



Cass County Conservation Board

January 2022



CONSERVATION UPDATES:

Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! I have three class spots left for January. And February is WIDE OPEN for class spots. 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 (4,14, 22, 24, 28) 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 18-21st! 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 Cass County area to be #1 again this year! Great for 5th grade and up!

Discover the excitement of participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Join our K-12 team from the Cornell Lab for a webinar to learn how to engage your class or youth group on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:00pm ET. More information on <https://www.birdcount.org/learn/educators/>

Upcoming public programs this month: Cabin Fever Escape- January 22nd 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.

Nature Detectives Day Camp For youth in 3rd-5th grades. February 17th 9AM-4PM - Atlantic Community Building, February 21st 9AM-4PM Anita Community Building, February 25th 9AM-4PM- Griswold Community Building. Please register by February 11th, and bring a sack lunch. Students will learn about animal tracking, bird nests and skulls.

Programming Notice:

3rd grade Fable Contest is DUE February 28th with awarding March 4th thru 15th. Please schedule awarding and introduction program (if needed) 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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Happy New Year!



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