



**Blending the Past with the Present
Spring IAN Workshop
March 2-4th, 2011
Raccoon River Nature Lodge, Polk County**



Wednesday, March 2, 2011

PRE-WORKSHOP Activities

1. **Reclaim Your Holidays – Susan Salterberg and Carole Yates, UNI CEEE (1-5:00 p.m.)**
In this interactive workshop you'll share your winter holiday experiences and challenges so you better understand the conflicting feelings many Iowans have about holidays. You'll learn tools to help your clients have less wasteful, more meaningful celebrations that are easier on the environment. You'll make a plan for implementing Reclaim Your Holidays in your county. Sampling of tools at www.reclaimyourholidays.org. **This workshop will be held at the Raccoon River Nature Lodge.**

2. **Climb Iowa (1-5:00p.m.)**
Experience Iowa's largest indoor climbing facility. Go to the www.climbiowa.com for more information and directions. Cost \$30 /person, includes, all climbing gear, knot-tying instruction, belaying instruction and teambuilding activities. **We will meet at Climb Iowa at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2nd. Limited number of registrations available. Register early!**

3. **State Capitol & Historical Building Tour (11:30-5:00)**
Enjoy a guided tour of the building and the famous gold dome, it is also REAP day so we may take a moment to show our support. After our capitol tour we will walk to the Iowa Historical Museum. **Meet at 11:30 on the corner of Pennsylvania and East Grand at the state parking ramp on East Grand (parking at the State Parking Ramp at Pennsylvania and East Grand is free).**

Lodging Information: Notice: **Reserve rooms early** –The Girls State Basketball Tournament is in town this same week and rates will most likely go up!

1. Drury Inn and Suites West Des Moines, 5505 Mills Civic Pkwy
 - a. Phone 515-457-9500 or 800-378-7946 or book with the following links:
 - b. Wednesday & Thursday Reservations \$87.99/ night plus tax
<http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2107716>
 - c. Thursday night only reservation \$50/night govt rate *must have governmenti.d*:<http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2107717>
 - d. **Room block reserved until February 16th, 2011**- breakfast is available

2. Motel 6 – 7655 Office Plaza Dr N – I-80 at Jordan Creek Pkwy, Exit 121
 - a. Call 1-800-544-4866 Group name Iowa Association of Naturalists
 - b. Cost: \$35.99 per night single or \$41.99 per night double plus tax
 - c. **Room block reserved until Feb 2, 2011**-Free coffee, no breakfast

Directions:

A PDF file with simple directions to
Raccoon River Nature Lodge
2500 Grand Avenue West Des Moines
Can be found at

<http://www.wdm-ia.com/index.aspx?page=215>



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Thursday, March 3, 2011

8:30 am Registration/Breakfast

9:00 am Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

9:30 am GENERAL SESSION:

Bonnie and Clyde – Rod Stanley, Dallas County Conservation

The outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow along with Buck Barrow, his Blanche, and teenager W.D. Jones came to the campground north of Dexter, Iowa in July of 1933. They participated in the biggest shootout in Dallas County history. Learn about this interesting bit of Iowa history.

10:30 am Break

11:00 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Caught on Camera! How to Use a Trail Camera to Create a Unique EE Program -
Connie Betts, Harrison CCB**

- Follow HCCB over the course of three years to see wildlife captured by a trail camera in this popular program. Learn about trail cameras and how you could use this technology to create a unique program.

Physical Education: An Untapped Resource - Lilly Jensen, Winneshiek CCB

- Need more middle and high school contacts? Use outdoor recreation. Demand for physical activity in schools is increasing, and environmental educators can capitalize on it by reaching out with outdoor recreation.

Fun and Games - Martha McCormick, Next Step Adventure

- Martha McCormick will lead this session in old and new games with a twist; they are all part of the Clean and Green Program Martha developed for Keep Iowa Beautiful. The games line up with the Iowa Core Curriculum, and with Character Counts! Play The School is a Mess, People to People, Three-Letter Word Forming, and more!

Noon Lunch

Book Discussion Group – Cindy Blobaum, Dallas CCB

- Join fellow readers of **River of Doubt** by Candice Millard to share, reflect, debate and dig for deeper connections in a sure to be lively inaugural meeting of an IAN book discussion group.

1:00 pm GENERAL SESSION:

ISU Insect Zoo – Angela Tague

- Enjoy a minds-on presentation by the ISU Insect Zoo highlighting many of the 250+ outreach programs conducted throughout the state each year. This presentation will also include a hands-on introduction to the world of entomology.

2:00 pm Break

2:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Signatures on the Land – Dubuque CCB & Loras College

- Learn about a collaborative summer project that blends two distinct programs—Future Talk and Speaking Out. Disadvantaged youth learn about nature, engage in outdoor activities, and volunteer in the community. This model program, funded by grants, offers a variety of opportunities for replication.

Social Media Marketing – Heidi Anderson, Polk CC, Tina Popson, Pottawattamie CCB, Jessica Steines, Clinton CCB

- Have you jumped on the social media bandwagon yet? Learn how to use social media to your advantage and why it's important to have an online presence other than your webpage. Several naturalists will share how they use Facebook and its benefits and challenges.

IPERS- Updates and Overview

- IPERS representative will go over the general retirement benefit formula and how to maximize your benefits. The new law changes will be reviewed and how they apply to you as an IPERS employee. Handouts will be provided.

3:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

White Nose Syndrome in Bats – Rebecca Christoffel, ISU Extension Wildlife Specialist

- Learn about White Nose Syndrome in bats, how to reduce human-mediated spread of the disease, and what people can do to help bats. You'll also participate in an activity that demonstrates to audiences how White Nose Syndrome is passed from bat to bat and potentially human to bat.

GreenForce – Karen Brook, Trees Forever

- Trees Forever is currently developing a program called GreenForce to help young people (specifically junior high through college) get more involved in the work that Trees Forever volunteers do in Iowa and Illinois. Ideas will be shared about working with young people and how to reach out to more youth groups

Star-1 Search and Rescue- Angela Tague

- Angela Tague and her dog, Sage, are members of STAR-1 Search and Rescue team. Angela will discuss the team's capabilities and will focus on why the "nose" knows" and how dogs do what they do. Sage will be present to provide demonstrations of her capabilities and training.

4:30 pm

Break

4:45 pm

Business Meeting

5:45 pm

Dinner

6:45-7:00 pm

Travel to Salisbury House for evening activities

- **Experience Historic Salisbury House – 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Come enjoy the evening social with music and cash bar as we tour the mansion. Discover the enduring charm of 16th century England and the vibrant culture of the 21st century.

Treasures of art and antiquity create the dazzling mosaic that is Salisbury House and Gardens. *Transportation provided with three 15 passenger vans leaving from the Nature Lodge beginning at 6:45 p.m.*

Friday, March 4, 2011

8:00 am

Breakfast

8:30 am

GENERAL SESSION:

Iowa's Rivers: The Barometer of the Land-Gary Siegwarth IDNR

- A passionate message on the significance of Iowa's floods. Come discover a better awareness and appreciation of Iowa's rivers, its inhabitants and the watersheds that make them all complete

9:30 am

Break

9:45 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Prairie Chicken Recovery by Stephanie Shepherd – IDNR Wildlife Diversity Biologist

- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has recently entered into a new partnership with the Blank Park Zoo to look into the best means for conservation of the dwindling population of prairie chickens in southern Iowa.

Learn about REAP CEP's New Grant Application Format – Charlene Elyea, O'Brien CCB and Susan Salterberg, UNI

- The REAP Conservation Education Program Request for Proposals (RFP) will be different for the May grant round. IAN's representative to the CEP Board, Charlene Elyea, will explain how the application process and format have changed. Susan will also provide tips for grant writing and answer questions.

9:45-11:45 am **Nature Song Rock-documentary (part 1) – Mike Havlik, DM YMCA Camp and Lewis Major, Polk CC**

- We want your songs. This session will be a fun sing along presentation that will have you clapping and singing along. But most importantly, we want to assemble the greatest collection of nature songs ever seen. The session will be filmed and a DVD will be available as a way for you to review with lyrics, melodies, and actions. If you don't have a song to share, no problem, join us and make a few!

10:45 Break

11:00 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Guide by Cell – Lori Foresman-Kirpes, Polk CC

- Guide by Cell utilizes technology to inform and educate park visitors about natural resources, unique park features and current events. Come learn how this pilot program has worked at Polk County Conservation and how it could be implemented in your area. Guide by Cell was funded by a REAP-CEP grant.

Iowa Wildlife Center - Marlene Ehresman

- The Iowa Wildlife Center (IWC) is a relatively new 501c3 nonprofit organization that will provide wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services, provide skills training to conservation and rehabilitation professionals and help reach more Iowans through its environmental education program. Learn about IWC's "mantra" and be prepared to discuss how we might develop mutually beneficial activities, such as exchanges of animals, knowledge, equipment or anything else that might help the each other and the broader conservation community.

9:45-11:45 am **Nature Song Rock-documentary (part 2) – Mike Havlik and Lewis Major**

Noon Lunch and Departure

Post Workshop Opportunity: Bird's Eye View of the Des Moines River Valley

- We will drive out to the High Trestle Trail bridge and take a look at the Des Moines River valley from over 13 stories above. This old railroad bridge has been converted into an awesome attraction as a part of the new High Trestle Trail that runs over 20 miles from Ankeny to Woodward. The grand opening isn't until April but we can get a sneak peak and learn more about the interpretation and construction of this unique feature.

Geocaching on your own- Several geocaches have been hidden in Raccoon River Park just for you. If you can find all of them during the workshop and complete a puzzle, you will be eligible for a prize. GPS units available!



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Name: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____
 Email: _____
 _____ Please add me to the listserv. My email address is: _____

Sign me up for following pre-workshop session: _____ **Reclaim Your Holidays** _____ **Climb Iowa**
 _____ **State Capitol Tour**

Meals (√ all that apply):

Thursday Breakfast: \$ 6.00
 _____ Breakfast casserole, fruit, rolls, juice \$ _____
 _____ Vegetarian casserole

Thursday Lunch: \$9.50
 _____ Chicken ala king, salad, bread, dessert bars, lemonade/ tea \$ _____
 _____ Vegetarian option

Thursday Supper: \$11.50
 _____ Lasagna salad, bread, and tiramisu, lemonade/ tea \$ _____
 _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Friday Breakfast: \$6.00
 _____ Scrambled eggs or biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, fruit and juice \$ _____

Friday Lunch: \$9.50
 _____ Sandwiches with assorted meats or, soup, and salad, with cookie, lemonade/tea \$ _____
 _____ Vegetarian veggie wrap

Additional Expenses:

Climb Iowa Workshop.....	\$30.00
Workshop Fee (Required).....	\$20.00
Workshop Fee (non-members includes membership)	\$50.00
Late registration fee after February 23 th	\$5.00

Things to Remember

- ◆ Table service
- ◆ Mug or water bottle
- ◆ Favorite board game
- ◆ Snacks to share

Registration deadline:
February 23, 2011

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

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 Brian_claytonccb@yahoo.com. Questions? Email the coordinator at Brian_claytonccb@yahoo.com

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