

## Cass County Conservation Board December 2023

CONSERVATION UPDATES:

<u>Upcoming public programs this month:</u> Winter Camp: January 2nd or 3rd 2024 for k-2nd graders. 3-5th grade winter camp held in February 2024. Online Registration: <u>https://polarbearsjan2023.4honline.com</u> Deadline December 27th, fliers that went home are also online on our website.

Soiree with the Swans will be January 6th 11am-2:30pm at Schildberg Recreation Area Lake 4. Cabin Fever Escape-January 27th 1-4pm @ Outdoor Educational Classroom. Sledding, snowshoes, warm drinks and movie inside the shelter. 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!

<u>Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! We have our OWN!!</u> 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 14th and 20th! 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!

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, Iowater, and Orienteering) are available, contact Lora. Please visit our Conservation webpage at <a href="https://www.casscountyia.gov/county-departments/conservation-office/">https://www.casscountyia.gov/county-departments/conservation-office/</a> or <a href="https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx">https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx</a>

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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