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Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2014

Park Updates

A summer of changes! Please excuse our mess! What might we be talking about? After we recovered from the harsh winter. We started a couple projects that really effect our park users. We built a pit toilet restroom at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. The new grass is still growing near it and we have to install a light fixture yet. Lora is also working on finishing another trunk for out there at the classroom, a tracks trunk was funded through the E.F & Silvia Schildberg Foundation! When completed we will have 3 out of 6 nature trunks finished and housed at the lodge! In other Outdoor Educational Classroom news, we now have a Friends of Outdoor Educational Classroom. More information on this group can be found by contacting Judy Kennedy 712-774-2285. Cold Springs Park has a new camper entrance off of Park Rd on our southern edge of the park. We hope this will help accommodate the larger campers and traffic flow. The campground loop will be fully one way traffic once it is signed. 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! We are currently working on the entrance to Pellett Wildlife Refuge: new gate, and sign. This park is a walk in park (like Iranistan) and due to the Buck Creek Bridge Closure the park is only accessible from Hwy 83/Glacier Rd, and Buck Creek Rd from the north to Glacier. Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Hitchcock House Recreation Area has an one acre sunflower plot. West Nodaway has a 2 acre sunflower plot for Doves as well. This fall we will be planting there a fall forage plot for white-tailed deer. Other updates include our Pellett Memorial Woods Wildflower Brochure is now printed in COLOR! Next time you visit the park make sure you check it out! 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.

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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, 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 **Kay Newman of SOAR**, for coming and doing her raptors program for Conservation Day! Also, to everyone who volunteered at the conservation day!

Thank you to our **4-H volunteers** 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

John Curry- Massena Bob Muldoon- Atlantic
Duane Curtis- Cumberland Luanne Steffens- Griswold
Jerry Hudson- Lewis

- * 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 is Reservable and FREE! Contact our office for more information!


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 10 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!

Upcoming Events

 Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!

 Breakfast with the Birds
Saturday August 9th 9AM
Camblins Addition 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 9th 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.

Civil War Letters of Francis R. Howard
Sunday August 17th 2PM
Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Listen to Civil War letters read from a local veteran. This program is a "must" for local civil war buffs. Francis R Howard enlisted from Lewis, his letters provide detail of the Civil War military life. FREE and program will be held Rain or Shine.

Upcoming Events Cont.

Dutch Oven Cooking
Saturday August 30th 5PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

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



Movie in the Park- The Lego Movie

Saturday August 30th 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

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



Mysterious Monarch Programs

Saturday August 30th 2PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground loop

Saturday September 6th 4PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter

Saturday September 13th 2PM - Camblins Addition Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic

Saturday September 13th 4PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom Massena

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 27th Lake Anita State Park- Primitive Campground

Meeting at Noon, Judging at 3PM

Categories for Appetizers, Main Dish, Bread, Dessert, and a 3 course meal. Prizes will be given, for details contact Becky Peach bpeach@cam.k12.ia.us .

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

Mark your Calendars

3rd Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

Saturday, October 25th

Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA

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