

Cass County Conservation Board



January 2025

CONSERVATION UPDATES:



Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! I have 3 class spots left for January. And February has 4 class spots left 12-19th. I have 5 pairs of snowshoes that fit children 90 lbs. and below. I have 25 pairs fit children weighing up to 175 lbs. and 3 pairs for children over 175 lbs. Here is how it will work, I have a couple days open in January and February spots are (2/5, 12-19) for snowshoe programs. You can email me and set up a program like you usually would, I will put you on the list for that month (if no snow yet) or if we have snow we can put you in on a date for the program. Another words very flexible!! Think about bundling up your whole class and getting them in the shoes, so 45 mins is preferred for 3rd -12th grades. 2nd grade and below (EVEN preschool!), same amount of time roughly, considering that your children are weighing less than 90 lbs. and we can rotate them in and out in groups of 5. Any green space will work near the schools, and with the least amount of concrete for the snowshoes to be near is best! Cancellation policy: if you do not have outside recess we won't go outside either. If there is no snow you may schedule a snowdate. We also have CROSS COUNTRY SKIS available, We keep approx. 20 skis, boots, and poles at our Outdoor Educational Classroom! It makes a great winter field trip opportunity(student best fit 4th grade or above)! Please inquire a minimum of ONE WEEK in advance to schedule checkout. **Another Winter Fieldtrip- come see the Trumpeter Swans in Atlantic!!!**

Additional Resources: AEA Digital StarLab, I am trained and can do multiple programs if you check it out to your school! We are accepting applications for FALL School of the Wild Spots- 4th grade and up! Immerse your students learning in the outdoors for a week! Start the conversation today with Lora!

Schedule now for the Great Backyard Bird Count, the count is February 14-17th! I will come in give some basic bird ID and run the class through the recording sheets and how to report on line if the teacher would like to go that route! We want the Cass County area to be #1 again this year! Great for 5th grade and up!

Upcoming public programs this month: Cabin Fever Escape- January 18th 1-4pm @ Outdoor Educational Classroom. Sledding, snowshoes, warm drinks and movie inside the shelter. There are no snow activities planned.

Nature Detectives Winter Day Camp For youth in 3rd-5th grades. FREE. Online registration can be found at <https://go.iastate.edu/83B3IU> . Register early, space is limited. Please contact Cass County Extension at 243-1132 for questions. March 19th 9-4PM- Griswold Community Building

March 27th 9AM-4PM - Atlantic Community Building

Please register one week prior to camp. Students will use clues in nature to experience the world around us.

Programming Notice:

3rd grade Fable Contest is DUE February 28th with awarding March 7th thru 14th. Please schedule awarding and introduction program (if needed) ASAP.

Featured Programs:

Owl Moon (pre-K), or Lucky Ladybugs (pre-K), Owls (K-1) this program is great during Jan and Feb, Web of Life (2-3) or Energy Flows Throughout an Ecosystem (4-5). Like Cass County Conservation on Facebook! Keep up to date on monthly events to guide your family outdoors!

Future monthly newsletters will be sent to E-MAIL accounts

Happy New Year!



Office number (712) 769-2372

Cellphone (712) 254-0105

Fax number (712) 769-2392, Attn: Lora

lkanning@casscoia.us

Website: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx>

