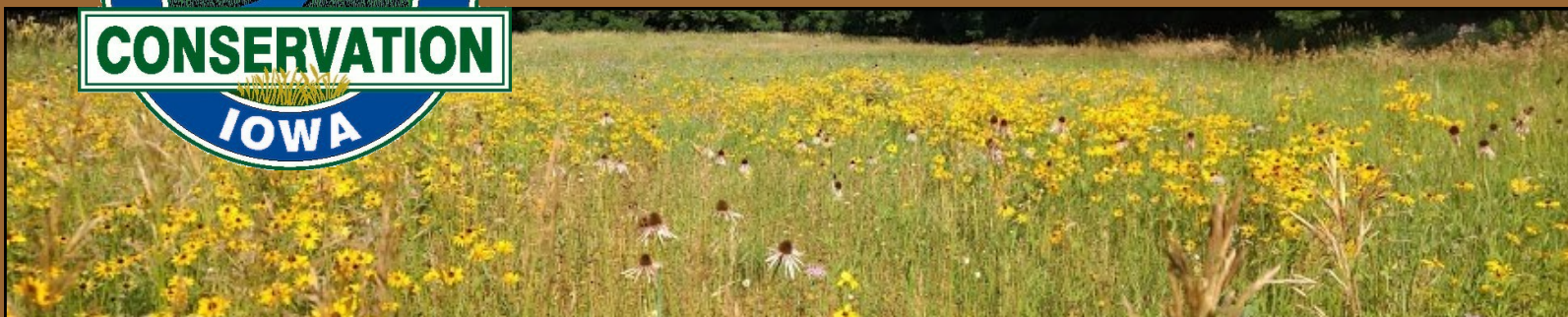




Naturalist Notes

Fall/Winter 2019



Fall Specific Programming : Monarch Tagging & Bees



Monarch tagging takes place only in September as monarchs are migrating in large groups to their wintering grounds in Mexico. 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! I can bring the monarchs to you, or we can meet in a natural area and catch them.

For a program on **bees**, I have safety equipment, boxes and frames for hives, and bee posters. My favorite item is a viewing box for a working hive frame that I could bring into the classroom! Talking about bees helps us to learn more about these insects, other important pollinators, and human impact. Depending on weather, there will be a point (mid-October to early November?) when I will leave the bees in their hive for the winter and not offer live bee viewing until the spring.



Field Trips

Don't forget to schedule your fall field trips! My calendar is filling fast with programming and I know teachers need to put in requests as soon as they know they need a bus. Call or e-mail and we'll find some a location, date, and activities for your field trip!

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Programming For Physical Education

Several conservation boards throughout the state branch out beyond science and social studies curriculum and work with physical education instructors on outdoor recreational activities. Several of those recreational activities include snowshoeing, geocaching, cross country skiing, fishing, ice fishing, and as of late, hunter safety. Fish Iowa is another example of a conservation program geared towards physical educational, with which we are associated. [Click here for more information on Fish Iowa.](#)

Monthly Program Series: Jr. Naturalists

This program series is geared towards 2-5 yr olds and includes a story, craft, and other hands-on nature-themed activities. A couple of schools have picked it up as a monthly program for their TK! They picked a day and time each month that worked for them (i.e. 3rd Tuesday at 10am), and I showed up to talk about that month's topic. Even if you don't want the monthly program, I can adapt a topic you make like for your age group. [Click here to see this year's topics.](#)



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 cccblaura@gmail.com**

Upcoming CCCB Events

September 12: Jr. Naturalists Meet in the CCCB office on River Rd at 10:00am to learn about monarchs!

September 22: Monarch Tagging Join Laura at the Cherokee Middle School at 2:00pm for monarch tagging!

September 29: Little Sioux Archeology Day at the Sanford Museum Enjoy flint knapping, pottery making, and more! It runs from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

October 10: Jr. Naturalists Meet in the CCCB office on River Rd at 10:00am to learn about spiders!

October 12: Halloween Hike at Silver Sioux Trick-or-treat, hit the haunted trail, decorate a pumpkin, and more.

November 7: Jr. Naturalists Meet in the CCCB office on River Rd at 10:00am to learn about turkeys!

December 12: Jr. Naturalists Meet in the CCCB office on River Rd at 10:00am to make a nature ornament!

Program dates, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website (www.cherokeecountyparks.com) and Facebook page for up-to-date information.