



Jackson County Conservation Teacher Newsletter

Summer 2011



What's new at the Hurstville Interpretive Center?



Friends of Jackson County Conservation's Strategic Planning Committee is planning some new things for the entrance area at the Center. We want to make the area more user friendly for school groups and the public. Planning is underway to construct an archway and shade canopy at the entrance of the butterfly garden, paving the walkway, building a welcome kiosk with a map and information of the area for when the Center is closed, and install a natural playscapes area for kids. The committee is looking for people to be on the planning committee, or for folks to contribute their time or money for this worthwhile project. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact us!

New Interns!

We have hired 2 new interns to work with environmental education with the conservation department. Jennifer Meyer comes from Andrew School where she taught middle and high school science. She will be doing a 12 month intern position. Elizabeth Manning just completed her first year of college where she studies biology and will be working as a summer intern which is funded by Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area & Friends of JCC.



Smart Lunch Winner Announced

As you know, here at the Hurstville Interpretive Center, we like to reduce our impact on the environment by reducing the amount of garbage thrown away. We challenge all school groups who visit the center to pack Smart Lunches to accomplish this (such as using reusable containers instead of throwaway items). We weigh the trash bag of each school and divide it by the amount of people with the school and give out a prize to the top class each fall and spring.

Spring 2011 winner is Andrew 4th grade! 28 people left one single small piece of garbage! Great job 4th graders! Preston 2nd, Bellevue 5th, Andrew 5th, and Cardinal 2nd all did a great job with packing waste free lunches as well! Great job students and teachers!

Bus Grant for Jackson County Schools

What?

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area is offering bus grants of up to \$350 per school to help with transportation costs for field trips to Silos partner sites.



Silos & Smokestacks partner sites in the area include: Hurstville Interpretive Center, Mississippi River Museum, Mines of Spain, Putnam Museum, and more!

Who is eligible?

Administrators and teachers employed by an accredited Pre K-12 public, private, or charter school within the Heritage Area (includes Jackson County).

When can I apply?

Applications for the 2010-11 school year will be accepted starting **August 1, 2011**. Grants will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, so get in the application for your school ASAP. Last year funds were gone within 4 weeks.

How to apply?

Go to www.silosandsmokestacks.org, scroll down and click on grants on bottom bar. Fill out very short application and submit! For more info, contact Silos Education Manager- Angi Reid at (319) 234-4567 or areid@silosandsmokestacks.org.

We hope that area schools will utilize this great funding source!

To schedule a program or for more information please contact:

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Training Options for Educators

Waste Reduction: Addressing the Overlooked "R"

Part I: Wed June 8 (9–4 pm), Thurs June 9 (8:30–2 pm)

Part II: Friday Nov. 11 (6-9 pm)

It's about our environment...not just another course about recycling.

<http://www.ceee.uni.edu/Home/Programs/Education/Education/WasteReductionEducation/Workshops.aspx>

Teaching Outdoor Skills: Fishing & Archery

June 13 (9 am - 7 pm) & June 14 (8 - 4:30 pm) Newton,

Iowa. Hands-on sessions acquaint participants with methods used to teach archery and fishing. A limited number of stipends of \$150 are available to teachers.

Register with Heartland AEA 11.

Connecting Children with Nature: Growing Up Wild

Saturday June 11 from 8 am—Noon in Adel, Iowa

Specially written for children 3-7, activities include sections to address many learning areas: math, science, language, literacy, health living, play, and creativity. This workshop has been approved for 4 clock hours of DHS continuing education credit. Register online at

<https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

Exploring Iowa's Natural Resources On-line Course

September 19 – December 11, 2011

The goal of this twelve-week on-line course is to help you incorporate local natural resources into your curriculum. Contact Shannon Hafner at (641) 747-2051 or Shannon.Hafner@dnr.iowa.gov.

GreenSchools! Green Team Training

September 30 – October 1, 2011 at Springbrook Educational Center, Guthrie Center. Schools who attend will be eligible for a \$1000 grant to implement a project that will benefit their local aquatic resource and watershed. Contact Holly Schulte at Holly.Schulte@dnr.iowa.gov.

Outdoor Explorations for Early Learners

June 14 & 15, 2011 (7:30 AM - 4:30 PM) at Annett Nature Center in Indianola, Iowa. This workshop helps early childhood professionals lead children in age-appropriate, interdisciplinary outdoor experiences. Register online with the Heartland AEA 11.

Exploration of the Mississippi River Workshop

June 26—June 29, 2011 at Wyalusing State Park, Wisconsin. Get out on the river with natural resource professionals for a hands on experience targeted toward 4th – 12th grade teachers. Contact Jeff Janvrin (608) 785-9005 or email Jeff.Janvrin@Wisconsin.gov.

Jackson County Conservation 2011 Summer Day Camps

Connecting children with nature!

Explorer Camp

Tues – Thurs June 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 – Noon

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For youth entering Kdg-1st grade in the fall

Cost: \$15 per child

Ranger Camp

Tues – Thurs June 28, 29, 30 from 9:00 – 1:00

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For youth entering 2nd–4th grade in the fall

Cost: \$25 per child

Adventure Camp

Tues – Thurs July 12, 13, 14 from 9:00 – 3:00

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For youth entering 5th–9th grade in the fall

Cost: \$35 per child

Nature Camp I

Tuesday August 2 from 9:00 – Noon

At Cole Park, Bellevue

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Nature Camp II

Thursday August 4 from 9:00 – Noon

At South Sabula Lakes Park, Sabula

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Nature Camp III

Tuesday August 9 from 9:00 – Noon

At Twogood Park, Preston

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Download a registration form at www.jacksonccb.com. Pre-registration and payment is REQUIRED the Friday before camp starts. Cost includes equipment, materials, activity fees, and a snack (lunch is provided for camps that go to 1:00 & 3:00). Camp scholarships are available, contact us for details. Camp will be cancelled only in the event of severe weather. Rain date for each camp is Friday of the same week. Youth are welcome to attend more than one camp; you don't have to live in the town to attend the camp, they are open to anyone!

MyCountyParks

Check out www.MyCountyParks.com for places to go this summer! The website helps you discover county parks in all 99 counties in Iowa! Campgrounds, bike trails, canoe accesses, hiking and fishing opportunities, and more! To link right to Jackson County parks, go to www.MyCountyParks.com/County/Jackson.aspx.

