



Riffles and Eddies

Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center
(815) 547-7935

603 N. Appleton Rd.
Belvidere, IL 61008

Winter 2014– 2015



Seasonal Site Closings

Several conservation areas will be closed for the season beginning on November 14th. The seasonal closures will include sites that receive the lowest use. Circumstances prevent the District from keeping all of its sites open throughout the year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our patrons.

The most heavily used sites will remain open throughout the late fall and winter season with the exception of closures associated with the district’s archery program – (please check the district website for information about those dates).

The following sites will remain OPEN after November 14th except when posted as closed for hunting:

- * Spencer Conservation Area Gustafson Nature Center
- * LIB Conservation Area Ipsen Road Conservation Area
- * Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area Distillery Road Conservation Area

All other BCCD sites will be closed for the season. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Prescribed Fire Season



Conservation District land management staff will be conducting prescribed burns at several of our conservation areas in the early spring of 2015. Prescribed fire is an essential and efficient management practice for the health of our native ecosystems, including prairies, savannas, and woodlands. Fire helps return nutrients to the soil, helps control undesirable exotic weeds and shrubs, increases blooming and seed production among our native plants, and stimulates the growth of our native prairie and woodland plant species. District staff manage the burns to minimize smoke on highways and neighboring properties.



Black Bears— Dispelling the Myths for Peaceful Coexistence

Did you know that black bears are basically shy animals?

Did you know that myths and misconceptions are the biggest problems that black bears face?

Are you looking for a knowledgeable speaker

for your next meeting or other educational event?

The North American Bear Center’s Educational Outreach Program, in conjunction with the Wildlife Research Institute, has established a Speakers Bureau nationwide. The speakers’ training reflects their knowledge of black bears, and their focus is on the scientific information that biologist gather through field research in Ely, Minnesota.

We are proud to announce that Tina Dawson Scott, BCCD Educator is trained as an Education Outreach Speaker. To schedule an educational presentation, contact Tina Dawson Scott at 815-547-7935 or tdawson@bccdil.org



**From the staff of the Boone
County Conservation District**



The Mission of the Boone County Conservation District is to preserve and manage natural areas and open spaces for ecological, educational, and recreational benefits of present and future generations.

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Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers.....

(Sorry if we missed you, please let us know so we can update our records)

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- Johnson, Ray
- Johnson, Reynold
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- Kelly, Mitzi
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- Werchower, Maria
- Wolf, Bill and Sara
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- Woodside, Joshua
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Monthly Meetings

(All Meetings held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center are open to the public)

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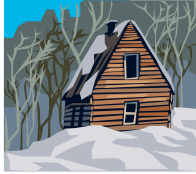
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., December 16th, January 20th and February 17th.

Gardeners of America

Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., February 24th. No meeting at the District in December and January.

Holiday Walk

Saturday,
December 6th
6:00 p.m.—
8:00 p.m.
FREE



Stroll along a luminary lit pathway and visit our authentic log cabins (where they might be serving goodies), eat popcorn popped fresh over an open fire, and see how Christmas was celebrated in the past. Held at the Roger Gustafson Nature Center Festival Ground. Call (815) 547-7935 for information.

Heirloom Garden Seed Sale

Saturday,
February 21st
10:00 a.m.—
3:00 p.m.



Heirloom seeds from our 5 ethnic gardens and other suppliers will be on sale at the Community Building, 111 W. 1st St., Belvidere. Please call (815) 547-7935 for more details (Cash and check only, please).



Summer Camp Information

Camp staff applications are available on our website and will be accepted starting February 1st.

Camp registration begins April 1st. Registration information will be available on our website in March.

Snowshoeing

January and February



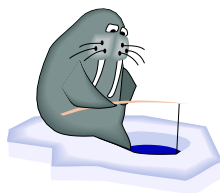
If you have a group that would like to learn how to snowshoe the Boone County Conservation District will be offering snowshoe classes this year. Please call (815) 547-7935 to schedule a program. Cost is \$5 a person.

If you are interested in joining our staff on a snowshoe trek, please call to have your name placed on the list. If the weather cooperates you will be notified as to where and when the hike will take place. BCCD has a number of snowshoes that will be available to rent for these hikes. Cost is \$5 a person.

District will be Closed

Dec. 24th thru Jan. 4

Christmas and New Years
Feb. 16th President's Day



Kid's Ice Fishing Workshop

A FREE workshop for kids 5—15.
Lunch provided.

Saturday, February 7, 2015

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Workshop will start at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center
603 N. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL

Bring any ice fishing equipment you have, limited rigs available.

You must preregister for this program.

Registration begins January 5, 2015.

Call the BCCD at (815) 547-7935 to register

Eagle Watch

Saturday,
January 24th
7:30 a.m.—
5:30 p.m.



Join us for a day of eagle watching along the Illinois River at Starved Rock. There are programs featuring live birds of prey, nature seminars and exhibits. You can bring your own lunch or eat at the lodge. Bring binoculars if you have them. The cost to ride in our mini bus is \$30 a person. There is also a minimal charge to use the trolley at Starved Rock. We will leave the Nature Center at 7:30 a.m. Space is limited. Preregister and prepayment is required, call (815) 547-7935.

Winter School Program Sign-Ups

Signs up for the 1st grade winter school program will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. Call to reserve your date.

The program dates are January 6 thru February 27, 2015.

The District wants everyone to discover the benefits of recreation. For families considering any of our programs who have special considerations, such as diabetes, asthma or physical or cognitive disabilities, your participation is welcome too. The **earlier** you contact us so we can talk with you about how to make your experience safe and fun, the more likely it will be safe and fun!

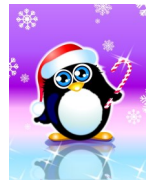
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Winter Bird Feeding

	Chickadees Titmice Nuthatches	Finches	Cardinals Grosbeaks	Sparrows Blackbirds	Jays	Wood- Peckers	Orioles Tanagers	Pigeons Doves
Sunflower	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Safflower	●	●	●					
Corn				●	●			●
Millet				●				●
Milo					●			●
Nyjer		●						
Suet	●				●	●	●	
● Preferred ● Readily Eaten								

The District sells bird seed all year long. Our prices are as follows:

- 50# BCCD Mix—\$25.00
- 50# Striped Sunflower—\$32.00
- 50# Oil Sunflower—\$32.00
- 50# Safflower—\$32.00

25# BCCD Mix—\$13.00

- 5# Nyjer—\$6.00
- 5# Oil Sunflower—\$5.00
- 5# Striped Sunflower—\$5.00
- 5# Safflower—\$5.00
- 5# BCCD Mix—\$3.00

If you can't decide which seed to offer, the black oil sunflower is high in ener-

gy and has thin shells, making it the preferred food item for a wide variety of birds. Black-oil sunflower is among the favorite feeder foods of cardinals, chickadees, finches and sparrow. Woodpeckers even consume these seeds on occasion.

