



Cass County Conservation Board January 2016



CONSERVATION UPDATES:

Book NOW for SNOWSHOES! We have our OWN!! Thanks to an Iowa West Foundation grant! 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 five morning and afternoons open in January and February 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!

Upcoming public programs this month: Soiree with the Swans will be January 9th 11am-2:30pm at Schildberg Recreation Area Lake 4. Winter Camps: For youth in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade: January 18 at 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. or January 25 at 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m— 4:00 p.m Winter Camp for 3-5th grade will be in March.

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, and Orienteering) are available, contact Lora.

Please visit our Conservation webpage at <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx>

Featured Programs:

Mitten, Backbone Bonanza or Winter Adaptations (pre-K), Owls (1-3) this program is great during Jan and Feb, or Plant Basics (2-3). 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
Happy New Year!



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