



## Dickinson County Conservation Board

# 2010 Environmental Education Programs and Events CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

February 13<sup>th</sup> - **Backyard Bird Count**, Horseshoe Bend, 8-10 AM, join fellow bird enthusiasts as we count the variety and number of birds that feed at Horseshoe Bend's feeders. Data collected will be a part of a national bird survey.

### MARCH

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> - **The Art of Flyfishing**, Arnolds Park City Hall, 6-8 PM, this four part series introduces you to the basics of fly-fishing. Learn about fish habitats, cast with a flyfishing rod, tie your own flies and join us on a flyfishing outing. Please call to register.

### APRIL

April 24<sup>th</sup> - **Earth Day Environmental Learning Fair**, Gullpoint State Park Lodge, 9-4 PM, come spend the day with us! There will be informational displays on green living, LID, local, county and state environmental groups who are making a positive difference on our quality of life, lectures and a Kids activities area, hikes and much more. Lunch will be available.

April 24<sup>th</sup> - **Earth Day Celebration**, Gullpoint State Park Lodge, 5:30- 8:30 PM, bring snacks to share and we'll provide wine, coffee, tea and punch. This is a wonderful time and place to catch up with old friends and make new ones after the long winter. Gain insight and perspective on Iowa's Natural Resources and legislation with Rich Leopold, IDNR director.

### MAY

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Birding on the Greens** with birding expert, Ed Thelen, Brooks Golf Course parking lot, 7 AM, our first outing of the season! We will board golf carts and compile a species list of the birds that enjoy the varied habitats on this Audubon-certified golf course.

May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - **Wings and Wetland Weekend**; this weekend we celebrate the return of the neo-tropical migratory birds that grace our landscape during the warm months of the year. We have many activities and outings planned for this celebration including bird hikes, Trumpeter Swan release and more.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Glacial Landmark Tour**, meet us at Hy Vee for breakfast, 7:30 AM, we will lead a caravan to the unique glacially formed landforms in Dickinson County viewing wild places and wild things!

### JUNE

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> - **Young Naturalist**, Nature Center at Kenue Park, 10-11:30 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, learn survival skills, orienteering, earth caching and more.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> - **Young Nature Explorers**, Nature Center at Kenue Park, 10:00-11:00 AM, pre-school- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, these programs are designed to stimulate the senses and promote a "sense of wonder" to our natural world.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> - **Kayak a Wetland**, meet at the Nature Center, 8:30 AM, each Friday we go exploring a wetland, lake or waterway in search of adventure and knowledge.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - **Birding on the Greens**, Brooks Golf Course, parking lot, 7 AM

Mid-June is usually the time that the Monarch Butterflies arrive and we start to gather eggs and larvae. Come visit Dee and Kate's Butterfly House for hands-on learning experience in the world of bugs.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - **Monday Fun Day**- Dickinson County Nature Center, 6: -7:30 PM, we will have a various topics from "Wild Edibles", "Stargazing" to "A Spoken Word" inside the Nature Center or at one of the many outdoor gathering places at Kenue Park. Come prepared to participate.

### JULY

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> - **Young Nature Explorers**, Nature Center, 10-11:00 AM

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> - **Kayak a Wetland**, Nature Center, 8:30 AM

July 12<sup>th</sup> - **Birding on the Greens**, Brooks Golf Course parking lot, 7 AM

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> - **Monday Fun Day**, Nature Center, 6-7:30 PM

July 13<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> - **Young Naturalist**, Nature Center, 10-11:30 AM

Mid-July marks the arrival of our young Ospreys. We will have a gathering to introduce the public to our new arrivals (to be announced). We'll be raising Ospreys in the Hacking Tower at Kenue Park. Visitors can view their activity via live video in the nature center.

### AUGUST

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Birding on the Greens**, Brooks Golf Course parking lot, 7 AM

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> - **Kayak a Wetland**, Nature Center, 8:30 AM

August 10<sup>th</sup> - **Young Naturalist**, Nature Center, 10-11:30 AM

August 12<sup>th</sup> - **Young Nature Explorer**, Nature Center, 10-11:00 AM

### AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - "GRAND OPENING OF THE DICKINSON COUNTY NATURE CENTER" and "Green Wave Festival"

Look for more details in the papers or go to: <http://www.co.dickinson.ia.us/departments/naturecenter.asp> or [www.cfofdc.com](http://www.cfofdc.com)

August 28<sup>th</sup> - **Monarch Butterfly Festival**, Dee and Kate's Butterfly House, 10:30- 3 PM, we will have a presentation on the Monarch Butterfly's winter resting place in the mountains of Mexico by a naturalist who visited the area. Every year we participate in the University of Kansas Monarch Watch tag and release program. Come tag and release a Monarch Butterfly. There's plenty of fun and educational activities for the whole family!

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