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Newsletter of the Iowa Association of Naturalists



IAN Spring Workshop (pages 8-11)!

Aussie Animals

Heather Freidhof, Bremer CCB

I was lucky to have the opportunity to travel *Down Under* in November/December on vacation. Let me tell you – it’s a LONG flight, 14 hours to be exact. I went with a friend from college. We joined a tour the day after arriving in Sydney. The time difference in Sydney is 16 hours ahead. You cross the international dateline while flying, so one day just disappears. That really confused me. That, along with not ever knowing/caring what day it was. I was on vacation after all! Of course, the weather in Australia was warm because it is late spring there. Lots of plants were in bloom, and sunny, blue skies prevailed.

I had the opportunity to see wildlife throughout the two weeks of my trip. Kangaroos and wallabies could be seen from the bus windows — good enough for me. One night, we stayed at a farm, which made me feel at home. Many of the New Yorkers, on the other hand, had some issues with spiders in the rooms. Eew! Shriek! The farm had taken in some kangaroos, reminding me of people who

try to rehabilitate fawns/deer. The kangaroos were used to human contact, and allowed us to get pretty close. I saw a kangaroo mom and joey — Cool! We even touched the animals. Their fur is very coarse.

The tour moved on and we stopped at Forest Glen Wildlife Sanctuary — similar to a small zoo. We were able to see koalas. The naturalist told us koalas did three things — eat, sleep, and poop. Of course, they eat eucalyptus leaves. After one person got pooped on, the rest of us weren’t so sure about holding a koala. Most of us were brave and paid the \$8.50 fee. Koala arms are long, like a monkey’s. Again, the fur was coarse.

I had to check out the rest of the place, and found the closely related wombat. The wombat looks like a hairy, brown pig — kind of cute. Next stop, feeding the emus and kangaroos. An emu is like an ostrich. They peck to get their food — not very gently! The kangaroos were slobbery. After the feeding, I washed my hands!

We also visited a crocodile farm. No, it wasn’t Steve Irwin’s. This was a working crocodile farm. We drove our charter bus down a little road with crocodile pens on both sides — not a place you’d want to break down! The owner greeted us cheerily. We ate some crocodile chowder. It was a hearty soup, and difficult to taste the crocodile. So, we also got a skewer of the light, white crocodile meat. It was not seasoned, so we could taste its true flavor. Not bad, I would recommend it to others.

Then we went to spotlight the croc (It had gotten dark since we arrived.). These animals were HUGE! You could see how they could kill. The owner fed them fresh meat, and SNAP! After all that excitement, I was ready to hold one! Okay, a baby one with its mouth taped shut. It’s belly was smooth, just like a snake. It was so cool.

We moved on to Fraser Island. Here they offered naturalist night hikes for guests. How perfect! We took off in the dark of night. First stop, frogs. We heard four frogs in a pond. The first one was a rocket frog — so named because of its quick moves. The second was a deafening cane toad, also called a marine toad. This introduced species has spread at an unbelievable rate. It never killed the sugar cane beetle, as it was brought to do. It is a large toad, slightly bigger than a bullfrog. The third frog was an emerald spotted tree frog. It was tiny, like a spring peeper. The last frog was a sedge frog. It was even smaller, like a thumbnail. We walked along and spotted a sugar glider. It was adorable, and such a pleaser. It jumped/flew (like a flying squirrel) over our heads!

My trip was completed with the sighting of flying-fox bats! They really are a megabat, the size of a goose (at least that’s what I thought when I saw them). In fact, at first I was unsure of what they were. They flew in a group at twilight. I stared for many minutes.

Australia’s animals are very unusual. Books just can’t replace the real thing. I hope you could experience them through this article.

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2005 ExCom

Linda R.F. Zaletel, IAN President

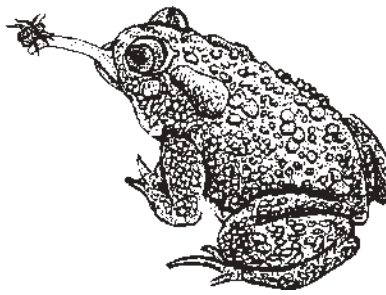
Many thanks to Lisa Anderson, Joe Boyles, Katie Cantu, Katie Dalton, and Greg Wolf for throwing their names in the hat for positions on the IAN Executive Committee. These candidates represent the diversity of programs, agencies, and experience found within our membership.

Katie Dalton and **Greg Wolf** were elected to the Executive Committee for the next two years. Thanks to **Wes Wiese** for his service to IAN during his term on the Executive Committee!

There will be three positions up for election this fall. If you are interested in running for an office, or being on the nominating committee, contact Kelly Sonnichson (see back page). Remember, this year there will be a nominating committee, and we will vote at the November meeting! If you can't be at the annual fall meeting, contact the Vice President (Kelly) for an absentee ballot.



Katie Dalton of the Louisa CCB is a newly elected member of the ExCom.



Iowa Women in Natural Resources

Jacklyn Neely, IWINR

This is your official invite to join Iowa Women in Natural Resources — an organization dedicated to professional development of individuals interested in working in the natural resource field. We provide networking assistance within our membership, a newsletter distributed 4 times a year, a yearly conference and friendships that can last a lifetime!

Our Annual Conference will be held February 11 at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Contact Deb Howe at Deborah.Howe@dnr.state.ia.us or Karen Aulwes at Karen.Aulwes@dnr.state.ia.us for more information.

To become an IWINR member, contact IWINR President Meggan Daniels at: meggandaniels@rivermuseum.org, or visit <http://iawinr3.tripod.com/>. You can also be added to our e-newsletter. Contact Jacklyn Neely at jacklyn.neely@dnr.state.ia.us.

Fall Auction 2004

Katie Dalton, Louisa CCB

The 2004 Fall Workshop Auction raised more than \$1,700, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of everyone who brought items to be raffled, the competitive bidding and of course all the high spenders. Thanks also to our very talented auctioneers: Jerry Keys and Ryan Schlater. The county baskets were fantastic and very popular. Money raised at the auction is used to enhance revenue for things such as scholarships, grants, professional development and workshops.

The 2005 Fall Workshop will be held in Pottawattamie County. The auction theme will be "Program in a tote." Each county is asked to come up with a tote (either Rubbermaid or a cloth bag) with all the props and procedures for a program. This is a great way to share program ideas. Of course, all quality auction items are accepted and greatly appreciated.

Not a member yet?

Becoming an IAN member is the best way to become a better interpreter and to keep up with new ideas in environmental education. New IAN members are paired with a mentor to provide familiarity with the organization and resources in the state. Dues are \$20 per year, or \$10 for full time students.



McNally Receives Joe Halbur Scholarship

Maria Koschmeder, Iowa CCB

Joann McNally of Emmetsburg, is the first recipient of the IAN Joe Halbur Scholarship. Joann is a senior at South Dakota State University and will be graduating in May 2006. She is pursuing a degree in Biology and Environmental Management with certification in secondary education. While she works toward her career in environmental education, she has interned at the Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center in Palo Alto County for two summers. She is an avid deer and pheasant hunter, and is a student member of IAN. The \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school or undergraduate student interested in pursuing a program in natural resources, with preference given to students working toward degrees in environmental education, cultural interpretation, historical interpretation, or outdoor recreation.

The IAN Scholarship program was created ten years ago in honor of Joe Halbur. Joe was the Carroll County Conservation Board naturalist and IAN's first newsletter editor, until he passed away in 1993. Joe was "very insightful" and one of Iowa's early "home grown naturalists". At a recent IAN conference, naturalists Ryan Schlater of Sac County and Andria Cossolotto of Cass County shared how Joe influenced them as young students and led them to their own careers in environmental education. The scholarship program was designed to do just that — encourage new naturalists to "plant the seed of environmental stewardship." For more information about the scholarship program, contact your local county conservation board naturalist or visit the IAN website at <http://www.ianpage.20m.com/JoeHalbur>.



Above: Maria Koschmeder of Iowa CCB with Joe Halbur Scholarship recipient Joann McNally of Emmetsburg.

Do you have REAP plates?

Linda R.F. Zaletel, Story CCB



Iowa's most beautiful license plate is a popular plate. A regular REAP plate costs \$35, then \$10 a year to renew. The REAP Fund receives 100 percent of the price you pay for the

plate, and 100 percent of the \$10 renewal fee. For personalized plates, \$35 of the \$80 cost and \$10 of the \$15 renewal, goes into the REAP Fund.

According to the Wildlife Diversity's website: "You may have seen the Natural Resources License Plate, a.k.a. the Iowa Goldfinch specialty license plate, but this year there's something new about it."

In prior years, the Natural Resources plate did not directly fund Iowa's Wildlife Diversity Program, as many had the impression it did. Rather, proceeds from the sales of Natural Resources plates were placed in the REAP Fund from which grants were given for projects ranging from hard surface pedestrian and bicycle trails, to pheasant habitat and historic preservation. To receive funding from license plate sales, the Wildlife Diversity Program had to apply for funding and compete with other deserving, but non-wildlife oriented projects.

"We know that in the past some people decided not to purchase a Natural Resources plate when they learned the plate was not dedicated to funding the Wildlife Diversity Program, as is done in several other states."

Thanks to the Iowa State Legislature's progressive thinking this past legislative session, the cost of Natural Resources specialty license plate will increase to DIRECTLY fund the Wildlife Diversity Program. The increase in cost will go directly into the Wildlife Diversity Program, and the existing REAP grants program will continue to receive its current benefits from the sales of the license plate.

It makes sense for citizens who are concerned about Iowa's natural resources to have the plates. But in this day and age, money is tight and the plate cost is going up. It is important we continue to support REAP plates and be advocates to the general public to purchase them. That's what the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Diversity program is doing right now. They are developing a marketing plan. How can IAN help out? Let's contact our local media, publicize purchasing plates in our newsletters, presentations to businesses, and civic groups, and drive cars/trucks with REAP plates. Let's emphasize that REAP money benefits ALL wildlife in the state!



REAP-CEP Grants

Linda R.F. Zaletel, REAP CEP Board

The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program (CEP) had \$136,776 available for proposals submitted for funding in the November 2004 grant period. Eleven grants were submitted and seven were funded. These grants are shown to the right.

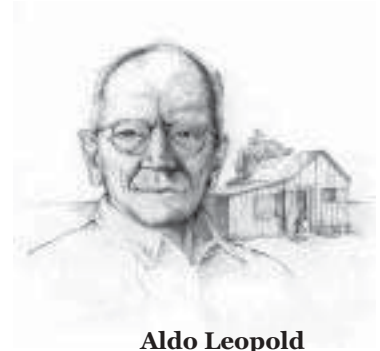
Conservation education grants typically are used for innovative projects that will eventually become self-sustaining and widely adopted for use by others. Matching funds are not required, although preferred. Grant requests are due May 15, 2005. Additional details of the process are available at the website: www.iowaee.org.

As the IAN representative for the REAP-CEP Board, I will keep the membership informed about the grant program. I am willing to visit with you from my home (515-382-5427/madowl@midiaowa.net) or office (515/232-2516/lzaletel@storycounty.com).

- Iowa Conservation Education Council
2005 Midwest Environmental Education Conference - \$15,900
- Iowa Environmental Council
2005 Governor's Conference on Environmental Education - \$25,598
- University of Northern Iowa (CEEE)
Iowa 3Rs Initiative - \$8,463
- Trees Forever
Stewards of the Beautiful Land - \$25,666
- Iowa State University (Jim Pease and Sara Frankling) Environmental education in the outdoors: evaluating its use in therapeutic and other programs, and developing a model - \$11,235
- University of Northern Iowa
Lost Landscape Prairie Project Curriculum Development- \$45,558
- Iowa Architectural Foundation
Math and Science of Architecture - \$3,260

2004 Conservation and Environmental Education Excellence Awards

The Iowa Association of Naturalists and Iowa Conservation Education Council are proud to announce recipients of the 2004 Conservation and Environmental Education Excellence Awards Program. The Awards Program serves many functions. It recognizes those efforts to promote conservation and environmental education, rewards those involved, and publicizes and expands awareness of the excellent programs happening across the state. It's also useful in gaining local support and recognition as well as self-promotion. The following groups and individuals are worthy award recipients.



Aldo Leopold

• **Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award:** *Robert Rye, IDOT Field Services Coordinator.* This award commends a lifetime achievement in environmental education excellence and leadership.

- 35 year career
- First manager of the Conservation Education Center for 21 years.
- Field Services Coordinator for IDOT and continually develops connections between the DOT and environmental community.
- Has served on the ICEC board for over 15 years.
- Served as co-chair of the 2000 Governor's Conference in EE.
- Served as a lecturer and adjunct professor at Drake University, UNI, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)
- Facilitator and trainer for Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, Aquatic WILD, and Food, Land, and People Project.

• **Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award:** *Pamela Holz, Washington County Conservation Board Naturalist.* This award commends outstanding efforts by an environmental educator.

- Naturalist at Washington CCB for 6 years.
- Grew program from 5,000 to 10,000 participants.
- Assisted with the planning for the new Conservation Education Center.
- Created text and design concept for the permanent exhibits in the exhibit hall. Worked with ISU Design students to complete the task.





Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award: *Clinton County Conservation Board and Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency.* This award commends an outstanding EE program for or by youth.

- 2nd Annual Pollution Safari day camp focused on the area of pollution and the environment.
- 22 participants from elementary to middle school age.
- Toured the landfill, recycling center, Soaring Eagles Nature Center, Rock Creek Marina and Campground and the Mississippi River aboard the Blue Heron Eco-Cruise pontoon boat.
- Students participated in many activities including making recycled paper, building a worm compost bin, planting trees, and cleaning up a beach along the Mississippi River.

Ada Hayden Conservation Education Award: *Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.* This award commends outstanding efforts to educate about preservation, land management, or natural resource conservation.

- INHF created an in-depth web site with nearly 1,000 pages.
- The site includes educational articles on a wide range of Iowa conservation topics, tips and resources for enjoying Iowa's outdoor resources, and publications on managing and protecting natural lands.
- Web site is updated several times a week
- More than 140,000 people have visited the web site during 2004.

”Ding” Darling Environmental Education Award:

Polk County Conservation Board. This award commends an outstanding environmental education program or event which educates the general public.

- 5th Annual Pelican Festival held at Jester Park to celebrate the fall migration of pelicans through Saylorville Lake.
- Approx. 4,000 people attend the event annually. The event has become the largest one-day birding festival in Iowa.
- Partners with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Audubon Iowa, Iowa DNR Wildlife Diversity Team.
- Local conservation groups are invited to attend the festival.

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (< 35,000): *Buchanan County Conservation Board.* This award commends excellence in a county conservation board's EE program of counties with a population of less than 35,000.

- Offers a wide range of school programs, public programs, and camps.
- In a joint project with East Buchanan Schools, a web site was developed for the Conservation Board.
- BCCB cooperated with NRCS and several schools to offer an Iowa Environmental Workbook Contest.
- More than 10,000 people visit the Nature Center each year. Planning is ongoing for new exhibits.
- Staff active in multiple state and regional organizations.

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (> 35,000): *Linn County Conservation Department.* This award commends excellence in a county conservation board's EE program of counties with a population of more than 35,000.

- Education program started in 1987 and was based out of a small center located at Pinicon Ridge Park near Central City. Today the program has grown and has moved to Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center and is located on a unique archeological site.
- Archeology is a major component of their educational programming. Other popular programs are based on local habitats, flora and fauna at Wickiup.
- During 2004, over 300 programs were offered at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center with almost 15,000 people attending.
- Linn County Environmental Council sponsors the Cedar Rapids Connections Program series. It is an ongoing lecture series that intends to connect students and public to outstanding members of the scientific community.
- Started an Osprey Reintroduction Program with the help of IDNR's Wildlife Diversity Program and over 50 volunteers.





KinderNature

Linda R.F. Zaletel, Story CCB

KinderNature is a NEW tool involving early childhood educators, naturalists, and environmental education! KinderNature is offered through a website, CD, and training. It provides EE activities for groups, parent/child programs, preschools, and day camps. Topics include art, music, theme snacks, animals, earth sciences, etc. Educational aids and child development information, such as multiple intelligences, Piaget, learning styles, and links are also provided.

In a survey of IAN members last year, it was discovered that many naturalists don't teach EE to preschoolers. KinderNature will address age appropriateness; learning styles; answer the question - *why teach EE to early childhood?*; and provide many hands on activities. Trainings will be on the following dates:

- IAN Preworkshop ,Wednesday, March 16, 2005
Johnson County Conservation - F.W. Kent Park
Hosts: Linda Zaletel, Ginny Malcomson and Wendy Zohrer
Registration through the IAN newsletter

Training on the ICN network:

- Thursday, February 24, 2005 - 3:45-4:45 p.m.
ICN – Western Hills Area Education Agency 12
Room 209A-Node 197
Host – Woodbury County Conservation Board
- Thursday, March 24, 2005 - 3:45-4:45 p.m.
ICN – Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids
Room 116-Node 671
Host – Linn County Conservation Board
- Tuesday, April 19, 2005 - 3:45-4:45 p.m.
ICN – Fairfield High School, Room 16-Node 96
Host – Jefferson County Conservation Board
- Thursday, May 12, 2005 - 3:45-4:45 p.m.
ICN – Southwestern Community College, Red Oak
Room 116-Node 90
Host – Montgomery County Conservation Board

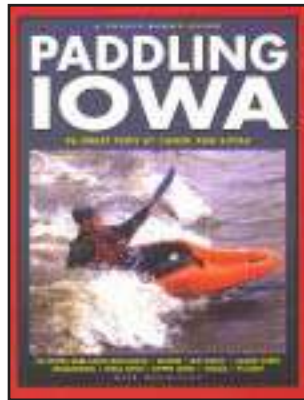
Registration will be handled through the IPTV website at www.iptv.org Funding for this program is from a REAP-CEP grant.

Book Review

Lori-Foresman Kirpes

Paddling Iowa Nate Hooegeveen

Iowa's rivers have long been one of this states most under appreciated resources. A new guidebook, *Paddling Iowa*, shows how anyone can access gentle sandy rivers winding through deep woods or swift waters along magnificent bluffs. The book (8.5"x11", 186 pages) has detailed river descriptions, including:



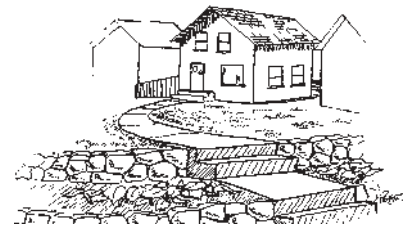
- * Precise maps showing roads, put-ins and takeouts, significant rapids, mileage, etc.
- * Trips packaged into easy-to-understand bites that help streamline excursions
- * Detailed descriptions of what you will find on each trip
- * Stories from Iowa's past and present that make the state's river culture come alive.
- * Where to find canoe rentals, access points, camping, and more.

Note from the Author:

Paddling Iowa normally retails at \$19.95, but conservation board staff may purchase it for \$16.95, plus shipping cost of \$1.85, for a grand total of \$18.80. This is provided they can provide me their tax exempt number. They can e-mail me (Nate Hooegeveen) directly at natehoog@mchsi.com, or call at 515-256-7026.

Tips for Curators

Worried about that nitrate film in your museum collection? Puzzled by the options for solar window films? Real life answers to these (and many more!) real life questions can be found in the latest additions to the National Park Service's online *Conserve O Gram* series that highlights best methods in preservation and protection of museum collections. New online are: Disposal of Cellulose Nitrate Film, Choosing UV-Filtering Window Films, Caring for Cellulose Nitrate Film, and Safe Plastics and Fabrics for Exhibit and Storage. Look on the Internet: http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/conserveogram/cons_toc.html.



Workshops and Resources

IOWATER Workshops

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Level 1

Want to learn how to test water quality in your own backyard? Then join IOWATER! All Level One workshops are based on ten hours training, set-up comfortably over two days. Hours may vary depending on location. Workshop registration fee is \$25 per person or \$35 per team (up to three people). The fee covers all program fees, meals, and testing equipment. Training dates are as follows:

April 8-9, Bremer CCB Center
April 15-16, National Mississippi River Museum and EB Lyons Nature Center (Dubuque County)
April 22-23, Washington County Marr Park Nature Center
May 6-7, Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center
June 3-4, Kuehn Conservation Area Nature Center (Dallas County)
July 18-19, Jester Park (Polk Co.)

Advanced

The advanced workshops offered during the winter season are Benthic Macroinvertebrate Indexing and Bacteria Monitoring. You must have attended a Level 1 workshop to participate in an advanced workshop. Dates and locations are as follows:

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Indexing
Feb 26, Geologic Survey Office, Oakdale Campus (Iowa City)
March 4, Fontana Nature Center (Buchanan CCB)
March 19, Chichaqua Longhouse (Polk County, N of Bondurant)

Bacteria Monitoring
Jan 22 Lime Creek Nature Center (Mason City)
Feb 25, Geologic Survey Office, Oakdale Campus (Iowa City)
March 5, Fontana Nature Center (Buchanan CCB)
March 19, Chichaqua Longhouse (Polk County, N of Bondurant)

NAI Region V Workshop

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Contact: Trish Sebastian
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The NAI Regional Workshop will be held **March 30 - April 3**, at the historic Starved Rock State Park Lodge and Conference Center, and the state-of-the-art Starved Rock Visitor's Center. A keynote presentation by Dr. Ed Clark and more than 30 concurrent sessions will address topics relating to natural history, environmental education, cultural history, basic interpretation, and management skills. Early registrations are due February 28.

Wild Things – Chicago

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www.chicagowilderness/whats happening

Wild Things: A Chicago Wilderness Conference for people and Nature is designed to give "citizen scientists", stewards, and advocates more of what they need – information, networking, and good ideas. The **February 26** workshop at Northeastern Illinois University will feature more than 75 sessions on a broad array of topics. It is a great opportunity to learn more about habitat conservation in the greater Chicagoland area.

IWINR Annual Conference

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The Iowa Women in Natural Resources Annual Conference will be held **February 11** at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Larry Stone will present a keynote on *Iowa – Portrait of the Land*. Many other sessions are planned.



Project AWARE

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Make a difference - one stretch of river, one piece of trash at a time. Spend one day, the whole week, or anywhere in between on the Little Sioux River, **June 18-25**. Volunteers will participate in water quality and wildlife monitoring, education programs, and river cleanup.

Midwest Environmental Education Conference

Contact: Carol Schutte
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The 2005 Midwest Environmental Education Conference will be held **July 20-23**, at the North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. Dr. John Peterson Myers of Our Stolen Future organization, Chad Pregracke of Living Lands and Waters, and James Balog, internationally-known wildlife photographer, are confirmed keynote speakers at this conference. Field trips in the planning stages include a canoe float, wind farm/alternative energy, tallgrass prairie/waterfowl production areas, sustainable agriculture, area nature centers, a bike trip, Clear Lake ride on Lady of the Lake with water quality discussions/activities, and landfill and Superfund reclamation sites. Tentative pre-conference workshops are scheduled, and include Invertebrates in the Classroom, Monarchs in the Classroom, and Project Wet.



Please take a moment to fill out the following form and return it by March 2nd with the appropriate fee.	
Name: _____	Phone #: _____
Address: _____	Email: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	Affiliation: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please check boxes that apply	
Pre-workshop Sessions - Wednesday, March 16	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amana Colonies	<input type="checkbox"/> Kinder Nature
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbert Hoover (\$5.00 fee for this session)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coralville Mall
Thursday Breakfast: Brugger's Bagels – Coralville & Iowa City	\$5.25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Bagels & cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit (Hy-Vee), juice, coffee	
*Please note there is continental breakfast at the hotel	
Thursday Lunch: New Pioneer Coop – Coralville & Iowa City – Iowa Grown Meal	\$12.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
- Salad – Nisely sprouts with balsamic vinaigrette (Kalona, IA)	Choose one:
- Entrée – Echo chicken braised with dried fruits and shallots (Kalona, IA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Omnivore option
- Vegetarian Option – Rustic Onion and Bleu Cheese Tart (Cresco, IA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Herbivore option
- Sides: Garlic mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes (Kalona, IA)	
New Pioneer Bake house bread (Coralville, IA) & Butter (Kalona)	
- Dessert – Custard with Caramel Sauce	
Thursday Dinner: Abel's Catering – North Liberty	\$10.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
- Meal Entrée Options	Choose one:
- Turkey Roast	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Chicken Breast	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Veggie Lasagna	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sides: Au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, tossed salad	
Dessert: Fancy Chocolate Cake	
Drinks: Lemonade, coffee	
Friday Breakfast: Hy-Vee – Coralville & Iowa City	\$5.25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Quiche, muffins, bagels & cream cheese, orange juice, coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Omnivore <input type="checkbox"/> Herbivore
*Please note there is continental breakfast at the hotel	
Friday Lunch: John's Grocery – Box Lunch - Iowa City	\$7.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sandwiches	Choose one:
- Egg Salad	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Tuna Salad	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Ham	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Roast Beef	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Chips, salad, cookie, pop or bottled water	
Meal Total: _____	

Grapevine News



IAN President Linda Zaletel had knee replacement surgery on January 11. We wish her a speedy recovery.



A big thank you to Wes Wiese of Harden CCB for being the Workshop Chair for the past two years.

We've had great workshops, so thanks Wes! The ExCom welcomes Katie Dalton as the new workshop chair and we look forward to having fun at future workshops!

Additional Expenses:

Pre-Workshop Fee	
Herbert Hoover trip	\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Workshop Fee (required)	\$10.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IAN Membership Fees (required - must <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one)	
New or Renewing Member	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non Member	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Member	\$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Total Enclosed: _____	

Send completed registration to:
 IAN, % Greg Wolf
 P.O. Box 68,
 Grand Mound, IA 52751-0068



Tap Into Local Resources

IAN Spring Workshop

March 16 – 18 2005

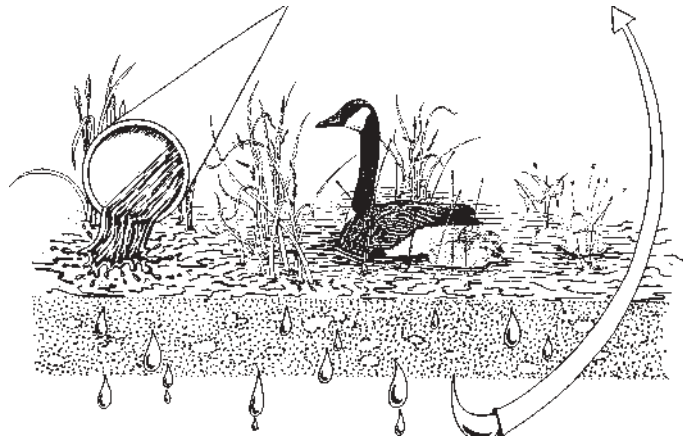
Johnson County Conservation Board

F.W. Kent Park

2048 Highway 6 NW

Oxford, IA 52322

Registration Deadline: March 2



Pre-workshop Field Trips – Meet at F.W. Kent Park for carpooling or sessions.

Mark the **Preregistration Box** on the registration form if you plan to attend a pre-workshop.

Wednesday, March 16

1. 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Exploring the Amana Colonies** – *Maria Koschmeder, Iowa CCB Naturalist and Karen Phelps, Benton CCB Naturalist.* This trip will include walking outdoors, experiencing the cultural and natural resources of the Amanas.
2. 12:15 – 4 p.m. **Herbert Hoover Historical Site** – *Daniel Peterson, Education Specialist.* A behind the scenes tour of the National Historical Site, Hoover Presidential Library, and Museum. \$5.00 Admission
3. 1- 4 p.m. **Kinder Nature at Kent Park** – *Linda Zaletel, Story CCB and Ginny Malcomson.* Learn about EE activities and training for naturalists and early childhood educators. Participants will create new programs for children 1-6 years old.
4. 1-4 p.m. **Coralridge Mall shop 'til you drop** – break out of the office and spend a day in Iowa's second largest mall.

4 – 6:30 p.m. **Dinner (On your own)**

7:00 p.m. **Social event in downtown Iowa City?**

Spring Workshop

Thursday, March 17

8:45 a.m. **Registration and breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **Welcome, introductions, and announcements**

9:45 a.m. **General Session I**

The Environmental Project – Learn about the 4.5-acre rain forest being built along the Iowa River in Coralville.

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Concurrent Session I**

1. Recycling at your Parks and Facilities – *Dave Klockau, City Carton.*

2. Iowa Grown Meals for your Events – *New Pioneer Co-op.*

12:00 p.m. **Iowa Grown Lunch** – *New Pioneer Co-op.*

1:00 p.m. **Concurrent Session II**

1. Nature Mapping – *Jason O'Brien, Nature Mapping.*

2. Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – *Paula Kelly, PHR, Human Resources Consultant.*

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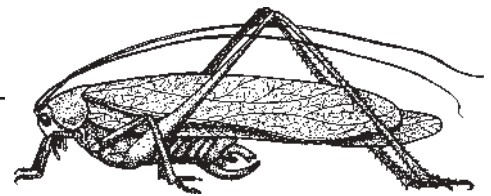
- 2:00 p.m. **Concurrent Session III**
 1. **Population Connection** – *Angi Reid, Clayton CCB.*
 2. **U.S. Dept. of Labor Wage and Hour Division** – *J.R. Schemmel, Wage and Hour Auditor.* Learn about Exempt and Non-Exempt Employee definitions, and defining employee status.
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions IV**
 1. **Samuel Calvin: his life and photo collection** – **Dr. Brian Glenister**
 2. **IAN Professional Standards: Findings from the Research**
 – *Darrin Seifken, Bremer County ISU Extension*
- 4:40 p.m. **General Session II**
Giant Sloth Expedition in Southwestern Iowa
 – *Dr. Holmes Semken, Jr. and David Brenzel*
- 5:30 p.m. **IAN Business Meeting**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
 Following dinner: Meet in the hospitality room at the hotel for *Naturalist Jeopardy* and Drawings for the *Bug for a Buck* and *Buffalo Trunk*.

Friday, March 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** (please note that there is a continental breakfast at the hotel)
- 8:30 a.m. **General Session III** – to be announced
- 9:30 a.m. **Break**
- 9:45 a.m. **Concurrent Session V**
 1. **Meet the Meskwaki** – **Lynn Alex and Mary Bennett**
 2. **Green Buildings – North Ridge Park Pavilion** – **Julie Johnson**
- 10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Session VI**
 1. **Rain Gardens** – *Liz Maas*
 2. **Please pass the hiking stick** – *Pete Eyhdralde.* This program is for naturalists looking for a new twist on nature hikes. Come prepared with fun hike ideas, stories, or information about plants and animals, and other fun things to do along the trail.
- Noon **Lunch/Depart**

Buy a Bug or Buffalo Trunk

Katie Dalton, IAN Workshop Coordinator



The Joe Halbur Scholarship Committee invites everyone to the Spring IAN conference in Johnson County, and will be counting on you to help support our scholarship fund. Last fall, we awarded our first \$500 scholarship, and would like to make sure we can continue this positive outreach to new naturalists.

The IAN Fundraising Committee and Scholarship Committee will be joining forces with two fundraisers at Spring IAN. All proceeds will go to the Joe Halbur Scholarship fund. Both drawings will be held on Thursday, March 17 during the social hour in the hospitality room at the hotel.

A buffalo trunk is currently being created. This trunk will contain cool and hard to get buffalo parts we are all looking for, such as; a stomach, bladder, shoulder blade, scrotum rattle, bones, and more. Plus, there will be a program write-up and descriptions to make your job easy. A \$5 donation will get you one chance at this trunk. A \$20 donation will get you five chances. We hope to sell 150 tickets, so please come prepared. If you can't make it to the workshop, and would like to donate \$5 for a chance at the Buffalo Trunk, contact Katie Dalton, 319-523-8381 prior to the workshop.

The Bug for a Buck program will accept donations of one dollar per numbered bug, or six bugs for five dollars. The winner will receive a print and maybe a few other prizes. Look for Aaron Hershberger, Carroll CCB or Charlene Elyea, O'Brien CCB. They will be crawling with bugs, and will be glad to get rid of them!



Help with the Reservations Process

Greg Wolf, IAN Treasurer

During the past few years, I have notice a trend in registrations. I would like to clear up a few misconceptions dealing with registrations. Many of us get busy and forget, and that is understandable. The best way to deal with this is, when you receive the newsletter, register immediately. Some members need to get approved to attend, so put your request in as soon as possible. Even though I deal with the money, I also deal with counting meals and pre-workshop registration. Many members think money for the workshop must accompany the registration – it does not. The most important item is registration with meals. I do understand the money will come later, and that is fine. The main goal is to get a handle on who is attending, and the meal count before the registration deadline. Receiving this information is helpful for the host of the workshop. Talking about the deadline, the idea of a late fee was discussed. If you feel such a fee is needed, let anyone on ExCom know.

Another item that I would like to stress is to complete the registration IN FULL. The following is a checklist to make sure everything is in order.

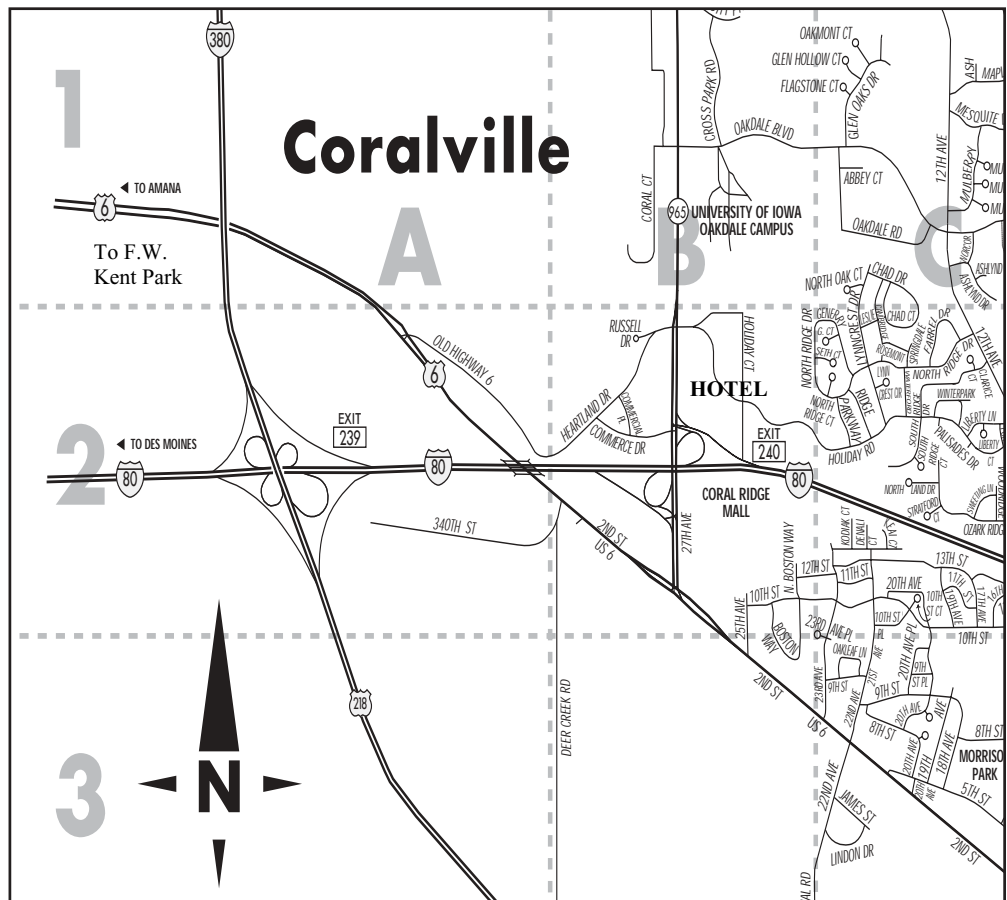
1. Fill name out completely.
2. Make sure address is completely filled out with all information, including zip code.
3. Fill in email address (important to get newsletter).
4. Check off if you plan to attend any pre-workshop sessions, and all applicable fees.
5. Check off all meals, and if there is a choice, check that as well.
6. Make sure checks are made out to *IAN* only.
7. Check off the workshop fee.
8. If membership is due, check off.

If it is close to the deadline, and mailing the reservation will make it late, fax (563-847-7204) or email (gwolf@clintoncountyiowa.com) me with the registration. In the future, an email registration might be developed to make the process easier. This is being researched, and no decisions have been made.



Directions: Kent Park is located at 2048 Highway 6, three miles west of Tiffin. If you are coming in on Interstate 80 west bound, turn off at exit 237 (Tiffin) and follow the signs through Tiffin and west three miles. Once you enter the park, follow the signs to the Conservation Education Center (CEC), located in the northeast corner of the park (almost 1.75 miles).

Lodging: Ramada Inn
(319) 354-7770, 2530 Holiday Road, Coralville, IA 52241
Tell them you are with IAN. A block of rooms has been reserved (\$55 + tax/night).





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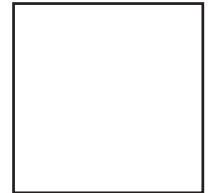
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