



Jackson County Conservation Teacher Newsletter

Summer 2007




What's new at the Hurstville Interpretive Center?


The prairie exhibit is finished! Stop out and see for yourself this wonderful exhibit that displays a native Tallgrass prairie and it's inhabitants. You can't miss the North American Bison coming at you! The butterfly gardening is already buzzing and some of the early flowers are getting ready to bloom for the hungry bees and other insects. The marsh is buzzing, croaking and waddling with insects, frogs and geese. Be sure to stop out and hike the trail to the bird blind to see and hear all the activity.

Jackson County Summer Activities


May

- May 25 at 8:30 pm Sabula Campground Program 
- May 26 at 8:30 pm Spruce Creek Campground Program

June

- June 2 at 9 am Fishing Clinic* 
- June 7 & 8 Science Under the Stars*
5 pm—9:30 am (youth going into 5th-7th grade)
- June 10 at 1 pm Maquoketa River Clean-Up*
- June 13, 20, 27 Explore Your Resources Camp*
9 am—3 pm (youth going into 4th-6th grade)
- June 30 at 8:30 pm Sabula Campground Program

July

- July 7 at 8:30 pm Spruce Creek Campground Program
- July 11, 18, 25 Adventure Camp*
8 am—4 pm (youth going into 7th-8th grade)
- July 22 at 2 pm Using GIS for Farming and Natural Resources 

August

- August 18 at 9 am Youth Outdoor Skills Day 

For more information on these programs please visit our website at www.jacksonccb.com or contact the Hurstville Interpretive Center at (563) 652-3873.

* Programs require pre-registration and may have a cost associated if materials are consumed.

On-line Grants Available



Chevron Corporation Grants

Focuses it's giving in the areas of K-12 math and science education with an emphasis on habitat preservation, wildlife protection, and environmental education programs. www.chevron.com/community/grants/main.html

National Environmental Education and Training Foundation

Awards grants focusing on areas in health, water, business and educational excellence. www.neetf.org

National Science Teachers Association

Awards grants for science teachers and students. www.nsta.org/reports

Touch Science

The Texaco Foundation supports programs that teach science in a hands-on, inquiry-based environment, seeks to encourage children to be more inquisitive and to develop the skills that will improve their study of math and science in the higher grades. www.texaco.com/support/social/docs/touch_sc.html

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Nature-themed Park Packs for you!

Want some nature related activities to do with your family, scout group, or home schoolers? Jackson County Conservation received a grant in November of 2005 from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend to put together nature-themed back packs that will get you out hiking, investigating and learning more about Iowa's natural resources. Each pack comes with a field guide, a variety of activities and fun facts to assist in the discovery of the specific nature topic. Packs can be checked out for FREE for two weeks. Its like checking out a book at the library only you are getting a book bag full of fun and exciting stuff.

Ways to use a Park Pack:

- Take on a family camping trip
- Use with a youth group
- Take on a day trip
- Take on vacation
- Use in your backyard or local park
- Use with home schooled children



The back packs available for check out are:

Wetland Wonders	Animals of Iowa
Treeific Trees	For the Birds
Insect Safari	

We have a wish list of five more Park Packs. If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring a Park Pack please contact Hilary at (563) 652-3783.

**Contact Hilary today to reserve a park pack
(563) 652-3783 or email:
jacksonccb@jacksonccb.com.**

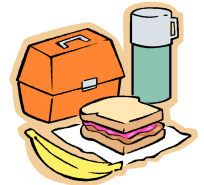


Win a HP Photosmart Digital Camera

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, the Recycling Association is again sponsoring the *Picture this, A Waste-Free World* contest. All K-12 students in Iowa attending a private, public or home school are eligible to enter. Students must submit a digital photo of a waste-free Iowa landscape. It could be just about anywhere—a favorite fishing hole or a special garden spot. A random drawing will be held on or after June 1, 2007 and one lucky student will receive an HP Photosmart digital camera with “photo share.” In addition, the grand prize winner’s teacher will win the same camera. Three lucky consolation winners will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to amazon.com. **All entries must be emailed to Shelly Codner at shelly@netins.net by May 31, 2007.** Entries may be used in future issues of 4R’s or other Iowa Recycling Association publications. www.IowaRecycles.org

Naturalist Lunch Box

Thursday, June 14th at 12 pm
Thursday, June 28th at 12 pm
Thursday July 12th at 12 pm
Thursday, July 26th at 12 pm
Thursday, August 9th at 12 pm
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Cost: Free

Bring your lunch and join naturalists in the community room or outside for a program on natural resources. You will be entertained while you dine and hopefully will learn something new to share with your co-workers, friends and family.

The Early Bird gets the Worm

It's never too early to start thinking about next year. Our staff is available to meet with you and schedule field trips and programs for the 2007-2008 school year.

A list of available in-school programs is available on our website at www.jacksonccb.com/EE.html. We will also work with you on any other topic you would like assistance with.

Fall field trips are also popular—call early to get yours scheduled! Options include but are not limited to: Millrock School House, Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa Caves State Park, Eden Valley and the Hurstville Lime Kilns.

