

Cass County Conservation Board December 2022

CONSERVATION UPDATES:

<u>Upcoming public programs this month:</u> Soiree with the Swans will be January 7th 11am-2:30pm at Schildberg Recreation Area Lake 4. Outdoor Educational Classroom Events: Intro to Ice Fishing- Jan. 14, 10AM Discover Ice Fishing a guided how to, with equipment provided, and including time to fish. All ages welcome! Cabin Fever Escape- January 21st 1-4pm @ Outdoor Educational Classroom. Sledding, snowshoes, warm drinks and movie inside the shelter.

Winter Camp: March 2023 for k-2nd graders. 3-5th grade winter camp will be held in February 2023. 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!

Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! We have our OWN!! 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 3-5 days open in January and in February for snowshoe programs. December dates are 21st and 22nd! 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!! Two spots left in January and only one class spot left in February!!! 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!

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 program trunks (Birds, Tracks, Iowater, and Orienteering) are available, as well as Fishing equipment (including Ice fishing), contact Lora. Please visit our Conservation webpage at http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx

Featured Programs:

Opossums or Tracks (Pre-K), Mammals R' Us (K-3), Nature's Yucky (K-2), Adaptations of our Feathered Friends (1-3), 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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