS

From groundbreaking work to halt the illegal wildlife trade, to a life's work of supporting conservation efforts in developing countries, and a local conservation hero teaching generations how to be stewards of Iowa's rivers; conservation comes in many forms. Join the Blank Park Zoo's Speaker Series and be INSPIRED! More Info.: <http://www.blankparkzoo.com/index.cfm?nodeID=22257&audienceID=1>

BASIC SHOTGUN COACH – SPRING TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE

Spring coach training opportunities for the Basic Shotgun Coach class have been added to the Iowa SCTP website at <http://www.iowasctp.org/shotgun-coach-education/iowa-dnr-basic-shotgun-coach-certification>. This includes classes in DeWitt and Amana that were rescheduled from last fall. If you were signed up last fall, you are still registered for the class on the new date. The classes are as follows:

- February 27, Shelby County Trap and Skeet, Harlan
- March 5, Clinton County Sportsman's Club, DeWitt
- March 5, Ottumwa Izaak Walton League, Ottumwa
- March 6, Amana Sportsmen's Club, Amana
- March 19, Nashua Fish and Game Club, Nashua
- March 19, Dickinson County Izaak Walton League, Spirit Lake
- March 26, Warren County Izaak Walton League, Indianola



When accessing the website to register for a class, please try a web browser other than Internet Explorer, as the anti-spam codes do not always work with it. Firefox, Chrome, and Safari should work fine. In addition, a National Skeet Shooting Association Level 1 training in Oskaloosa and the NRA Level 1 shotgun in central Iowa will be added very soon. We are also working to schedule more doubles trap clinics. These will be sent out as soon as they are scheduled.

MORE INFORMATION?: chris.vangorp@dnr.iowa.gov

February 2016

02/05/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Listening Post - Northwood
02/05/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Coffee with Linda Miller-Bettendorf
02/05/2016	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Manchester
02/05/2016	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Listening Post - Manly
02/05/2016	12:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Legislative Forum - Cherokee
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Plainfield
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Redfield
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Legislative Forum - New Hampton
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Muscatine
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Spencer
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Muscatine
02/06/2016	09:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Ottumwa
02/06/2016	09:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Ottumwa
02/06/2016	09:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Dubuque
02/06/2016	09:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Arlington
02/06/2016	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Lansing
02/06/2016	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Mason City
02/06/2016	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legislative Coffee - Altoona
02/06/2016	10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Black Hawk County
02/06/2016	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Cumberland
02/06/2016	11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Town Hall - Frederika
02/06/2016	11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Legislative Forum - Maynard
02/06/2016	11:30 AM - 12:30 AM	Legislative Forum - Spirit Lake

LEGISLATIVE FORUM LIST ONLINE!

As legislators schedule their Legislative Forums, Morning Coffees and Town Hall Meetings – they are listed on the website: www.infonetiowa.org, in our *Capitol Update* (from our lobbyists), AND in the weekly newsletter from the IWILL Executive Committee. One or both of these newsletters should be landing at your CCB inbox – if not, let me know – IACCB@mycountyparks.com
LINK: <http://www.infonetiowa.org/calendar/events/>



The Capitol Report

January 23, 2016

- Click here for the IACCB Bill Tracker.
- Click here for the INHF Bill Tracker.

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Day of Action



Tuesday,
February 23

Message and Tweet your legislators about your favorite place in Iowa and why it needs the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust funded!

Don't forget to use the hashtags

#FundTheTrust and #ItsOurLegacy



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOBS

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

1. FAYETTE Co. – Park Ranger
2. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. – Park Ranger
3. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. - Naturalist
4. POTTAWATTAMIE Co. - Roadside Technician
5. WRIGHT Co. – Park Ranger I
6. LOUISA Co. – Naturalist
7. WINNESHIEK Co. – Roadside Manager
8. JOHNSON Co. – Mechanic
9. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 85+ opportunities listed on website



Full Time Employment

Seasonal/Part-Time – Listed on website

