

Cass County Conservation Board



January 2021

CONSERVATION UPDATES:

120 hrs outside challenge! I have attached the tracker and put the signup in the email. Individuals who reach milestones of 30, 60, 90, and/or 120 hours will be entered into drawings for prizes over the course of the year. In order to be entered for prizes, a photo of your tracker is due on the check-in dates of May 1, September 1, and Jan 1, 2022. Photos of progress at these dates should be emailed to lkanning@casscoia.us. All three check-ins must be completed for grand prize!



Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! I have 2 class spots left for January. And February has 4 class spots left 15-26th. 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 (2/15-26) 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.

Schedule now for the Great Backyard Bird Count, the count is February 12-15th! 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 Atlantic area to be #1 again this year! Great for 5th grade and up/ can be a zoom!

Upcoming public programs this month: Cabin Fever Escape- January 23rd 1-4pm @ Outdoor Educational Classroom. Sledding, snowshoes, warm drinks and movie inside the shelter. There are no snow activities planned.

Winter Camp: FREE. Forms can be found at the quick links section at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/. Register early, space is limited. Please contact Cass County Extension at 243-1132 for questions.

Snow Adventure Winter Day Camp For youth in 3rd-5th grades.

February 15th 1-4PM Anita Community Building

February 18th 9AM-Noon OR 1-4PM - Atlantic Community Building

February 26th 1-4PM

Please register by February 8th. Students will learn about geocaching, snowshoeing, survival, and winter camping.

Programming Notice:

3rd grade Fable Contest is DUE February 26th with awarding March 9th thru 17th. Please schedule awarding and introduction program (if needed/can be zoom) 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).

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Future monthly newsletters will be sent to E-MAIL accounts

Happy New Year!



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