



SMOKE SIGNALS

Summer 2019



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Barnes Area

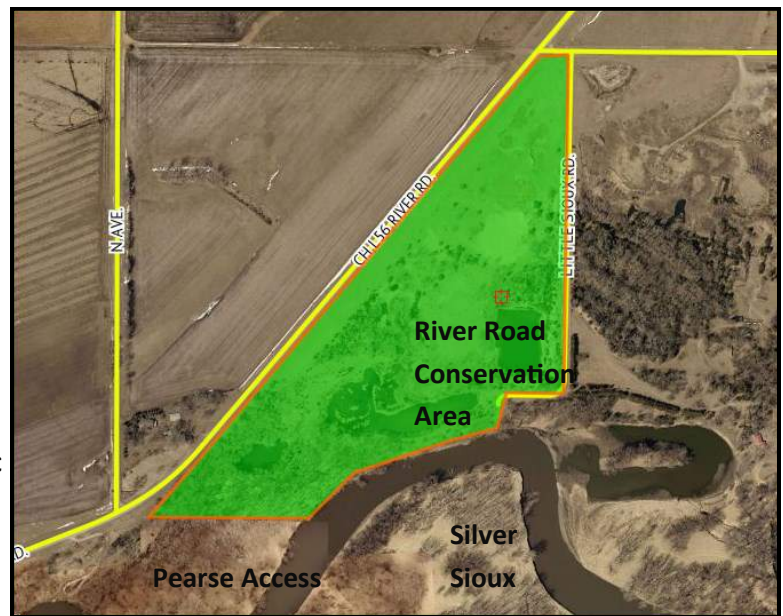
— Road is in the process of being repaired after sustaining flood damage

Brewers Prairie, Ranney Knob, and River Road Conservation Area

— Performed prescribed burns

NEW! *River Road Conservation Area*

— Karen and Tom Nelson generously donated their recreational land to the CCCB. Although future development plans are still being made, this property is open to the public as a conservation area.



Reminders & Updates

- Equestrian trails open June 1st. Please keep horses off the Martins Access trails when they are wet/muddy.
- Campsites are first-come, first-serve and cannot be saved with a car, tarp, or picnic table. Sites must be paid for and contain a camping unit (i.e. tent or camper).
- Just a reminder that unlicensed vehicles (i.e. golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs), and fireworks are not allowed in our parks.



Outdoor Classroom at the Cherokee Middle School

Upcoming Events

See Page 3.

We have so many upcoming summer events that we attached a separate summer activities page for you to print out!

Please note that some events require registration.

Program dates, times, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website or Facebook page and your local newspaper for up-to-date information.

Video Tours

We've taken video tours of each overnight facility! Visit our Facebook page to see the interior of the facility before you rent it! The cabins at Martins Access and the Lodge at Silver Sioux are available for rent year-round.

[We even have an online calendar to check for availability.](#) To reserve a facility, call the office at 712-225-6709 or e-mail cherokeeccb@gmail.com.

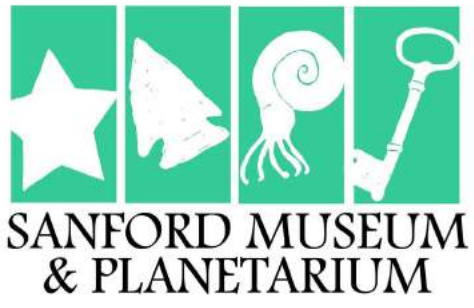


New! Hunter Safety Camp

We added a new camp this summer, Hunter Safety. Those interested must be 11+ yrs old to participate. There is no fee for this camp, but registration and booklet pick-up is required by July 24th. Hunter Safety camp will follow the classroom format, so it will include approximately 10 hours of instruction and will end with a 60 question test. Participants will receive their certificate of completion upon passing the test.



Paddle with an Archaeologist on July 13



This event is listed on the summer activities page, but it deserves to be highlighted. The Cherokee County Conservation Board is partnering with the Sanford Museum to provide you with an opportunity to float down the Little Sioux River with the museum's Archaeologist Megan Stroh Messerole. We'll be stopping on sandbars looking for artifacts and we'll learn a little bit about the local history on the way. This paddle will last 4-5 hours. Please bring a lunch or snacks. **Space is limited, so registration is required.** Canoes are available free of charge through the conservation board. Please contact Laura to register by calling 712-225-6709 or e-mailing ccblaura@gmail.com.

Rent our Canoes/Kayaks

Here's another reason to get out and enjoy our county's natural areas! We have 8 canoes and 4 kayaks, so rent a trailer of 8 canoes OR 6 canoes & 4 kayaks. The canoes hold 2-3 people each, while each kayak holds 1 person. Cost is \$200 for all of the canoes/kayaks, the trailer, paddles, and safety vests. Call 712-225-6709 to make your reservations. Maps are available in the office or on our [website](#) that show various river access points along the Little Sioux River. It is recommended that the canoes/kayaks remain in the county.



2019 Summer Activities



Date	Time	Event	Location
May			
9	10:00am-11:00am	Jr. Naturalist: Turtles	CCCB Office (2-5 yr olds)
June			
7	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Buzz Like A Bee)
12*	10:00am, 1:00pm	Summer Reading: Nature's Out of This World	Aurelia Library (register with them)
13	10:00am-11:00am	Jr. Naturalist: Flowers	CCCB Office (2-5 yr olds)
14	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Winter Wildlife)
18-20*	9:00am-12:00pm	Eco-Avengers	CCCB Office (completed 7th-8th)
19	10:00am, 1:00pm	Summer Reading: Nature's Out of This World	Marcus Library
21	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Terrific Trees)
25-27 *	9:00am-11:30am	Adventure Camp	Spring Lake Park (completed 5th-6th)
28	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Fireflies)
July			
9-11 *^		River Ramblers	CCCB Office (completed 6th-12th)
13*	10:00am-3:00pm	Paddle with an Archeologist	Little Sioux River
16-18 *	9:00am-11:30am	Critter Camp 1	Spring Lake Park (completed K-1st)
17	3:00pm-4:00pm	Summer Reading: Nature's Out of This World	Quimby Library
23-25 *	9:00am-11:30am	Critter Camp 2	Spring Lake Park (completed 2nd-4th)
30- 1*	8:30am-noon	Hunter Safety Camp	CCCB Office (11+ yrs old)

* = Registration is required

^=Fee Applies

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Contact Laura by calling 712-225-6709 or e-mailing ccblaura@gmail.com with any questions or to register.

More information about each of these programs can be found on the CCCB website

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2019 Summer Camps

Quick Look

Eco-Avengers

June 18-20, 9:00am-12:00pm (completed 7th-8th grade)

Registration Due: Wednesday, June 12th

This camp will focus on conservation & natural resource management and may include activities such as completing a butterfly survey, identifying wild edibles, conducting trail maintenance, and performing a river clean-up. Pick-up and drop-off at the CCCB Office.

Adventure Camp

June 25-27, 9:00am-11:30am (completed 5th-6th grade)

Registration Due: Wednesday, June 19th

Activities will focus on outdoor survival & recreation. This year's topics may include fishing, geocaching, knot tying, fire starting, and more. Camp will take place at Spring Lake Park.

Critter Camp 1

July 16-18, 9:00am-11:30am (completed K-1st grade)

Registration Due: Wednesday, July 10th

Critter Camp 2

July 23-25, 9:00am-11:30am (completed 2nd-4th grade)

Registration Due: Wednesday, July 17th

The theme to this year's summer day camp is Critter Camp, so we'll be focusing on all things wildlife and habitat related. Camp will take place at Spring Lake Park.

***River Ramblers**

July 9-11, time varies by day (completed 6th-12th grade)

Registration Due: Tuesday, July 3rd

We've partnered with Plymouth County Conservation Board to provide this overnight canoeing adventure on the Little Sioux River. Canoeing equipment and safety training will be provided. Pick-up and drop-off at the CCCB Office.

**The fee for this event is \$30.*

NEW! Hunter Safety Camp

July 30-August 1, 8:30am-noon (minimum age is 11 yrs old)

Booklet pick-up and Registration Due Date: Wednesday, July 24th

Participants will learn about outdoor ethics, wildlife management, and responsibility while also participating in hands-on activities related to hunter safety. Upon successfully completing the course, participants will receive their hunter safety certificate. Camp will take place at the CCCB Office.

Visit our website to register online or download a registration form. Contact Laura at cccblaura@gmail.com or 712-225-6709 with any questions.

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