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Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2016

You can tag Monarchs!

As more and more people learn that the Cass County Conservation Board tags Monarchs, it is becoming common for people to ask for a few tags so they can tag at home and show others how to participate. The Cass County Conservation Board has ordered "tagging kits" that will each consist of 5 tags, instructions on how to tag the monarchs, a data sheet, monarch information sheets and even a pre-addressed envelope so you can return the tagging information....ALL OF THIS WILL BE FREE!!! Twenty kits have been ordered and will be distributed in September (one per family, please) to those interested and in attendance at the Mysterious Monarch program advertised in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter. If more than twenty families are interested the kits will be distributed through a drawing.

The kits mentioned above are intended to be learning opportunities with hopes that in following years the recipients will decide to order tags on their own and become an official Monarch Tagger! To date, nine Monarchs tagged by the Cass County Conservation Board and/or Cass County citizens have been recovered in Mexico, a journey of over 1,500 miles!

Don't Forget to Explore the Parks!

This summer we partnered with the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce and their "Explore, Discover, Share" campaign that kicked off in June but it goes all the way to October with the campaign! Look for the "Explore, Discover, Share" signs to help lead the way. Also other Cass County Parks will be participating in the "Explore, Discover, Share" campaign. These include Cold Springs Park, Pellett Memorial Woods, Outdoor Educational Classroom and Hitchcock House. Upload your exploring photo to www.exploreass.com under appropriate Cass County park's album. Don't forget to include the appropriate hashtag #. Cass County Conservation's hashtag is #cassccbia; Atlantic Area Chamber's hashtag is #MyAtlanticIA, please use those as well as the ones listed. Enter to win prizes! Vote for your favorite photos.

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People Making a Difference...

Thank you to the over **30 volunteers** who helped make Hitchcock House Festival be a success!

Thank you to the following businesses, **Atlantic News Telegraph, Cappel's, Downtowner, Fareway, Orschelns, and Hy-vee** for donations to the Hitchcock House Festival.

Thank you to the **Hitchcock House Advisory Board** who helped plan the Festival!

Thank you to **Christina Roleofs of Shelby Co. Conservation**, for coming and doing her raptors program for Conservation Day! Also, to everyone who volunteered at the conservation day!

Thank you to our **ISU Extension Cass County and 4-H Leadership Council** at our summer camps.

E-Newsletter!

Save a tree, email Lora at lkanning@casscoia.us and let her know to add your email to get the email/PDF version of the Conservation Quarterly!

Cass County Conservation Board Members

Phil Przychodzin- Massena Rich Govig- Lewis
Duane Curtis- Cumberland Luanne Steffens- Griswold
Jerry Hudson- Lewis

Mark your Calendars

4th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

Saturday, October 29th Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA

Call to volunteer or for more information!! Please call Lora to sign up!

Park Updates

At Cold Springs Park we have been working on our last 8 sites for upgrading to 50 amp service. As soon as the new grass gets growing we hope to open those sites back up. Those sites also needed regrading dirt work to make more level pads for the campers. All 26 electrical sites will be upgraded when we finish! Don't forget to be using our new camper entrance off of Park Rd on our southern edge of the park. Our rock cut entrance washed out earlier this spring but the driveway is back open! Reminder: Iowa is a quarantine state for firewood, please do not move firewood from state to state it is Illegal. Don't be surprised anywhere you camp, park rangers may ask to see proof of location on your firewood. Keep receipts or the tag on any bundle of firewood you purchase. Buy local & Burn local! Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Hitchcock House Recreation Area has an one acre sunflower plot. West Nodaway has a 3 acre sunflower plot for Doves as well. That park also has a 2 acre sorghum plot. So many exciting upcoming events we have more than one page worth! We have a great variety of events at different parks! Come join us!


Friendly Reminders!!

As you visit Cass County Parks this Summer, we would like refresh your memory on some rules:

- *We do not take camping reservations, sorry.
- *The Cold Springs Trailer Dump Station is for Registered Campers only!
- *As a visitor to our wonderful parks, please don't hesitate to talk to our staff! Also, there are comment cards (in the campground ticket holder) at Cold Springs and deposit like you would tickets.
- * Please respect park parking areas and park boundaries.
- * Our Shelter in Cold Springs, Barn at Hitchcock House Recreation Area, and Lodge at Outdoor Educational Classroom are Reservable and FREE! Contact our office for more information!

Upcoming Events

 Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!

 Breakfast with the Birds
Saturday August 13th 9AM
Kiddie Korral Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic

Kickoff AtlanticFest with a Free will donation breakfast. Join Terrie Hoefler of SOAR for a raptors program.

 Kids Bike Ride
Saturday August 13th 10:30 AM


Schildberg Recreation Area Atlantic- West Parking Lot
Bring the kids and their bikes and go for a ride around the lake! Ride routes are appropriate for age group.

Upcoming Events Cont.

Civil War Era and Southwest Iowa
Sunday August 21st 2PM

Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Come listen to Dan Kaercher the retired founding editor-in-chief of Midwest Living magazine and he is the retired host of "Iowa's Simple Pleasures" on Iowa Public Television. Describing the local area and our history during the Civil War. FREE and program will be held Rain or Shine.

 Dutch Oven Cooking
Saturday August 27th 11AM
Lake Anita State Park Primitive Campground

Join us for a lunch of dutch oven cooking. We plan on making a main dish and dessert. Please bring your own placesetting for samples.


 Movie in the Park- Bag It
Friday September 2nd 9PM
Cold Springs Park Campground

Come out for a great movie under the stars! We will be showing The Bag It Movie. Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be CANCELLED.

 Mysterious Monarch Programs

Friday September 2nd 4:30PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground loop
Saturday September 3rd 2PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter
Saturday September 3rd 4PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom Massena
Saturday September 10th 2PM - Camblins Addition Shelter Sunnyside
Park Atlantic

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, including how to tag them! Participation required if you would like a home tagging kit. Call Lora to get more information and to get on the list!

 Dutch Oven Cookoff and Fall Festival
Saturday September 24th Lake Anita State Park- Primitive
Campground

Meeting at 10 AM, Judging at 3PM

Categories for Appetizers, Main Dish, Bread, Dessert, and a 3 course meal. Prizes will be given, for details contact Molly Denney moljon6@gmail.com .

Programs are FREE, but free will donations are always accepted.