

2002 IAN/ICEC Conservation and Environmental Education Awards Announced

Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award: *Bob Bryant, Wapsi River Environmental Education Center.*

This award commends a lifetime achievement in environmental education (EE) excellence and leadership. Bryant's influence on environmental education reaches back into the 1970s. He helped found the Iowa Association of Naturalists, began the third county conservation board EE program in the state, and developed the Wapsi River EE Center. He is involved in many conservation agencies including the Iowa Prairie Network and the Iowa Native plant Society.

Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award: *Dave Bakke, Muscatine County Conservation Board.*

This award commends outstanding efforts by an environmental educator. Bakke is being honored for his extensive work with the Muscatine schools. Possibly the "most recognized man in Muscatine Schools," Bakke consistently leads high quality programs whether the activities are new or have been repeated many times.

Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award: *Franklin Elementary Fifth Grades for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, Marshalltown.*

This award commends an outstanding EE program for or by youth. For the past two years, the Franklin Elementary fifth grade has been working on a Mosquito Service Project. After brainstorming on local environmental problems, the students chose to tackle the mosquito population. After in-depth research, the students made recommendations to the Marshalltown City Council and then began community service projects to decrease the population.

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. >35,000): *Clinton County Conservation Board.*

This award commends excellence in a county conservation board's EE program of counties with a population of over 35,000. Clinton County hosts one of the oldest EE programs in the state and staff are active in local, state, and national committees. New projects for the county include the Blue Heron Eco Cruises on the Mississippi and the development of a residential EE center.

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. <35,000): *Washington 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. Washington County's growing EE program includes collaboration with many conservation agencies, assisting with a local afterschool program, and the creation of a Program Guide for teachers. The most exciting project Washington County is working on is their new Conservation Education Center, scheduled to be open this summer.