



# **Volunteer for Cass County Parks!**

Looking for somewhere NEW to give your time and talent to? Consider Cass County Conservation! We look for all different types of volunteers young and old! Skills we need help with are Environmental Education, Office Work, Special Event needs, Wildlife Care, Outdoor Recreation, Miscellaneous (i.e. woodworking, wild game cooking, nature mapping, water monitor). We also have some volunteers that just help at special events like Halloween Hike and Conservation Day. We also have an Environmental Education Committee that meets roughly 3 times a year. Last but not least, we have a network of volunteers that just help run the Hitchcock House during the open season! Share your love of the Outdoors with the visitors of Cass County Parks! Please contact Lora if interested at [lschwendinger@casscoia.us](mailto:lschwendinger@casscoia.us) or 243-6665! You can also find our Volunteer Application on line on our website, and click volunteer opportunities.

<http://www.atlantic.k12.ia.us/~cccb/>

## **You can tag Monarchs...**

As more and more people learn that the Cass County Conservation Board tags Monarchs, it is becoming common for people to ask for a few tags so they can tag at home and show others how to participate. The Cass County Conservation Board has ordered "tagging kits" that will each consist of 10 tags, instructions on how to tag the monarchs, a datasheet, monarch information sheets and even a pre-addressed envelope so you can return the tagging information....ALL OF THIS WILL BE FREE!!! Twenty kits have been ordered and will be distributed (one per family, please) to those interested and in attendance at the Mysterious Monarch program advertised in the *Upcoming Events* section of this newsletter. If more than twenty families are interested the kits will be distributed through a drawing.



The kits mentioned above are intended to be learning opportunities with hopes that in following years the recipients will decide to order tags on their own and become an official Monarch Tagger! To date, nine Monarchs tagged by the Cass County Conservation Board and/or Cass County citizens have been recovered in Mexico, a journey of over 1,500 miles!

## **What Naturalist Lora Loves:**

Welcome to a new little article in the Quarterly that will appear from time to time. Sometimes its hard to fit everything in to this newsletter, we have so much to tell! This article will always give you some information on new recreation, going green, nature books, gadgets, camping tips well... anything Lora Loves and wants to share with the quarterly readers!

I'll start with some oldies but goodies: **Nalgens/SIGG/ Kleen Kanteens a.k.a reuseable water bottles.** If you remember last newsletter our article on plastic containers! Going along with that theme, **Wrap-N-Mat.** Throw away those baggies, YES I said it. Wrap this around your sandwich, even doubles as a placemat. I saw **SnackTAXI** on Oprah's Earth Day bash, same concept but more like a baggie. Both can be found at [www.reusablebags.com](http://www.reusablebags.com). I am also using **Preserve Food Storage containers**, made from 100% recycled plastic. Ziploc & Gladware have met their match! These can be found at [www.recycline.com](http://www.recycline.com) along with more kitchen accessories. **Cass County Freecycle**, get emails and freecycle your stuff. Only posting your items for free is allowed, keep good stuff out of landfills. Go to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) to join.

Finally, **The Green Book.** One simple step at a time to go green. Easy to follow by topic on how to go green with tips from celebrities on what they do. Inter-library loan the book, or I have a copy in my office! Feel free to drop me any Loves of your own! I'd love to hear how Cass County Is Going Green!

# Monarch Cryptogram

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## Upcoming Events

### Hunter Education Course

For July was cancelled, Pheasants Forever will hold one this fall.

To register please call Dan Brown 243-1130

### Breakfast with the Birds

**Saturday, August 15th 9 a.m.**

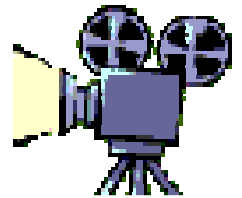
**Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter.**

Come see live birds with Christina Groen the Shelby/Audubon County Naturalist! Free will donations accepted. Following the program attend Atlanticfest in downtown Atlantic!

### Movie in the Park

**Friday, August 21st 9 p.m. Hitchcock Recreation Area**

Come enjoy a family-friendly movie projected onto our historic barn at the Hitchcock Recreation Area. If Rain will be **shown inside the barn!**

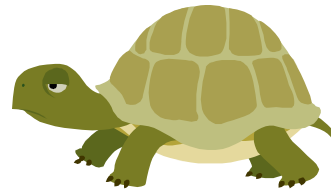


### Campground Programs— Turtles

**Friday, August 28th Cold Springs State Park 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 29th Cocklin Fish Farm 7:30 p.m.**

Discover the life of a celebrity... Smokey Bear OF COURSE!!



### Mysterious Monarchs

**Thursday, September 4th Lake Anita State Park 4 p.m.**

**Friday, September 11th Cocklin Fish Farm Shelter 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 12th Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter 2:00 p.m.**

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, including how to tag them! Participation required if you would like a home tagging kit. Call Lora to get more information and to get on the list!

## Mark your Calendars

### Halloween Hike

**Saturday, October 31st**

**Call to volunteer! Get involved in this rewarding annual event at Sunnyside Park! We have a variety of positions from actors, artists and snack makers! Please call Lora for more information and to sign up!**

**Interesting Trip or Ideas for public programs. We are looking for guest speakers and ideas. We want to showcase our "Local" Talent! Call Lora!**

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## People Making a Difference...

Thank you to the over **30 volunteers** who helped make Hitchcock House Festival be a success!  
Thank you to the following businesses, **Atlantic News Telegraph, Cappel's, Downtowner, Fareway, Hy-vee** for donations to the Hitchcock House Festival.  
Thank you to the **Hitchcock House Advisory Board** who helped plan the Festival!

Thank you to the following volunteers **Jane Hayes-Johnk, Susan McKinley, Keith Wilken, Ryan Young, Kay Newman, Micah Lee, Eric Sansgaard, Jeremy Cochran, Rich Kanning, Dennis Briles, IA DNR Fisheries and Ryan Lockwood** for helping with Conservation Day!  
Thank you to our **4-H volunteers** at our summer camps.

## **Monarch Cryptogram Answer:**

Search Cass County Parks for Monarch Butterflies to tag!

## **Conservation Board has a Webpage**

Through a continuing partnership with the Atlantic Community School System, the Conservation Board has posted a webpage for our Environmental Education programs as well as other useful park information. To view the website visit the Atlantic Community Schools homepage, click student resources, **OR** type: <http://www.atlantic.k12.ia.us/~cccb/>

## **E- Newsletter!**

Save a tree, email Lora at [lschwendinger@casscoia.us](mailto:lschwendinger@casscoia.us) and let her know to add your email to get the email/PDF version of the Conservation Quarterly!