



Cass County Conservation Board December 2016



CONSERVATION UPDATES:

Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! We have our OWN!! Thanks to an Iowa West Foundation grant! 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 am leaving five morning and afternoons open in January and February for snowshoe programs. December dates are 20th and 21st! 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!

Upcoming public programs this month: Soiree with the Swans will be January 7th 11am-2:30pm at Schildberg Recreation Area Lake 4.

Stream and Lake Mats: 3' by 6' stream and lake mats are available. Lake Mat will be housed at the Outdoor Educational classroom, you can get it out and play with it as part of your experience there. The stream mat will be available to check out to use in your classroom. Each mat is dry erase (yes they can draw on it), comes with (appropriate) fish and other wildlife. Use as a center or arrival activity.

Field Trips: A trip to see the Trumpeter Swans at Schildberg Recreation Area Lake 4 is a fantastic winter option. It also pairs well with a Swan Program before in school! Reminder Outdoor Educational Classroom outside Massena is available to all school districts, ALL year round. Classroom/ lodge is heated. Lots of programming options available, including new trunks (Birds, Tracks, and Orienteering) are available, contact Lora.

Please visit our Conservation webpage at <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx>

I will be gone from December 14th - 18th. I have limited spots left for programs in December.

I will be sending out a January Newsletter over your Christmas break please email me if you would like to know the featured programs for January in advance. It is never too early to schedule!

Featured Programs:

Opossums or Tracks (Pre-K), Mammals R' Us (K-3), Nature's Yucky (K-2), Pollutions & Solutions (2-3), Vertebrate Animals (4-5). Programs to fit your schedule although most can take up to 45 min.

Please contact me if you do not have a program list!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Future monthly newsletters will be sent to E-MAIL accounts
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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