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IMPORTANT DATES:

- * January 21-23, 2014 – The 2014 WINTERFEST Event
- * January 27 – IACCB Bd. of Directors Mtg. - Ames
- * February 13 - District 5 Mtg. – Jefferson County
- * February 20 – District 1 Mtg. – Hardin County
- * March 11, 2014 – Right-of-Way Workshop – Kirkwood
- * March 12 – County Day at the Capitol
- * March 13-14 – Spring ISAC – Des Moines
- * March 18 – REAP Day at the Capitol
- * April 5 – IACCB Spring Workshop – Ames
- * April 7-9 – IPRA Conference – Cedar Rapids
- * September 25-27, 2014 – IACCB Fall Conference in Sioux City / Woodbury Co.

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IACCB SPRING WORKSHOP – April 5th, Ames

The 2014 IACCB Spring Workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 5th at Reiman Gardens in Ames**. Look for additional information and registration forms in the weeks ahead. This educational workshop is offered free of charge to representatives (*board members & staff*) from all IACCB member counties – please mark your calendars! ☺

WELCOME – 2 NEW PREFERRED VENDORS!

IACCB is pleased to welcome two new **Preferred Vendors** – both were exhibitors at the 2013 fall conference in Okoboji.

CRETEX CONCRETE PRODUCTS – Provides concrete pipe, culverts, holding tanks, storm shelters, single story buildings, boat ramps, stacking blocks, fire pits, manholes, fish structures, traffic barriers, entry signs and more. **CONTACT: Fred Larson**, Sales Manager - flarson@cretex.com, www.cretexconcreteproducts.com



GOATS ON THE GO - Provides targeted grazing services that utilize goats and sheep for the control of invasive and problem vegetation. They also offer training and outfitting so organizations can manage their own grazing projects. **CONTACT: Aaron Steele**, Co-Owner/Founder - info@goatsonthego.com, www.goatsonthego.com



Additional contact information & links to all 28 IACCB Preferred Vendor Members may be found via MyCountyParks.com online at: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/preferred-vendor.html>

We encourage you to consider the services and products from these IACCB partners first as needs arise and you commence a search.

FIRELAND TRAINING CLASS – Shelby County

Shelby County is hosting a fireland training class for county or DNR employees who need the s130 / s190 / L180 certification...I know a lot of you already have it and only need refreshers so this would be for those that need the actual class / certification to help cover your liability or comply with burn policies.

The class will be held Monday thru Thursday February 17-21 at the Nishna Bend Recreation Area in Shelby County...cost is only \$50 to help cover materials. The link for the class and information on how to sign up is listed below. They need 10 or more to move forward with the class.....so far, there are 5 or 6 interested.

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/forestry/Fire/Training%20Schedule.pdf>



GIFT TO IOWA'S FUTURE RECOGNITION DAY

March 11, 2014, is the **Sixth 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 2013 in the form of fee title; bargain sales; full or partial conservation easement; or bequest of donation with reserved life estate.

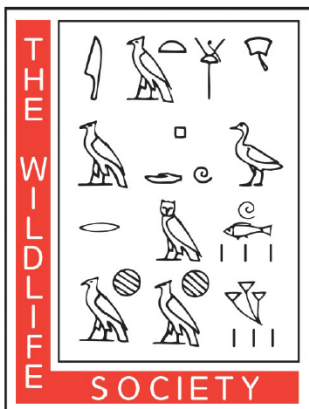
The Department of Natural Resources is charged with maintaining a continuing registry of landowners who donated land or land value for conservation purposes and coordinating their recognition annually. Please contact Stacey Sipe at the Department of Natural Resources at 515-281-7012 or Stacey.sipe@dnr.iowa.gov with any questions about this event.



EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATES

There was an excellent presentation at the District 2 meeting earlier this week by Iowa DNR Forest Health Program Leader, Tivon Feeley - on the advance of the Emerald Ash Borer in Iowa. There is consideration underway that may expand the quarantine area beyond that which is currently isolated to Eastern Iowa. One end result to this process may be the need to dispose of large quantities of tree debris. Please utilize the following link to access information concerning open burning regulations in Iowa

LINK: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/AirQuality/OpenBurning.aspx>



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY – IOWA CHAPTER – WINTER MEETING

Registration is now open for the **Winter Meeting of the Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society to be held 19-20 February 2014 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames, Iowa** (see LINK below for more information/registration). Dr. Mike Eichholz, Avian and Wetland Ecologist with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at Southern Illinois University will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Eichholz has conducted extensive research on waterfowl community ecology and is recently working to evaluate the possibility of commercial harvest of mid-continent Snow Geese for population management, a topic he will present and discuss with us at the meeting. In addition, several wildlife professionals from around Iowa will present on topics ranging from the butterflies of ridge-top prairies to auditory surveys for bats. **LINK:** <http://www.iowatws.org/Activities/NextMeeting.aspx>

IOWA DNR BASIC SHOTGUN COACH CERTIFICATION

The Basic Shotgun Coach Certification training course is administered through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The course is designed to teach basic shotgun coaching techniques and team management fundamentals for leading youth clay target teams. The course is designed for experienced shooters/coaches and novices alike. Course content includes an overview of the Iowa High School and Scholastic Clay Target Program, safety, range orientation and setup, eye dominance, gun-fit, coaching fundamentals, teaching the new shooter, risk management, coaching logistics and equipment. Link to dates / registration below:



<http://www.iowasctp.org/shotgun-coach-education/iowa-dnr-basic-shotgun-coach-certification>

ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

The Nodaway Valley School District (Greenfield) would like to host training for persons wanting to become new "Archery in the School" instructors. They need more people wishing to become instructors in order to host the training in Greenfield. They would like to have the training sometime in February. If anyone is interested in becoming an "Archery in the School" instructor please contact Casey Berlau, Superintendent, email: cberlau@nodawayvalley.org , Phone 641-743-6127

WINTERFEST 2014 – NEXT WEEK!

We are looking forward to seeing 250+ of you next week for WINTERFEST 2014 at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo. We will be joined on Wednesday by over 70 college students from 5+ campuses across the state – looks to be another fantastic conference for professional learning and networking! Those of you attending “pre-conference” events on Tuesday morning – please observe the start times and required materials (if needed) for your special sessions. Many thanks again for the months of planning by the **Winterfest Planning Committee**, and for those others of you that have stepped up to assist with the excellence that come to be known as WINTERFEST! See you all in a couple of days!




EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. Dickinson CCB – Maintenance Technician
2. Iowa CCB – Office Assistant/Part Time
3. DICKINSON CCB – Community Relations Coordinator
4. BUENA VISTA CCB - P.T. Office Assistant/Manager
5. POLK CCB – Equestrian Program Specialist
6. WARREN CCB – Naturalist II
7. CRAWFORD CCB – Director
8. SIOUX – Seasonal Park Technician
9. SIOUX – Summer Naturalist Intern
10. HARRISON – Museum/ Welcome Center Intern
11. HARRISON – Park Ranger Intern
12. BUCHANAN– Naturalist Intern
13. WOODBURY –Summer Naturalists & Habitat Mgmt. Interns
14. POLK – Stable Laborer
15. POLK – Campground Aides
16. MUSCATINE – Summer Conservation Worker
17. POLK – Assistant Naturalist
18. CERRO GORDO – Park Management Internship
19. CERRO GORDO – Park Attendant Internship
20. BUCHANAN – Seasonal Park Technician
21. CERRO GORDO – Vegetation Management Intern
22. JACKSON – Seasonal Conservation worker
23. IOWA – Campground Host/Attendant
24. DICKINSON- Conservation Aide
25. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts
26. LINN - Various Seasonal Positions
27. WOODBURY – Summer Ranger
28. WOODBURY – Park Maintenance Worker
29. LOUISA – Conservation Aide & Naturalist Intern
30. WINNEBAGO – Natural Resource Technician
31. WORTH – Naturalist Intern
32. S&WCD District Summer Interns



 Full Time Employment

 Seasonal/Part-Time



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