

Calendar of Events

Sat. May 3rd – *Extreme Outdoors: Slack Lining & Mountain Biking* @ Camp Ingawanis; rural Waverly. Minimum age 10. Please Preregister by calling 319-636-2617 or email fontanapark@iowatelecom.net Cost \$20.00

Saturday, May 31st – *Canoeing at Hannen*; 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

Join our naturalist for some tips on canoeing safety and instruction, then head out to the water for paddle sport fun. Everyone under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Preregister by May 29th. Life jackets and equipment provided. Free

Thursday, June 5th - *Planning and Planting Along Your Trail*; 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Join Trees Forever staff and your fellow trail enthusiasts for an informative and interactive workshop designed to help you envision the possibilities for improvements to your existing local trails. The workshop will give you an opportunity to share your own successes and challenges, ask questions, and learn how other communities have successfully made improvements along their trails. Meal is included. Please RSVP for meal count to www.treesforever.org/trails or to Carl Barnhart at (800) 369-1269 ext. 114 by June 2nd. For more information contact: Dustin Hinrichs at dhinrichs@treesforever.org, or call 319-373-0650 ext. 124 This workshop is free.

Saturday, June 7th – *Fishpole-plug golf, Canoeing and Fishing* 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Come out to Rodgers park for a morning of fishing fun. Attendees will compete using fishing poles to cast at obstacles set up as a golf course. Canoeing and fishing will also be available.

We have a limited number of fishing poles and canoes, so please preregister by June 4th. Free. As this is Free Fishing Weekend in Iowa, no fishing license is required for Iowa residents.



Saturday, June 14th – *Basket Class*;

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, another creative session on basket making. Join basket maker Jennifer Heckmann, as we create this versatile, leather-handled teal and natural basket. Please preregister by June 11th. Cost includes all materials, instruction, and refreshments. \$50.00

**Unless otherwise noted, to register for programs:
319-472-4942 or email us at: info@bentoncountyparks.com**

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Monday, June 16th – Dugout Canoe; 1:00-4:00 pm
Join Naturalist Aaron at the Nature Center as we continue work on our ever popular dugout canoe. As work progresses, our canoe is starting to take shape. Our goal is to launch it late this summer, so come and lend a hand. No preregistration necessary. Free



A completed dugout canoe. With your help, ours can look like this too.

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24th and 25th –

Outdoor Explorations for Early Learners,

Day One: 8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Day Two: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Early Childhood Educators will want to sign up for this two-day workshop which focuses on getting our wee ones into the outdoors. The workshop is being held at the Nature Center and credit hours are available. Cost includes, CEH, materials, instruction, and lunch.

Preregistration is required via: Grant Wood AE

<<http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/profdev/coursesdetail.cfm?class=29317>>

Registration Deadline: June 6, 2014

Registration Fee: \$185 (materials and 1 license renewal credit)

Sat. July 19th – Canoe Float Down the Cedar; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join Naturalists Karen and Aaron as we take a leisurely float down the Cedar River. Participants will meet at the Wildcat Park boat ramp, where we will shuttle participants to the Mt. Auburn boat ramp for a day of scenic beauty and interpretation. Participants are asked to provide their own non-alcoholic beverage, sack lunch, sunscreen and bug spray. Preregistration is required by July 17th as canoes and life jackets are limited. Free

Do have a skill or hobby you would like to share. We may be interested in having you teach a class. Or if there is something you are interested in learning more about, give us a call or email us, and we will work at designing a program to fit you or your group's needs.

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