

Cass County Conservation Board

CONSERVATION UPDATES: March 2025

You can start planning for Earth Day is Monday April 22nd! Due to School of the Wild, all that is left is all day 15th, 16th, or 18th. I can help with Recycling programs, reducing plastic use, protecting our natural resources, and class project ideas for Earth Week.

Teachers! We want you this summer! We are hiring an Iowa Stem Teacher Externship in our organization THIS SUMMER!!! Our projects are flexible, and will utilize your individual skills!!! Learn more and apply here: <https://educate.iowa.gov/iowa-stem/stem-teacher-externships>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: May field trips: Hitchcock House Festival for 4th graders (May 2nd)!! Also, Conservation day on May 8th for 5th graders! **Schedule Spring Field Trips now!!** There are select dates left in May for field trips! Outdoor Educational Classroom outside Massena is available to all school districts, ALL year round. Classroom/ lodge is heated. Lots of programming options available, including trunks (Birds, Tracks, and Orienteering) are available, contact Lora.

Upcoming public programs this month: **Nature Detectives Winter Day Camp** For youth in 3rd-5th grades.

March 19th 9AM-4PM- Griswold Community Building

March 27th 9AM-4PM - Atlantic Community Building

Please register by March 12th or March 20th, and bring a sack lunch. Students that attend this camp that will focus on animal tracking, bird nests and skulls. Register online: <https://go.iastate.edu/83B3IU>

Lora will be giving a presentation regarding **Outdoor Mobile Apps at the Atlantic Public Library Community Room, 507 Poplar St, Atlantic, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15th.** All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your phones, or tablets to discover how to use outdoor apps you might be interested in, everything from plants, birding, to hunting! **Featured Programs:**

Chickens Aren't The Only Ones or Turtles (pre-K), Beaver Adaptations (K-3), Recycle Magic (2-3) or Predators (3-5). Programs to fit your schedule although most can take up to 45 min. Please contact me if you do not have a program list!

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