

Scattering Ideas for Environmental Education



Fall IAN Workshop
November 17-19, 2010
Water's Edge Nature Center – Kossuth County Conservation Board

PRE-WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 17th

Pre-workshop Sessions at Water's Edge Nature Center

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

1. **Nature Photography**

~ Ed Harp, Nature Photographer

Ed Harp, a published nature photographer, will show participants how to take outdoor photos. Participants will be going outside to practice the skills they learned in the classroom. Bring a camera. There is no cost for the session, but Ed will have copies of his book for sale.

2. **Growing Up Wild Curriculum Training**

~ Stacie Young, Clay CCB; Anita Fisher, Emmet CCB; and Elizabeth Lemp, CCR&R Provider Service Coordinator, Hardin County

Give your early childhood programs a creative boost with Growing Up Wild, the new nature-based early childhood program from Project WILD and the Council for Environmental Education. These inter-disciplinary activities will build upon a child's sense of wonder about nature and invite them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Participants will receive the Growing Up Wild book as well as 3 hours of DHS credit. The cost of this session is \$30.00 and a minimum of 15 people is needed for this session.

Lodging:

AmericInn 600 Hwy. 18 West, Algona, IA
(515) 295-3333
Rooms are \$70.00 each (block of 30 rooms).
Ask for Seth from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and mention the IAN conference.
Free continental breakfast and pool are available.

Super 8 Motel Highway 169 & Norwood Dr., Algona, IA
(515) 295-7225
Rooms are \$45.00 each (block of 20 rooms).
Mention the IAN conference.

Some Area Restaurants:

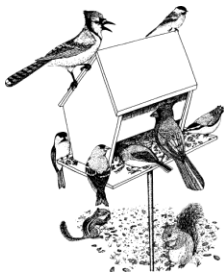
Wine tasting at the Little Swan Winery
Pizza Ranch
Nick's Pizza and Steak House
Sum Hing Chinese Restaurant
Cinco De Mayo
Emerald's
Chrome Country Inn
Berte's Back Nine
Billie Jo's Bar and Grill
Perky Parrot
Gallery Brew
Daily Grind

Directions to Water's Edge Nature Center

1010 – 250th Street, Algona, IA
(515) 295-2138

Take Highway 169 north to county road
B30 (look for brown signs). Turn west
on B30th and the nature center is ½ mile
down the road.





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8:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

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

9:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION I: FALCONRY**

~ Dr. Ross Dirks, Dickinson County Vet Clinic

Dr. Ross Dirks is a licensed falconer that will talk about the requirements needed to become a falconer. He will also share information about the birds he works with and how to train and hunt with them. Dr. Dirks may also bring one of his falcons.

10:30 a.m. Break Visit book vendors, enjoy the fresh air, fundraising activities:

Extreme Naturalist Challenge – 5 activities will test naturalists' skills! Pay to play a fun and challenging activity and you can win half the pot.

11:00 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS I:**

Room 1: **Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady**
~ Larry Stone

Adored by a generation as "Iowa's Bird Lady", Gladys Black introduced thousands of people to the wonders of birds. As a pioneer in outdoor education, her focus was always the same; protect our birds and their environment. When Gladys died in 1998, the state lost not only an ardent bird lover and conservationist, but also a mentor who touched hundreds of lives. Larry Stone and Jon Stravers knew Gladys for more than 20 years. Their book shares stories of Gladys and her place among Iowa conservation legends. Larry's program includes photos and anecdotes of this remarkable Iowan.

Room 2: **Updates With REAP/CEP**
~ Susan Salterberg, Center for Energy and Environmental Education

Susan will present updated information regarding REAP/CEP. This information will be valuable for anyone wishing to apply for a grant or wanting to learn more about the grant opportunity.

Noon **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION II: Reptiles in Captivity**

~ Rebecca Christoffel, Iowa State University

This session will provide helpful information on keeping reptiles in captivity. You will learn where to get them, how to care for them, how to handle or not handle them, and more. Rebecca will also bring a few reptiles for demonstrations. Handouts will be available.

2:15 p.m. Break Visit book vendors, enjoy the fresh air

2:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSION II:**

Room 1: **Ruby Raindrop & Susie Soil**
~ Miriam Patton, Palo Alto CCB & Mary Barrick, Soil & Water Conservation District

Miriam and Mary will present a creative and innovative educational program about water and soil. Come and see how their partnership has created a successful program.

Room 2: **Easy Ways to Create a Natural Playground**

~ Barb Tagomi, Dickinson CCB

Creating a natural playground near your nature center is easy and not as expensive as you might think. Barb will share the plans from the playground by her county's nature center and explain how they creatively saved money on materials.

3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSION III:

Room 1: **Make & Take Sock Puppets**

~ Billie Willie, Kossuth CCB

During this session you will be able to make a sock puppet to take with you. Billie will also share a recycling program that incorporates the puppets. Puppet-making supplies will be provided.

Room 2: **Tall Grass Prairie Exhibit**

~ Ann Burns, Jackson CCB

The Tall Grass Prairie traveling exhibit is on the road and receiving great reviews from visitors! Member of the Prairie Team will present what was learned in the process of developing the Prairie Exhibit, including realistic time commitments, tips for working with exhibit companies, fundraising/grant writing, following through on stated grant goals and objectives, logistics, and more. Is the Aquatic Team ready to move forward? Is there another team ready to form another topic? This session will play a big part in whether that happens!

4:30 p.m.

Break

5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

EVENING ACTIVITIES: Fundraising Activities

Buy A Card – For a chance to win a basket full of Awesome Things Every Naturalist Needs!

Ugly Hat Game – Better pay if you don't want to wear it!

Silent Auction - There will be "heats", so be sure to watch the opening and closing times on the auction items.

Live Auction

Friday, November 19th

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION IV: IAN Professional Standards

~ Darrin Siefkin, Miriam Patton, Linda Zaletel

IAN's Professional Standards were created and designed to help improve natural interpretation and make it more professional. The Professional Standards are currently found on the IAN website and include the following topics: *Professional Standards for Interpretive Naturalists, Guidelines for Nature Centers, Professional Standards for Use of Live Animals in Environmental Education, Creating a Long-term Environmental Education Plan, IAN Professional Development Program and Internship for Interpretive Naturalists*. A panel will discuss the history of the standards, how to use them and answer your questions.

9:30 a.m.

Soils Demonstration by Jean Ells, E Resources Group

9:35 a.m.

Break Visit book vendors, enjoy the fresh air

10:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSION 4:

Classroom 1: **Planning Bus Trips**

~ Lisa Ralls, Winnebago CCB & Jason, Hancock CCB

Taking bus trips for public programs provides unique learning experiences your public program audiences. Lisa and Jason will describe how they have successfully coordinated bus trips together.

Classroom 2: **I Have A Question!**

Do you have a burning question to ask other naturalists and EE professionals? This session will provide you an opportunity to do just that and receive some ideas and answers. Creative idea sharing is also welcome!

11:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSION 5:

Classroom 1: **Partnering with Iowa State University Extension**

~ **Jean Kent & Lisa Byrkeland, Kossuth County Extension**

The ISU Extension has partnered with Kossuth County for a variety of workshops and classes. This session will highlight some of the activities they have held together and help you find ways to coordinate with your local extension office.

Classroom 2: **Local Food Co-ops**

~ **JoAnn Rupke Bode**

JoAnn was involved in the process of starting a local food co-op in Algona, Iowa. She will share her journey in launching the business.

Noon

Lunch & Departure



REGISTRATION FORM



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Breakfasts:	On your own or select this option for bagels, cream cheese, fresh fruit and orange juice.	\$3.00 _____
Thursday Lunch:	Grilled pork loin, garlic baby red potatoes, almond green beans, orange tapioca salad, lemonade/coffee. <i>Vegetarian:</i> Vegetarian chili, egg salad sandwich, plus rest of meal as described above.	\$9.00 _____ Vegetarian: Y / N
Thursday Dinner:	Mushroom Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, candied carrots, cookie salad, buns/butter, chocolate dessert, lemonade/coffee. <i>Vegetarian:</i> Vegetarian lasagna, plus rest of meal as described above.	\$10.00 _____ Vegetarian: Y / N
Friday Lunch:	Roast beef sandwich, chips, pasta salad, baked beans, cheesecake, lemonade/coffee. <i>Vegetarian:</i> Chef salad and crackers, plus rest of meal as described above.	\$8.50 _____ Vegetarian: Y / N

Things to Remember

- ◆ Table service
- ◆ Mug or water bottle
- ◆ Snacks to share
- ◆ Silent/live auction item donation
Ideas: homemade goods, canned goods, programs/program items or bins, naturalist services, art, music, CD's, books
- ◆ \$ for fundraising activities

Registration deadline: November 1, 2010

Additional Expenses:

Nature Photography	Free	_____
Growing Up Wild Pre-Workshop Fee	\$30.00	_____
Workshop Fee (required)	\$20.00	_____
Annual Membership Fee (renewed at fall workshop)	\$20.00	_____
Full-time Student's annual Membership Fee	\$10.00	_____
Workshop Fee (non-members – includes membership)	\$50.00	_____
Late registration fee after November 1st	\$5.00	_____
I cannot attend, but I wish to donate to the Joe Halbur Scholarship fund.	\$	_____

Meals Total = _____
 Pre-Workshop Total = _____
 Workshop Fees Total = _____

Total Enclosed =

*** Please make checks payable to IAN Treasurer.**

Mail your registration form to:

**Laura DeCook, IAN Workshop Coordinator
815 – 15th Ave. East #8
Oskaloosa, IA 52577**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Affiliation: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Alternate Phone: _____
 Please add me to the IAN listserve: Yes / No

If your payment will not arrive by the registration deadline, please inform the workshop coordinator and mail a copy of your registration form to the above address or email it to laura.decook@hotmail.com. Questions? Contact the workshop coordinator at (641)895-7582.