

# Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- \* April 3 – REAP Alliance Meeting – Ames
- \* April 5 – IACCB Spring Workshop – Ames
- \* April 7-9 – IPRA Conference – Cedar Rapids
- \* April 16 – District 1 Mtg. – Jasper CCB
- \* April 16 – District 3 Mtg. – Plymouth CCB
- \* April 23 – CCPOA Exec. Comm. Mtg. - Ames
- \* May 15 – REAP C.E.P. Grant deadline
- \* June 12 – District 5 Mtg. – Louisa CCB
- \* June 17 – District 6 Mtg. – Iowa CCB
- \* July 1 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- \* September 25-27, 2014 – IACCB Fall Conference in Sioux City / Woodbury Co.
- \* Sept. 29 – October 1 – CCPOA Fall Workshop

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## IACCB LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER:

<http://www.ialobby.com/billtracker/bills.cfm?ClientID=18&NoHeader=0>

**PLEASE forward or make copies of this communication for your Board Members.**

## FINAL DAYS FOR SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION!

We already have a nice crowd that has signed up from across the state for the annual **IACCB Spring Workshop** on **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Reiman Gardens in Ames!** You have **until Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** to utilize the convenient online registration option at the following link: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/spring-workshop.html> Additional information on the workshop sessions, meals, etc. are also available via this link. This workshop is provided at no charge for all employees and board members from county conservation board that are current members of IACCB. Hope to see you there!



## REAP DAY AT THE CAPITOL A HUGE SUCCESS

A hearty **THANKS** to those of you that took time from your busy schedules to bolster the CCB ranks on this most important day! By all accounts, this was a very successful rally under the rotunda for all the groups that participated. (Our appreciation to the Iowa Environmental Council for orchestrating the day!) One of the main highlights of the day was the reading of House Resolution 119 – “A Resolution Commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program”. Captured in the picture below, scores of legislators stood in front of their peers to honor the program by reading their portion of the resolution – nicely done!



The FULL TEXT of **House Resolution 119** may be found/downloaded from the following <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/forms.html> Everyone is encouraged to keep the communications flowing to their senators and representatives as we continue to strive towards that \$25 million in funding for REAP's 25<sup>th</sup> year of making Iowa a better place to live!



(Photo courtesy of Rick Schneider, WCCB)

## 2014 IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Sioux City, IA

September 25-27, 2014

The **2014 IACCB Fall Conference** promises to provide numerous unique opportunities this year! Woodbury and Plymouth County Conservation Boards have teamed up to make this a memorable experience as you learn about Iowa's northern loess hills region. From pre-conference activities in all new locations to the one-of-a-kind post-conference event, you will not want to miss this year's conference with all the excellent educational stuff in between! More details will be forthcoming through the newsletter, so watch for all the updates. Several counties have already made their room reservations, so the main item to take care of right now is **call for reservations at Stoney Creek Inn in downtown Sioux City (800) 659-2220. Ask for the IACCB block of rooms** - rooms are available the nights of September 25, 26, and 27.



# The Des Moines Register

*A Great Cost-Effective Opportunity to Highlight your Premier Event(s)*

## 2014 VACATION IOWA Guide to Summer Activities – Sunday, May 11th

We would like to include information for your events from May 11 through Labor Day, Sept. 1, in the guide's event listings. **There is no charge to be included.** Log on to <http://submit.dmregister.com/> to give us the details of your events, or send an email to [calendars@dmreg.com](mailto:calendars@dmreg.com) (please do not attach brochures or guides). Include the name of the event, dates, times, a brief description (no more than 25 words), admission prices; plus website, email address and phone number where readers can get more information. **Please submit your information by April 18.** If you cannot find your venue listed on our website or have any other difficulties in making a submission, please email [calendars@dmreg.com](mailto:calendars@dmreg.com) instead with event details. If you have photos from last year's event that you would like to submit to potentially run with your event information, please email digital files to [sdose@registermedia.com](mailto:sdose@registermedia.com). If you would like to buy a display ad in the section, please contact advertising representative Don Orban at 515-284-8181 or [dorban@registermedia.com](mailto:dorban@registermedia.com). The Des Moines Sunday Register reaches 70 percent of central Iowa's domestic vacationers, plus 5,000 extra copies of Vacation Iowa are distributed at Iowa's 19 Welcome Centers to be picked up by out-of-state travelers.

## KOSSUTH CCB WOOD DUCK CAM IS FEATURED!

We are very pleased to be able to feature (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row!) the **WOOD DUCK CAM** from Kossuth County Conservation – as a “**Discover Iowa**” item on MyCountyParks.com. Just a reminder – if you have an event or feature that will be several weeks or months in duration that you would like to have put in the home page rotation – just let us know. All you need to do is create the NEWS item on your section of MCP.com, and send along an email to us to consider your request. We are approaching the time of year where visitation to the website has the busiest months so now would be a good time to consider promoting that event or happening. Should you have any questions on this process – please send along an email to: [IACCB@mycountyparks.com](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.com)



## RE-PURPOSING OLD CHAIN SAW BLADES

*(Note from Kody Wohlers, Pott. CCB)* Wes Adkins is a local forestry consultant and contractor, as well as a knife maker. Wes contacted me wanting to know if we had any worn out or bent chainsaw bars that he could have for his knife manufacturing. I wanted to pass this along to you to see if it would be possible to put something in the IACCB newsletter. The knives Wes is making are of fantastic quality, and best of all is that he donates most of the knives to fundraisers, banquets, and war veterans. For additional information or finding out the best way to make a donation, please visit: <http://www.adkinswoodandknife.com/>





## **INHF Volunteer Event – Buchanan Co. Prairie**

The **Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation** and the **Buchanan County Conservation Board** are seeking volunteers to help restore INHF's Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie, a remnant prairie near Winthrop. The event is on April 12th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Many activities will surround the prairie that day: at 9 a.m., volunteers will remove brush from the prairie; at 11:30 there will be a prairie tour; and at 12:30 there will be a luncheon at Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse in Independence, free of charge. The public is invited to one or all events.



"This is a great opportunity to show the community how INHF and our partners work together," says Anita O'Gara, INHF's Vice President of Development and Communications. The land was purchased by INHF and will be transferred to the Buchanan County Conservation Board after all project funds are raised. This site will provide wildlife habitat and public recreation as well as the opportunity for environmental education. Registration is necessary. To register or for more information, contact **Erin Griffin**, INHF Events Coordinator and Development Specialist, at 515-288-1846 or email her at [egriffin@inhf.org](mailto:egriffin@inhf.org)

## **MOWING LAW WORKING GROUP MEETING**

### **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - UNI**

*(From Rebecca Kauten)* Greetings! Just a reminder that we are hosting another Mowing Law Working Group meeting Monday, March 24 at the UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend, or invite others to attend. Kristi Harshbarger, general counsel from ISAC, will be joining us for the conversation. She and I presented last week at the Iowa County Engineer's Association gathering at the ISAC Spring School. There was good discussion on these and related topics. My hope is we can continue that conversation. For more information, contact Rebecca at: [rebecca.kauten@uni.edu](mailto:rebecca.kauten@uni.edu)



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**BEST PRACTICES** - Be sure to continue your visits to the **BEST PRACTICES module** of the portal when you have a chance. There are currently 26 topics that have been posted with 63 responses – any of which may be of interest to you or your programs. Additionally, comments and/or attachments may be added at any time. This module has been designed to be a perpetual resource for our CCB system that is sortable/searchable by keywords – providing a long-term database for both current and future staff and board members. THANKS for utilizing this great new opportunity!

**CONTACTS** – **FOR THE FIRST TIME we have utilized emails for this newsletter from your entries in the CONTACTS** module of the portal. This simply means if you, a member of your staff, or a member of your conservation board had a good email address listed in the CONTACTS module – this email and newsletter were sent to that address. THIS ALSO MEANS that if you had been receiving these emails from IACCB, and did not receive this one – you either had no email address listed, OR it was an improperly formatted (bad) email that was listed. As advertised for the past many months – this is the new process we will be using going forward. On the plus side, I am noting that we have 293 email addresses for conservation board members, 355 email addresses for staff, and 99 for conservation directors – for a total of 747 addresses – not too bad. On the downside, I am getting a fair number of bounces from bad addresses – so if someone you know is not receiving emails (primarily newsletter notices) from IACCB – please visit the CONTACTS section of the portal and update your information – thanks. I will not be harvesting all emails from the portal again until sometime in June – so if you have a correction/addition in the short-term.....get it entered in the portal, and shoot me a note to add it to the current scoop of addresses. It has taken us 59 years to get this far...so, of course it will take a couple of months to work our way into this new adjustment. I most certainly appreciate your patience AND participation.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. STORY CCB – Conservation Technician II
2. WAPELLO CCB – Maintenance Technician
3. POLK CCB – Natural Resources Technician
4. FLOYD CCB – Resident Ranger/Resource Manager
5. WASHINGTON CCB – Ranger
6. FRANKLIN CCB – Resource Manager II
7. SIOUX CCB – Maint. Tech./Park Ranger
8. PALO ALTO CCB – Director
9. BUENA VISTA – Maintenance Technician
10. BUENA VISTA – Spray Truck Driver
11. HARDIN – Interpretive/Nat. Res. Mgmt. Intern
12. MONROE – Seasonal Maintenance
13. SAC – Conservation Aide
14. POLK – Work Crew Transporter/Leader
15. IOWA – Campground Host/Attendant
16. CLAYTON – Maintenance Worker
17. CRAWFORD – Campground Host
18. CRAWFORD – Seasonal Park Attendant
19. BENTON – Seasonal Technician
20. DES MOINES – Naturalist Intern
21. DES MOINES – Conservation Intern
22. FRANKLIN – Seasonal Park Aide
23. DALLAS - Seasonal Maintenance Worker
24. CARROLL – Naturalist Internship
25. CARROLL – Park Ranger Internship
26. CHICKASAW – Conservation Aide
27. WEBSTER – Park Ranger Intern
28. BLACK HAWK – Seasonal Park Maintenance
29. HAMILTON – Campground Hosts
30. OSCEOLA – Seas. Conservation Technician
31. PLYMOUTH – Seasonal Park Aide
32. PLYMOUTH – Seasonal Conservation Aide
33. PLYMOUTH – Seasonal Naturalist
34. SIOUX – Seasonal Park Technician
35. SIOUX – Summer Naturalist Intern
36. BUCHANAN – Naturalist Intern
37. POLK – Campground Aides
38. POLK – Stable Laborer
39. MUSCATINE – Summer Conservation Worker
40. BUCHANAN – Seasonal Park Technician
41. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts
42. WOODBURY – Park Maintenance Worker
43. LOUISA – Conservation Aide & Naturalist Intern
44. WINNEBAGO – Natural Resource Technician



Full Time Employment



Seasonal/Part-Time



Located at the bottom of each and every page of the [MyCountyParks.com](http://www.MyCountyParks.com) website.