

Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * June 11 – Visitor Protection Workshop, NE Iowa Comm. College in Calmar (Wimmeshek Co.)
- * June 12 – District 5 Mtg. – Louisa CCB
- * June 17 – District 6 Mtg. – Iowa CCB
- * July 1 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- * August 1 – FY2015 IACCB Memberships Due
- * September 25-27, 2014 – IACCB Fall Conference in Sioux City / Woodbury Co.
- * Sept. 29 – October 1 – CCPOA Fall Workshop
- * Nov. 5-7 – IAN Fall Workshop – Iowa CCB

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FY2015 REAP – STILL NOT A SURE THING!!

The Governor has signaled that he is concerned about the spending levels in the one-time funding bill, SF 2363. This bill provides \$5 million of the \$25 million appropriation to REAP and is very vulnerable to a line item veto.

The legislature achieved this unparalleled funding level, an increase of \$9 million over last year, by combining resources in three different appropriation bills: \$16 million in the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget (HF 2458), \$4 million in the Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) budget (SF 2349), and **\$5 million in the One-time Spending/Debt Reduction Bill (SF2363)**. Over a quarter century, Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Program has provided almost \$300 million to parks, trails, conservation action, and historic preservation in all 99 counties, but the legislature has never fully funded it until now. This historic milestone will only be reached with the Governor's support, and your action is needed to encourage him to act. If you have yet to register your opinion with the Governor, there is still timeThe following link will take you to the website to contact the Governor – click on “**Register an Opinion**” and enter your support: <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact/> Or, feel free to phone him at 515.281.5211 and register your support. ☺

If you need a sample letter or additional information, please visit the previous IACCB Newsletter (May 9th edition).....many thanks for your ongoing support of REAP.

2014 IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Sioux City, IA

September 25-27, 2014

LODGING - Call **800-659-2220** and ask for the **IACCB Room Block!!**

CONFERENCE WEB PAGE: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2014-fall-conference.html>

Iowa's county conservation history tells us that, collectively we are notoriously late in our room bookings and reservations for the Annual Fall Conference – hmmm. Perhaps we can break that trend for 2014?!? ☺ AND – have you been missing our initial encouragement for you to consider a silent auction basket for the 2014 conference?? Stay tuned for the auction submission form and information in a future newsletter! History also tells us that we are a wee tardy with our thinking towards this participation – so let your thinking caps commence!



WINTERFEST 2015 – January 20-22 in Waterloo!

Just in case you have yet to mark your 2015 calendar for WINTERFEST! The **2015 IACCB Winterfest Planning Committee** is well on their way to bringing you yet another grrrrreat county conservation workshop next January! Keynote address speakers have been identified, and a fine cadre of concurrent sessions are already lining up. This will be the 44th edition of this unique conference for county conservation employees that is planned and hosted by CCB employees – set aside the dates so you will be able to join us there! ☺



ALERT: NEXT PORTAL EMAIL ADDRESS SCOOP IN THE OFFING!

As we promised during the first year of **IACCB Portal** operations – we would plan on scooping up email addresses from the **CONTACTS** portion of the Portal every couple of months – another scooping is at hand! Please review your CCB's portion of the contacts listing for accuracy **before JUNE 15th**. Email addresses will be harvested at that time. This is our exclusive listing of email addresses for CCB employees and Board Members to receive the IACCB Newsletter and other IACCB communications & alerts. If your current and accurate email address is not listed – then you will not be in the new grouping that will be generated on June 15th. We are currently getting about an 8% “bounce back” rate on the current grouping – we know we can do better. This is a 100% responsibility of your CCB to keep this information current and accurate – please take the time to review your listing (s) soon. Many thanks!

VISITOR PROTECTION / EMPLOYEE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, June 11th – NE Iowa Community College, Calmar (Winneshiok)

This will be a great training opportunity for any staff member – but particularly seasonal staff and/newly employed permanent staff. Agenda topics include: Severe Weather Preparedness with Eileen Loan (KWWL); Park Visitor Mentality & You!; Gangs, Gypsies & Ritualistic Crime; Meth Lab Awareness/Safety; Crime Scene & Crisis Management with a Touch of Fish & Game; etc. **Daily schedule will commence at 8:45 AM** with morning refreshments, and educational sessions starting at 9:30 AM – workshop will conclude at approximately 2:30 PM. A catered lunch will be provided. **COST: \$8.00/person** to cover lunch and morning welcome refreshments. This workshop is being brought to you via the partnership of IACCB, CCPOA and the Winneshiok CCB. Please email names of your participants to: IACCB@mycountyparks.com Registration fees are payable as you check-in to the workshop – checks may be made payable to: CCPOA of Iowa. We look forward to hosting you in Winneshiok County in a few short weeks! **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 6th.**



WELCOME TO NEW PREFERRED VENDORS FOR 2015

Ever-Green Landscape Nursery & Supply, Legacy Tour & Travel, and Shive-Hattery, Inc. have joined IACCB as **PREFERRED VENDORS** for 2015 – Welcome! Website links and additional information is available via the “IACCB” link on MyCountyParks.com, or directly at: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/preferred-vendor.html> Please be sure to visit our entire listing of **PREFERRED VENDORS** as you consider options for equipment, supplies or service purchases. We are excited to be bringing the expertise and insight of these professionals as exhibitors and presenters to various IACCB conferences and workshops, as well as Winterfest 2015!



GENERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY – Deadline is June 18th

Northeast Iowa – Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA) is pleased to announce \$50,000 is now available through the 2014 General Grant Program. Since the program began in 2001, SSNHA has funded over \$1.7 million to projects dedicated to telling America's agricultural story, both past and present. By partnering with organizations on a grassroots level, the Heritage Area is able to help share stories that might otherwise be left untold. For additional information or to access the online grant application, please follow the link below:

<http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/partner/grant-opportunities/general-grants/>



It was good to visit with a fine group of CCB staff at the District 4 Meeting this past week – hosted by Audubon County Conservation – thanks to Bruce Hagg, Director for orchestrating!



Participating CCBs included:
Audubon, Madison,
Pottawattamie, Guthrie, Adair
& Harrison

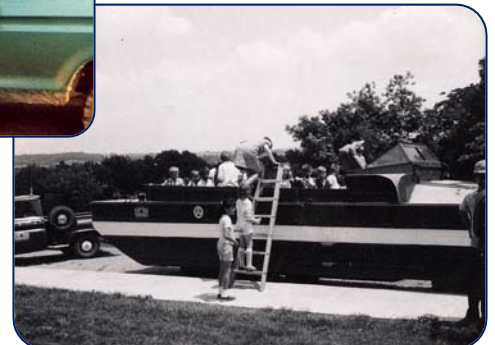
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. CERRO GORDO – Natural Resource Biologist-ROW Veg.
2. LOUISA - Naturalist
3. JOHNSON - Naturalist
4. SCOTT - Naturalist
5. STORY - Naturalist
6. POLK – Barn Supervisor
7. SCOTT – Park Ranger
8. POTTAWATTAMIE – Environmental Educator
9. MONONA – Operations & Maint. / Asst. Officer
10. POTTAWATTAMIE - HawkWatch Counter
11. DICKINSON – Recycling Center Attendant/Tech.
12. KOSSUTH -P.T. Naturalist Intern
13. DES MOINES – P.T. Conservation Technician
14. POLK – Conservation Laborer I
15. BUENA VISTA – Maintenance Technician
16. BUENA VISTA – Spray Truck Driver
17. BLACK HAWK – Seasonal Park Maintenance
18. HAMILTON – Campground Hosts
19. SIOUX – Seasonal Park Technician
20. BUCHANAN– Naturalist Intern
21. POLK – Campground Aides
22. POLK – Stable Laborer
23. BUCHANAN – Seasonal Park Technician
24. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts


Full Time Employment


Seasonal/Part-Time



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