

CASS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD



February 2015



CONSERVATION UPDATES:

Schedule now for the Great Backyard Bird Count, the count is February 13-16th! 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 #1 again this year! Great for 5th grade and up! There is not much room left!!

Looking for a different field trip? A traveling exhibit all about the Tallgrass Prairie will be coming to Nishna Bend Recreation Area's Nature Learning Center beginning in January. Tallgrass Prairies – Past, Present and Future was developed by Iowa Association of Naturalists. The exhibit was made possible with funding from REAP-CEP (Resource Enhancement and Protection – Conservation Education Program), Pheasants Forever Inc. & Iowa Pheasants Forever Native Seed Program, Iowa Trust for Local Conservation, Living Roadway Trust Fund, Tallgrass Prairie Center – UNI, and Truax Company. This exhibit has been traveling across the state of Iowa for the past few years. The exhibit is made up of informational panels and many hands-on elements to teach about the tallgrass prairie in Iowa. If you have any questions about the exhibit feel free to contact the Shelby County Conservation Board at 712-744-3403. Nishna Bend Recreation Area is located one mile south and one mile east of Corley (Harlan Airport). Direct email for their naturalist Christina Roelofs is cgroen@fmctc.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Monthly newsletters are sent to E-MAIL accounts! There will NOT be an April or May Newsletter.

3rd grade Fable Contest is DUE February 27th with awarding March 5th through 11th. Please schedule awarding and introduction program (if needed) ASAP.

Due to Lora's Maternity Leave there will be no programs from March 30th- May 10th. Hitchcock House Festival and Conservation Day WILL still be on. Contact about those trips during the leave is Micah Lee mlee@casscoia.us

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). Programs to fit your schedule although most can take up to 45 min. Please contact me if you do not have a program list!

Last Chance to SNOWSHOE!!

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