



Generating New Ideas for Program Success

Fall IAN Workshop


November 7-9, 2012

Mississippi River Eco-Tourism Center

at Rock Creek Marina & Campground

3942 291st Street Camanche, IA 52730



 **Wednesday, November 7, 2012 Pre-Workshop Activities** Please contact Mark Roberts at 563-349-0956 anytime to meet the tours.

Clinton County Full Day Tour – Spend the day visiting the popular natural, cultural and historical sites in Clinton County and western Illinois. We will begin the tour by visiting the Windmill Cultural Center in Fulton, IL which houses an extensive collection of European windmills. Tour De Immigrant Windmill, an authentic Dutch windmill that was built in the Netherlands and assembled in Fulton. From here, we will visit Heritage Canyon where we will hike along a nature trail dotted with buildings that take the visitor back to the 1800's. We'll enjoy a view of Lake Clinton when we visit the Mississippi's widest point at Lock & Dam #13. Lunch will be served at the Wide River Winery that overlooks Lake Clinton. Here we will walk along Bluff Trail, tour the winery and sample products. After lunch, we will travel to the Soaring Eagle Nature Center where we will take a short woodland hike and visit the Nature Barn, Flannery School and Prairie Pastures Dog Park. If time permits, we will enjoy more river views as we drive through Eagle Point City Park. Then we're off to tour Clinton's Sawmill Museum. This interactive museum highlights the dynamic history and culture of Clinton, IA and the surrounding region. We will arrive back at the hotel at 4:30 p.m. **This tour is FREE, however there is a separate charge for lunch. Please meet at the Hampton Inn Hotel at 8:30 a.m.** 2781 Wild Rose Circle South Clinton, IA 52732

Clinton County ½ day Tour – Join us for the afternoon portion of the Clinton County tour at the Soaring Eagle Nature Center's Nature Barn at 1:30 p.m. Here we will also take a short woodland hike and visit the Flannery School and Prairie Pastures Dog Park. If time permits, we will enjoy more river views as we drive through Eagle Point City Park. Then we're off to tour Clinton's Sawmill Museum. This interactive museum highlights the dynamic history and culture of Clinton, IA and the surrounding region. We will arrive back at the hotel at 4:30 p.m. **This tour is FREE, however there is a separate charge if you choose to meet us at the Wide River Winery for lunch.**

If meeting before lunch: Please meet at the Hampton Inn at 11:30 a.m. and one of the Clinton CCB staff will lead a carpool to the winery OR meet us on your own. The Wide River Winery is located off Highway 67 north of Eagle Point Park at 1776 East Deer Creek Road Clinton, IA 52732. Phone: 563-519-9463

If meeting after lunch: Please meet at Soaring Eagle Nature Center's Nature Barn at 1:30 p.m. 3923 N. 3rd Street Clinton, IA 52732. Phone: 563-847-7202.

Overview of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's Conservation Education Strategy and Associated Tools and Initiatives. Barb Gigar, Aquatic Education Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources- Several resources have been developed to set priorities for conservation education and to better integrate it into formal settings. This session will focus on what is going on with conservation education and formal education reform at the national and state levels and how DNR education and outreach efforts are working to enhance support services (materials, trainings, and resources) for front line educators to help keep conservation education programs relevant in the formal education arena.

Several naturalists and other educators have been working with us on these initiatives - place-based/project-based trainings, field-based inquiry, school site enhancements, and more. Many naturalists already work in these areas so we'd like discuss how we can best serve current efforts.

Some topics we'll introduce: Conservation Education Strategy initiatives and tools, Next Generation Science Standards, Place-based trainings/courses, Outdoor Exploration for Early Learners, Comprehensive Outdoor Skills training program.

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7:30 p.m. Social at Rock Creek. We will have a group campfire social at the park immediately following the DNR presentation and we can break out for a few fun team building activities. Later, those interested can relocate to the Hampton Inn Meeting Room for more fellowship and frivolity!

 **Thursday, November 8th, 2012**

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

9:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: World Birding Adventures- Kelly McKay, Wildlife Biologist—Kelly has conducted bird surveys for government agencies from China to Central America. McKay holds the record for Christmas Bird Counts as the only person to count for all 23 days, consecutively, in one season and he's done it for four years. Join Kelly and learn more about his numerous birding adventures, here in the Midwest and worldwide. *Community Room*

10:30 a.m. Break & Documentation of Turtle Mortality at the Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve -Kelly McKay, Wildlife Biologist

11:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

***Simply Snakes* - Cindy Blobaum, Naturalist, Dallas County Conservation.** Discover new hands-on activities you can use in your own programs to teach about snakes even to those who won't go near one. *Community Room*

***Alignment of Conservation Activities to the IA Core, Common Core and more-* Barb Gigar, Aquatic Education**

Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources- We will discuss formal education standards - the Iowa Core (state) and Next Generation Science Standards/Common Core (national). We will share current alignments of Projects WILD, WILD Aquatic, and Learning Tree and outdoor skills to state and national standards to show how your programs can easily meet educational requirements, and enhance current practice. *Theater*

***Blue Heron Eco Cruise-* Mark Roberts, Education Coordinator, Clinton CCB-** We hope every attendee will take one of four opportunities to get out on the Mississippi River for late season birding and sightseeing. For the last ten years Clinton County Conservation has been using a 26 passenger pontoon boat as a floating school bus to teach people about the river, and to more importantly, experience the wonders of the river first hand. There will be sign-up sheets for each cruise at the workshop. Dress for the weather. The boat is open air and travels up to 22 miles an hour.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break & Book Discussion Group- Cindy Blobaum, Dallas CCB – Join fellow readers of **Thunder Tree** by Robert Pyle to share, reflect and dig for deeper connections in a sure to be lively meeting of the IAN book discussion group. *Theater*

1:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION: Challenges of Wildlife Refuge Management on the Mississippi River- Ed Britton, Wildlife Refuge Manager, US Fish and Wildlife Service- The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge extends 261 miles through 4 states and receives over two million visitors annually. This national wildlife refuge overlays a nationally significant commercial navigation route and a nationally important recreation area and is bordered by two national scenic byways. Refuge management is continually challenged by a variety of issues that include people, wildlife, habitat, floods, encroaching development and an ever increasing number of invasive species. *Community Room*

2:00 p.m. BREAK & Group Photo

2:15 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

***Where the Wild Things Are: Creating Youth Themes Around Picture Books* – Lisa Morlock, Author & Educator**—Create a life-long love of nature and learning by structuring youth themes around picture books, songs, poems, activities, and crafts. Leave the session with new titles and ideas to use within your current youth programs. In addition, find out the science of how young brains work, the developmental importance of getting kids outside, and the lasting impact of imprinting positive experiences on young minds. Finally, bring your best book, activity, or idea to share with the group! Be their first and favorite teacher by feeding kids' natural curiosity and showing them the peace that comes from spending time outside. *Theater*

Sharpening Your Fundraising Skills – Facilitated by Ann Burns and Jess Wagner, Naturalists, Jackson CCB, Heidi Anderson, Polk CCB, and Tina Popson, Pottawattamie CCB – Join other IAN members in discussing fundraising strategies. Ask for advice and learn new fundraising tactics. Participants can share what works, what doesn't and assist each other in coming up with new and creative fundraising ideas. *Community Room*

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3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Soils to Frosting- Change the Conversation Now - Jean Eells, E Resources Group - You don't have to be a soils or ag expert to use these simple soil activities to change the conversation about agriculture in Iowa. I will run through the set-ups and demo the conversations you can have with adult (and high school/young adult) groups. Rural and urban audiences need to "see" the problems on the land before they can act to fix them. These are fun, fast activities and most are suitable for 15-20 minute adult presentation opportunities. *Theater*

A River of Music– Chuck Jacobsen, Interpretive Naturalist, Clinton County Conservation - If only all my formal education were put to music I might have had a shot at 4.0 grades. Fortunately a great deal of music has been inspired by and written about the Mississippi. You are invited to spend an hour listening, tapping a toe or even singing along as the geological and anthropological history of this great river is presented through short narratives and the home spun talents of yours truly through the music of McGuire, Prine, Denver, Meyer, Pride, Mancini and others. Images of the river will be projected to illustrate the story. *Community Room*

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4:30 p.m. IAN Business Meeting (all are welcome to attend) *Community Room*

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. IAN Auction

9:00 p.m. Social at the Hampton Inn Meeting Room. Music & Revelry! Bring your guitar for strumming, horn for tooting, voice for singing and hands for clapping!

 **Friday, November 9th, 2012**

9:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: *What's new with the Iowa Conservation Education Coalition*– Linda Zalatel, Executive Director, Iowa Conservation Education Coalition - What's happening with ICEC? Have you heard about E Literacy? Recently ICEC members attended an EPA summit about E Literacy and building a framework for assessment and we would like to update you on what's happening. Remember that the Midwest Environmental Education Conference (MEEC) is coming in the fall of 2013, and there will be scholarships available to attend. *Community Room*

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Logging History of the Upper Midwest - Jill Schmidt, Naturalist, Clinton CCB and former Naturalist for Trees For Tomorrow, Eagle River, Wisconsin- Join Clinton CCB Naturalist Jill Schmidt as you unfold the logging days of the upper midwest. Jill will share her experiences living and learning about the historical logging industry in the northwoods of Wisconsin. Discover an original logging camp and enter the life of a lumberjack in the 1800's. *Community Room*

Number Crunching to Boost Your Program – Mark Roberts, Education Coordinator, Clinton County Conservation- Even if you don't like numbers, the people that fund your program do! Learn how to track important numbers your program serves, why they are important statistics, what they mean and how to use them to your advantage. *Theater*

10:45 a.m. Break

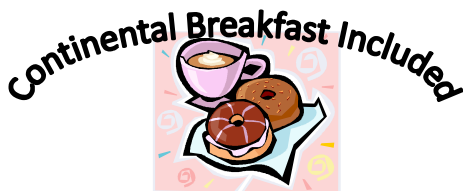
11:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Bison-mediated Seed Dispersal: Restoring Ecosystem Functions in Reconstructed Tallgrass Prairie –Pete Eyheralde, PhD student and graduate research assistant, Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University- Bison are considered a keystone species in grassland ecosystems. Through fire-grazing interactions, wallowing, nutrient cycling, and seed dispersal, bison altered their historic range in ways that are not found in most prairie reconstructions. We'll explore the natural history of bison in the eastern tallgrass prairie and see how the loss of these mega-herbivores has impacted the ecology of our remaining tallgrass prairies. Pete (former Naturalist for Mahaska CCB) has been involved in bison ranching in southern Iowa for the last 17 years and is currently exploring the role of bison as seed dispersal agents in tallgrass prairies. He'll share findings from research being done in Iowa and how this information may lead to new techniques for grassland management, increasing biodiversity in our prairie reconstructions. Theater

Suitcase for Survival- Katie van der Linden, Naturalist, Buena Vista CCB and Jessica Steines, Naturalist, Clinton CCB- This USFWS program, formerly called "Cargo for Conservation", provides collections containing illegal animal items confiscated by law enforcement. Many strange items come in the collections, from ivory and rhino horn pills, to hides and mounted specimens. We will show & tell with the Clinton and Buena Vista CCB collections, discuss how we use them, and help you get a collection to use at your site. Bring a blank letter-head from your organization to the session and we can make a mass order for free "Suitcases" for everyone! We will also discuss how to order one on your own. *Community Room*

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12:00 p.m. Lunch and Departure



Lodging Information

Hampton Inn
2781 Wild Rose Circle South
Clinton, IA 52732
Phone: (563) 243-5555
Rate: \$77.00 per night

Reservations must be made by October 22nd to receive this special IAN rate

Directions to the Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center from Hotel: Head northwest toward Mill Creek Pkwy and turn left onto Mill Creek Pkwy. Continue south, this becomes Central Steel Rd/7th Ave. Turn right onto US-67 South. Turn left onto 291st St/Shafton Rd. Total distance is 7.8 miles.

Cabins are also available for rental at Rock Creek Marina & Campground. For more information or to reserve a cabin on-line, please visit: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Clinton/Facility/Search.aspx>



Canoes & Kayaks

Clinton County Conservation will also have canoes and kayaks available for free use in the backwaters for the duration of the workshop.

Free wireless internet access available at the Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center and the Hampton Inn
Things to Remember: table service, mug or water bottle, snacks to share, auction items, and binoculars and cameras for the Eco Cruise



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Name _____
 Affiliation _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
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 E-mail _____

Please register me for the following pre-workshop session:

- _____ Clinton County Full Day Tour (please register for lunch options below) FREE
- _____ Clinton County Half Day Tour (register for lunch options below if meeting at the winery) FREE
- _____ Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's Conservation Education Strategy Session FREE
 (register for dinner below if attending)

Meals (please check all that apply) **vegetarian options

Wednesday Pre-workshop Lunch

- _____ Egg salad sandwich, cheddar & broccoli soup, chips, pickle & dessert** \$6.50
- _____ Assorted soups & sandwiches, chips, pickle & dessert \$6.50

Wednesday Pre-Workshop Dinner

- _____ Pasta Bar (pasta, marinara sauce, meatballs on the side, red potatoes, salad & breadsticks)** FREE

Thursday Lunch (choose one):

- _____ Veggie Wrap, macaroni & potato salads, vegetables, roll & dessert ** \$9.00
- _____ Herb Baked Chicken, macaroni & potato salads, vegetables, roll & dessert \$9.00
- _____ Baked Ham, macaroni & potato salads, vegetables, roll & dessert \$9.00

Thursday Dinner (choose one):

- _____ Vegetarian Lasagna, salad, glazed baby carrots, buttered potatoes, roll & dessert ** \$9.00
- _____ Roast Turkey with dressing, salad, glazed baby carrots, buttered potatoes, roll & dessert \$9.00

Friday Lunch Homestyle BBQ by the Clinton CCB (choose one):

- _____ Butterfly chops, assorted salads, chips & dessert \$7.00
- _____ Veggie Burger, assorted salads, chips & dessert ** \$7.00

Additional Expenses:

- Workshop Fee (Required) \$20.00
- Non-member Workshop Fee (includes membership) \$40.00
- 2013 IAN Membership \$20.00
- Late registration fee after October 31st \$5.00

Please make checks payable to: IAN Treasurer

Mail Payment and Registration Form to:

Kelly Dix
 IAN Workshop Coordinator
 27792 Ski Hill Loop
 Honey Creek, IA 51542

Meal Total	_____
Pre-Workshop Total	_____
Workshop Fee Total	_____
2013 IAN Membership	_____
Total	_____

Please contact the workshop coordinator at kelly.dix@pottcounty.com or 712-328-5834 with any additional questions. If your payment will not arrive by the registration deadline, please let Kelly know by mailing or e-mailing a copy of your registration form.