

## 1999 IAN/ICEC Conservation and Environmental Education Awards Announced

### **Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award:** *Dr. James Pease.*

This award commends a lifetime achievement in EE excellence and leadership. Pease's leadership in EE has extended beyond his position as a professor in animal ecology at Iowa State University. He is actively involved as an educator and leader in Iowa, in regional and national conferences, and in other countries. His guidance and assistance are sought by those in EE, government, and many others.

### **Ada Hayden Conservation Education Award:** *Lee County Pheasants Forever.*

This award commends outstanding efforts to educate others about preservation, land management, or natural resource conservation. This Pheasants Forever chapter has done much work in promoting conservation education from teachers to children to landowners. Their programs have included sponsoring Forestry Field Days, fishing clinics, teachers' workshops, and donating money and supplies to schools for conservation programs.

### **Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award:** *Michael Havlik.*

This award commends outstanding efforts by an environmental educator. Michael Havlick has proven himself to be an innovator of residential EE programs in the state. Working at the Des Moines YMCA Camp near Boone, he developed a five day residential program and is currently working on a "Naturalist Camp" for August 2000.

### **Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award:** *Lee County Conservation Board – Wild in Iowa trunks.*

This award commends an outstanding EE program for or by youth. The Wild in Iowa trunks are the brainstorm of Lee County Naturalist Tonya Sworts. The series of trunks each feature a unique native Iowa animal with activities, props and stories for students from kindergarten through sixth. These trunks are truly a "naturalist in a box." Sylvan Runkel Environmental Education School Award: Southeast Warren Primary and Intermediate Schools. This award commends an outstanding whole-school EE program. Southeast Warren Schools for four years have utilized the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Hooked on Fishing – Not on Drugs program throughout their grade schools. The program is utilized in grades pre- kindergarten to sixth grade and includes a family component.

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

This award commends excellence in a county conservation board's environmental education (EE) program of counties with a population of over 35,000. Clinton County had one of the first EE programs in the state and has provided quality EE programs for the last 25 years. Operating two nature centers, the two Clinton County interpreters have presented programs to over 47,000 people for the past 25 years.

### **Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. <35,000):** *Clayton 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. Providing environmental education for children has been a priority of

Clayton County since 1969. The county offers a unique program for junior high students. Through a series of campouts, the students learn life skills, ecology, and environmental issues.