Camp Redwing
6-11 year olds
9am – 3pm
Monday - Friday
5 weeks $100/wk

Weeks 3-5 still have openings!

Camp Ducktails
4-5 year olds
9am - 11:30am
Thursday’s Only
$15/per session

Only 3 spots left!
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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**Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Awards Stewardship Challenge Grant to the Parks and Conservation Foundation!**

We are excited to announce that a grant award of up to $25,000 has been made to the local Parks and Conservation Foundation from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation’s (ICECF) 2015 Stewardship Challenge Grant Program.

The Parks and Conservation Foundation was invited to submit a grant request to restore and enhance wildlife habitat at the Kishwaukee Valley Conservation Area near Garden Prairie, Illinois. This project will involve the removal of invasive and non-native species; collection and preparation of native seed to be planted at the site; removal of old fencing; and other tasks that will improve the quality of the habitat for a diverse array of native plant and animal species.

There are two elements of the stewardship challenge. The first element involves fundraising from within the Boone County Community. This grant challenges us to raise $7,000, which will be matched by $21,000 from the ICECF. Funds from this grant must be used to restore or enhance habitat on lands that were acquired with prior financial assistance from the ICECF.

The second element engages the Boone County Community to become directly involved with the stewardship effort. So we are asking you to step-up and step out into the field as a volunteer. Your time will also be converted to cash as the stewardship challenge grant will contribute a bonus payment of $4,000 if we can log 400 or more hours of volunteer time toward the stewardship project at the Kishwaukee Valley Conservation Area.

Let’s demonstrate that the folks in Boone County are up to the challenge – please consider making a contribution to the Parks and Conservation Foundation in support of this ICECF stewardship challenge!

Contact Dan Kane, Vice-Chair of the Parks and Conservation Foundation to find out more information about how you can become a volunteer and/or make a cash donation toward this project. For More information call 815-547-7935 or stop by the Roger D Gustafson Nature Center at 603 N Appleton Rd, Belvidere

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

BCCD Board of Trustees
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., July 21st, August 18th and September 15th

Boone County Gardeners of America
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., July 28th. August 25th 5:30 p.m. picnic at Spencer Park pavilion. No meeting at the District in September.

In Memoriam
The Belvidere Women’s Club is proud to sponsor Camp Redtail, Camp Redwing and Camp Ducktail scholarships in memory of Mitzi Kelly, Kay McMahon and Gerry Sanders.

Heritage Garden Walk
Sunday July 19th
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Free admission
Spend a relaxing evening strolling through the Heritage Gardens at the Boone County Conservation District.
Heritage Gardens, two authentic cabins from the 1830’s, a schoolhouse and a wigwam are at the center of the evenings events.
Gardener interpreters will be available for all your garden questions as you tour the Heritage gardens. Learn about the many varieties of heirloom vegetables grown by settlers in the early 1800’s.
Free recipes and herb plants will be available for you to take home.
Enjoy an 1800’s “wedding reception” with wedding cake, lemonade and other treats in the schoolhouse.
Boone County Garden Club of America Butterfly Garden, Master Gardeners of Boone County Demonstration Garden, a rain garden and a prairie identification area are also included in the garden walk.
For more information contact BCCD at 815-547-7935 or visit our website at www.bccdil.org

Wish List
Country Time Lemonade Mix, Binoculars (field or full size), golf cart (in good working condition), wooden butter churn and an 1800’s rope maker.
If you have any of the items listed, please drop them off or contact us at 815-547-7935 if you need us to pick it up. Thank you.

Attention Firearm Hunters!
The BCCD is in the process of finalizing the qualification dates for the firearm hunt. Please keep checking our web page www.bccdil.org for the latest information. Remember, to hunt in our firearm hunt program, you must show proof of your hunter safety card.

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Volunteers needed in the German Garden
Retired Senior Volunteer Program is growing food for local food pantries in the German Garden. Contact Lynn at RSVP to help.

Autumn Pioneer Festival
Saturday, Sept. 26th
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Travel back to the 1800's for a look at the lifestyles and crafts of the day. Talk to a flint knapper, watch a gun smith, eat buffalo stew, pioneer fries, sample bean soup and apple butter. Visit the harvest table to purchase fresh vegetables or wander through the 5 ethnic gardens, the voyagers’ encampment, and 2 historic log cabins.

Admission is free, but donations are cheerfully accepted.

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