



# Naturalist Notes

Fall/Winter 2016



## Featured Resource: Enviroscape

The Enviroscape is a 2'x2' 3-D model that uses problem solving to solve real world scenarios involving erosion, watersheds, pollution, buffer strips, cover crops, and more! Ask Laura for a program with the Enviroscape!



## Featured Program: Monarch Tagging

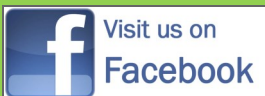
Fall is soon approaching and this year I'm going to have monarch tagging kits on hand! Monarch tagging takes place in September since they migrate through here on their way to wintering grounds in New Mexico during that time. Tagging monarchs can help us discover more information about them. When a tagged monarch is recovered and reported, we will know the monarch's original location. Knowing where it's going and where it's from can give us a migration timeline and path!

Want a program on monarchs so the students can have the opportunity to be part of this citizen science project? Give me a call or send me an e-mail and we'll setup a time in September for monarch tagging. There is a small window to do monarch tagging, so plan on one of the days in this 2 week time range: September 12-23. I can bring the monarchs to you or we can meet at a place where students can go out and catch them!



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### Cherokee County Conservation Board programs are:

- Hands-on and engaging
- Available year-round, indoors or outdoors, and at multiple locations
- For all ages
- Adaptable to your needs and curriculum
- FREE!



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Naturalist



Fall Sunset at Martins Access

### Program Ideas

Enhance your programs by bringing me into your classroom! Here are some examples of programs I've done in the past:

- Amphibians & Reptiles (Live Animals)
- Mammals of Iowa
- Bird Adaptations
- Native Americans & Bison
- Winter Animals/Hibernation & Adaptations
- Polar Animals
- Insects
- Geocaching
- How to Use a Compass
- Wild Edibles
- Nature Hike
- Animal Senses
- Enviroscape (refer to page 1)
- Fish/Fishing
- Bats
- Animal Olympics
- Predator & Prey
- Geology Rocks
- Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing (Advance notice needed)
- The Unhuggables: Animals We Love to Hate
- Pollination

### How to Schedule a Program

Contact me with a topic that you have in mind, your grade level, number of students, and a date. I can always stop by if you have a big event in mind or need to collaborate with other teachers. [Visit our website for program ideas.](#) Don't see a program that fits you? No problem! I can custom make one for you. There's no way I can list every potential program topic when it comes to nature! **My contact information: 712-225-6709 or cccb-laura@gmail.com**

### Upcoming CCCB Events

- September 25: Little Sioux Archeology Day at the Sanford Museum** Enjoy flint knapping, pottery making, and more! It runs from 1:00pm-4:00pm.
- October 5: O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, and Livelier Souls) Program on Pollination** This program is geared towards adults and includes bars, cookies, and a drink. Program begins at 2:00pm at the CCCB office at 629 River Rd. Registration required by October 3rd.
- October 15: Halloween Hike at Silver Sioux** Trick-or-treat, hit the haunted trail, decorate a pumpkin, and more.
- December 11: Holiday Nature Crafts & Ornaments** Create a tree cookie snowman or reindeer, a stick snowflake, or whatever your mind decides to create! Program will be at the CCCB office.

*Program dates, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website ([www.cherokee-countyparks.com](http://www.cherokee-countyparks.com)) and Facebook page for up-to-date information.*