



# Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2010

## Lighted Halloween Campground

Cass County Conservation Board and the Environmental Education committee has decided to change our Halloween programs a little bit. We've had TWENTY successful years of Halloween Hikes. We would like now to switch off years, so this year we are unveiling the Lighted Halloween Campground! We are at Cold Springs Park in Lewis this year, and next year/Halloween will be our Halloween Hike at Sunnyside Park in Atlantic. We are looking for people, groups, or organizations to Sign UP for a site in the campground to decorate (non-Scary) with Halloween decorations. We are hoping for area businesses to donate some great prizes! The public will drive through our campground loop, and at the end VOTE for the TOP 3 sites! Of course our bonfire smores, and treats will be there!!

### Friendly Reminders!!

- As you visit Cass County Parks this Summer, we would like refresh your memory on some rules:
- \*To reserve any of our shelters please call the Cold Springs number below. Outdoor Educational Classroom shelter please call Conservation Office.
- \*We do not take camping reservations, sorry.
- \*As a visitor to our wonderful parks, please don't hesitate to talk to our staff! Also, there are comment cards (in the campground ticket holders) at Cold Springs and Cocklin Fish Farm, and deposit like you would tickets.

Finally, Important information you may cut out and keep handy below!

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# 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 in September (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:

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! This edition I am including some of our Environmental Education Wish List. So as you are cleaning or going to garage sales we would love these items donated! **Magazines:** Consider donating a subscription of these favorite magazines to a classroom or to the county. This provides the county students a source for pictures and articles for projects. We use wildlife photos in many summer camp projects, and having this resource available!

Ranger Rick - [www.nwf.org/kidzone/kzPage.cfm?siteId=3](http://www.nwf.org/kidzone/kzPage.cfm?siteId=3)

Jakes – [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)

Pheasants Forever or Ringnecks – [www.pheasantsforever.org](http://www.pheasantsforever.org)

Audubon – [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

Iowan - [www.iowan.com/](http://www.iowan.com/)

Iowa Outdoors - [www.iowadnr.com/magazine/index.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/magazine/index.html)

### Other Items:

Acorns & Pine cones- larger the better! (We use these for programs every year)

1 large Dry erase board and markers

Earmuffs in good condition

Finally, a little bit of what Naturalist Lora Loves: **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. Feel free to drop me any Loves of your own! I'd love to hear how Cass County Is Going Green!

## Conservation Board has a Webpage

[www.mycountyparks.com/cass](http://www.mycountyparks.com/cass) is about 80% finished! This page will have all of our parks listed, shelters, and upcoming events at each location. We also have a page with the rest of the county offices at [www.casscountyiowa.us](http://www.casscountyiowa.us) which is done!

## 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!



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## **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, naturemapping, 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 769-2372! You can also find our Volunteer Application on line on our website, and click volunteer opportunities.

**<http://www.mycountyparks.com/cass>**

### **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 **Kay Newman**, for coming and doing her raptors program even though we couldn't be outside for Conservation Day!

Thank you to our **4-H volunteers** at our summer camps.

### **Monarch Cryptogram Answer:**

Sign-up for the lighted Halloween campground!