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Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2017

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!

Exciting Opportunities!

This summer we will be unveiling our newest addition to our Environmental Education Equipment! Inflatable Stand-up Paddleboards! Cass County Conservation Board received a Cass County Community Foundation Grant to purchase the boards and all of the safety equipment. Stand-up Paddleboards (or SUPs) work great on our Flat water lakes here in Cass County! We are planning to start out with 5 boards, our hope with popularity, we can purchase more so more public can utilize them! They don't require a boat ramp to put in, with so many of our lakes in Cass County being great opportunities, we will not be using them on the river.

We will be offering demo classes. Each class will include over a 30 minute safety briefing and waiver before operating the SUP. You must be 16 years or older, if you are not 18, your parent must be present.

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Upcoming Events

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 Neumann 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 **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!

Our programs are **FREE** unless designated otherwise, free will donations are accepted!

Mark your Calendars

24th Halloween Hike


Saturday, October 28th

Sunnyside Park Camblins addition, Atlantic, IA

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

Park Updates


We will be offering a naturalist guided bus trip to see the solar eclipse. Beatrice, NE is home to Homestead National Monument, and is an official NASA site. They will have OVER 2 minutes of totality. NASA will be doing some presentations, we will visit the nature center, and PBS will also have kids' activities. Our SWITA bus will be leaving, @ 8am from Walmart Parking lot in Atlantic, pack a sack lunch, and camping chairs are allowed. The partial starts near 11:30am with totality at 1:02pm. Our bus capacity is limited to 20!

 You have been seeing this little Oak leaf on our newsletter. This is your easy guide for knowing that a program is a family or all ages event. With nature deficit disorder happening out there, we want families to be comfortable exploring nature in Cass County. We'd like to foster an environment where families can bond together as they play, talk and learn in nature. All events are for the purpose of getting families involved in activities outside. Bring your child, plan to stay, and have a great time-making a memory. We are partnering with the Atlantic Rocks! group as well. Search that on facebook, and join us! Atlantic Rocks! is Creating art and encouraging creativity + activity by painting rocks to hide around Atlantic, Iowa (and the WHOLE Nishna Valley!!) or wherever you travel! Use this to brighten someone's day, send a needed message, or just to spread joy. The goal is to encourage art, creativity, and community in the Atlantic community! Join us and have some fun!


Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Hitchcock House Recreation Area has a one acre sunflower plot. West Nodaway has 5 acres of sunflower plots for Doves as well. 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!

Upcoming Events

 Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!

 Breakfast with the Birds
Saturday August 12th 9AM
Camblins 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 12th 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.

Music on the Lawn

Sunday August 13th 5PM

Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Come listen to Grant Gordy and Joe K. Walsh, guitar and mandolin duet playing bluegrass. FREE and program will be held Rain or Shine.

Upcoming Events Cont.

 Dutch Oven Cooking
Saturday August 19th 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.

 Solar Eclipse Bus Trip
Monday August 21st 8AM-5PM \$12/Person Beatrice, NE

Pickup location: Walmart Parking lot, Atlantic, August 14th deadline

Travel on a swita bus to Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, NE. To see OVER 2 mins of totality of the solar eclipse! Homestead is a designated NASA Broadcast site and also offering presentations. Pack a lunch, and bring a chair if you'd like. Eclipse glasses will be provided. Please register by August 14th by calling our office.

 Movie in the Park- Princess Bride
Friday September 1st 9PM
Cold Springs Park Campground

30th Anniversary of the film Princess Bride!! Come out "as you wish" for a great movie under the stars! Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be CANCELLED.


Stand-up Paddleboard Demonstration

Saturday September 2nd 9AM- 5 spots

10:30AM- 5 spots

Cold Springs Park- Beach

Come learn about the hottest watersport in Iowa. After a quick demonstration try out the boards for yourself! If you do not bring a life jacket one will be provided to you. Children must be 16 years or older.

 Mysterious Monarch Programs
Friday September 1st 4:30PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground
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Saturday September 2nd 2PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter

Saturday September 2nd 4PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom Massena

Saturday September 9th 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 23rd 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

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