



Cass County Conservation Board



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Future monthly newsletters will be sent by E-MAIL!

If you are a NEW teacher please make sure I have your e-mail address for the newsletters. Please save my email in your contacts so you may receive this right to the inbox. If you are having difficulties of any kind, please let me know! I am hoping that you will continue to use my e-mail account as an easy way to contact me for scheduling programs. My e-mail address is **lkanning@casscoia.us** You can also find our teacher newsletters, program lists, and upcoming events on the website, listed below!

Conservation Updates:

Extra Resources!! We have many items to loan out to your classroom; don't be afraid to ask if I have something! We have bulletin board kits on the following topics: Dinosaurs, Life Cycles, Recycling, Rocks and Bugs. We have stamps, puzzles, and posters on these topics and many more.

Stream and Lake Mats: 3' by 6' stream and lake mats are available. Lake Mat will be housed at the Outdoor Educational classroom, you can get it out and play with it as part of your experience there. The stream mat will be available to check out to use in your classroom. Each mat is dry erase (yes they can draw on it), comes with (appropriate) fish and other wildlife. Use as a center or arrival activity.

Outdoor Educational Classroom Nature Trunks. Three of the trunks are finished so far are on Birds, Tracks, and Orienteering/GPS. These trunks contain both indoor and outdoor activities for Pre-K to 12th grade, for use at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. These activities are also correlated to the Iowa Core. For more information email Lora!

Fall Field Trips! Fall is a great time to do Orienteering, water monitoring, and much more!

Program lists can be found here: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass/Content/For-Teachers.aspx> I am still in the process of correlating my programs to the Iowa CORE. Your program guide includes the finished ones!

Finally, Cass County Conservation Board their own Snowshoe equipment 5 pairs of small (90lbs below), 25 (90-175lbs) and 3 (220 above). Ready to use all winter long! Please consider field trips to Outdoor Educational Classroom, Turkey Creek Educational Area, and Pellett Memorial Woods just to name a few! Subjects that can be utilized are history, science and physical education.

Important information:

- **MONARCH PROGRAMS...**Please call me to arrange for your monarch program as soon as possible! I hopefully will have monarchs to tag for your program! *I cannot provide you with caterpillars* but I can supply you with tags! I also have TONS of monarch nets, games, puzzles, crafts, and books available for check out! Make the most of this learning experience!
- **Schedule the WHOLE year!! Before you get busy with your students, I am available to sit down with you or a lead grade teacher and schedule before the year starts! Just a suggestion the following days:**
- **Atlantic School District's day is Thursday August 20th afternoon, Griswold and CAM is Wednesday August 19th.**

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