



SMOKE SIGNALS

Summer 2023



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Silver Sioux

— Sites have been made more spacious and electrical has been updated. The newly relocated sites will be open soon. Grass has been seeded and two larger trees have been transplanted in areas that saw ash tree removal.

Redtail Ridge

— Canoe/kayak access loading zone received some rock

Martins Access

— 7 campsites are now reservable!

Larson Lake

— Ground stumps from removed ash trees

Newly relocated and updated sites



Aerial image of Silver Sioux's campgrounds

Reminders & Updates

- Equestrian trails opened June 1st. Please keep horses off the Martins Access trails when they are wet/muddy.
- Campsites that are first-come, first-serve 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).
- 7 campsites at Martin's Access are reservable online [HERE](#). All other sites are first-come, first-serve.
- **Just a reminder that unlicensed vehicles (i.e. golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs), and fireworks are not allowed in our parks.**

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THIS SITE IS RESERVABLE

Scan the QR code or call the office at 712-225-6709 to check reservation availability. If it's not reserved for one of your desired dates, it becomes first-come, first-serve and you must wait.





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 and hang on your refrigerator! Please note that some events require registration.

The summer camp fee is \$10/family, except for River Ramblers which is \$60/participant.

Program dates, times, locations, and content are subject to change. Funds collected support the Steve Nelson Memorial Scholarship. Check the CCCB website or

Facebook page and your local newspaper for up-to-date information.



Congratulations, Allison!

Allison Daum from Cherokee Community School District is this year's recipient of the Steve Nelson Memorial Scholarship! Kathy Nelson awarded Allison with the \$700 scholarship at the CCCB's regular board meeting in May. For more information about the scholarship or how to donate, please visit our [website](#).



Permits and Rentals

- ◆ If you plan on having a pool, bouncy house/inflatable, event tent, sound amplification equipment, etc. in and of our parks, you will need a Special Use/Event Permit. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- ◆ We have kayaks/canoes for rent! Our trailer can hold 8 canoes OR 8 kayaks OR 6 canoes, 4 kayaks. We provide the trailer, water vessels, paddles, and life vests for \$200. For more information, click [HERE](#). We do not rent out the individual kayaks/canoes.

Not sure where to paddle or where an access is located? Don't forget about our Cherokee County Paddler's Guide and the Iowa DNR's interactive paddling map! Our website has links to both. [Visit our website by clicking here!](#)

- ◆ We have planting and seeding equipment for rent! There is a Truax Native Grass Drill, Dew Drop Seeder, Vicon Pendulum Spreader, and 2 Tree/Shrub Planters. Contact Laura for more information or visit our website [HERE](#).

2023 Summer Activities



Date	Time	Event	Location
June			
9	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Arctic Animals)
12*	10am & 1pm	Summer Reading Program	Aurelia Library (register with them)
16	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Busy Bees)
19*	1:00pm	Summer Reading Program	Marcus Library (register with them)
20-22 *^	9:00am-11:30am	Critter Camp 1	Spring Lake Park (completed K-1st)
23	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Wild Water)
27-29*^	9:00-am-11:30am	Critter Camp 2	Spring Lake Park (completed 2nd-4th)
30	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Gillette Park (Birds of a Feather)
July			
5*	3:00pm-4:00pm	Summer Reading Program	Quimby Library (register with them)
8*	10:00am-12:00pm	Paddle with an Archeologist	Float Mill Creek Bridge to Westcott Park
11-13*^	9:00-am-11:30am	Jr. Naturalist Camp	Spring Lake Park (3-5 yr olds w/guardians)
14	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Marcus Library (Arctic Animals)
18-20*^		River Ramblers	(completed 6th-8th)
28	Noon-1:00pm	Naturalist's Lunchbox	Marcus Library (Busy Bees)
August			
3*+	9:00am-12:30pm	Hunter Safety Field Day	CCCB Office (11+ yrs old)
5*	10:00am-12:00pm	Rockhounding the River	Float Route TBD
8-10*^	9:00am-11:30am	Hawkeyes Camp	Spring Lake Park (completed 5th-8th)

* = Registration is required

^=Fee Applies

+ Registration for Hunter Safety is required and will be available on the IDNR website.

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/hunting/hunter-education>

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Contact Laura by calling 712-225-6709 or e-mailing ccclblaura@gmail.com with any questions. More information about each of these programs and registration can be found on the CCCB website

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