Send a Kid to Camp

Camp Redwing is an outdoor environmental education day camp for children ages 6 – 11 years. It runs for 5 weeks. Each week offers a new theme, fishing, crafts, labs, swimming, a family night, field trip and lots of outdoor fun! Camp starts the week of June 27th. Cost is $100 per week.

Camp Redtail is an outdoor adventure camp for youth ages 12 – 15 years. It offers two 4-day overnight camping trips. This year’s trips are to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana July 19-22 and backpacking in Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park along Lake Superior August 2-5. Equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Cost is $200 per trip.

Camp Ducktails is offered one morning a week on Thursday for Pre-K children ages 4 and 5. Each week a new nature topic is introduced and includes story-time, snack-time, and crafts. Ducktails will start on June 30th. Cost is $50 for all 5 sessions or $15/ session.

BCCD Summer Camps
Registration begins April 1st
More information available on our website
www.bccdil.org

- There are scholarships available to qualifying families for each camp.
- Check out photos from last summer on our Facebook page!!
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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**A Big Thanks to our Volunteers**

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- Dolak, Mary
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- Drall, John
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- Faith, Barbara and Bernard
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- Geist, Bill
- Gierat, Claire
- Glass, Terry and Michael
- Greenlee, Jack
- Gustafson, Gus
- Hardy, Jim
- Haug, Grace
- Heck, Jeanine
- Heisler, Sally
- Herried, Harold
- Hicks, Ken
- Holycross, Tara
- Holycross, Zachary
- Huff, Jeanette
- Huff, Patrick and Kristine
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- Johns, Darlene
- Johnson, Brent, Heaether and Sal
- Johnson, Ray
- Johnson, Reynolds
- Kane, Kaitlyn
- Kane, Diane
- Kashimer, Tim
- Kathro, Sue
- Kemp, Bob and Judy
- Koehn, Jenny
- Krause, Eva and Leon
- Kudlicki, Judy
- Lager, Mike and Norma
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- Lange, Dave and Sue
- Larke, Laura Jo
- Larson, Beth
- Lasemana, Valerie
- Libby, Grace
- Littlejohn, Pat
- Loeper, Susan
- Lovelock, Molly
- Magdziarz, Augie and Mitzi
- Marquez, Jose
- Marshall, Joseph
- Masanz, Richard
- Matz, Karen
- Meagher, Iona
- Menas, Cindy
- Meyers, Kay
- Moore, Bev
- Moran, Todd
- Moriarty, Joe and June
- Mullins, Linda
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- Nelson, James
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- Werchower, Maria
- West, Sharon
- Wolf, Bill
- Wolfe, Alyssa, Liza and Marshall
- Wych, Barb
- Zuromski, Bill and Pamela

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!
Bird Hikes
Tues., May 10th   4:00 p.m.
and  Sat., May 14th   7:00 a.m.
Join BCCD Volunteer John Todt for a walk to view the birds. This is the time when a lot of species of birds might be migrating through the area. Meet at the Lion’s Shelter in Spencer Conservation Area. The shelter is located near the fishing ponds at the end of the park road.

Summer Camp Staff
Now accepting applications for Summer camp staff. Applications and job descriptions are available on our website  www.bccdil.org

Long Prairie Trail
Clean Up
Sat., April 23rd  8:30 a.m.
Join us at the Poplar Grove Village Hall for juice and donuts before tackling the trail clean up. Comcast is sponsoring the event and all participants will receive a free t-shirt and lunch. Bring work gloves if you have them. In order to receive the free t-shirt and lunch you must register for the clean up. Call (815) 547-7935 to register.

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

BCCD Board of Trustees
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., Apr. 19th, May 17th and June 21st.

Gardeners of America
Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., Mar. 22nd, No meeting in May or April at the District. June 28th - 7:00 p.m.

Prescribed Fire Season
Conservation District land management staff will be conducting prescribed burns at several of our conservation areas in the early spring. 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.

Attention Bow Hunters
Qualifying for the BCCD archery hunt will be held on:

Saturday, May 7th
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Tuesday, May 10th
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 12th
12:00 noon. - 7:00 p.m.
(no make up or additional dates will be scheduled)
Kishwaukee Valley Conservation Area
9416 US Rt. 20
Garden Prairie, IL
For more information visit our website: www.bccdil.org

Firearm Hunt Information
We will post qualification times, dates, cost and all other information on our web page, www.bccdil.org or on our Facebook page as the information becomes available.

Wildflower Walkabout
Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area - Woods Road Shelter
Wed., May 4th—6:00 p.m.
Come experience the north central Illinois landscape. Walk where flowers carpet the forest floor and birds fill the air. Severson Dells Nature Center and the Natural Land Institute are the organizing agencies of the event, with local groups providing leaders from their organizations.
Here are more events in the walkabout: (all walks begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Wed., April 20 - Pecatonica River Forest Preserve
Tues., April 26 - Anna Page Park
Tues., May 10 - Howard D. Colman Dells Nature Preserve
Wed., May 18 - Burr Oak Valley Preserve
Tues., May 24 - Kishwaukee Gorge North Forest Preserve
Wed., June 1 - Sugar River Alder Forest Preserve
Tues., June 7 - Hartley Memorial Forest Preserve
Wed., June 15 - Colored Sand Forest Preserve
Tues., June 21 - Harlem Hill Prairie Nature Preserve
Wed., June 29 - Searls Prairie Nature Preserve
**Attention**

The BCCD office will be open

**Saturday, April 2nd**
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Stop by to purchase tags for the dog park, buy bird seed, register for camp, ask a question or just to say hello.

**Attention teachers**—
Registration for BCCD’s spring programs is open. Programs begin April 1st.

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**Historic Knitting Class**

**Muffatees & More - Knitting in the 1830’s**
Saturday April 30
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Workwoman’s Guide is an 1830s pattern book for clothing and other household items. We will focus on the knit items that would have been worn during the first half of the 19th Century, from muffatees, shawls, scarves, bosom friend, cap, miser purse, to knee warmers. Participants will have a chance to knit a muffatee using period appropriate needles and yarn.

Supplies to bring: 2 double-pointed needles at least 6” long, size 1 and 50 oz. skein finger-weight wool yarn in an earth-tone color. Participants must know how to cast-on, knit and purl.

Cost: $5.00. Pre-registration and payment is required by April 25th.

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**Volunteer Opportunity**

The BCCD Natural Resource Management Department is looking for a few more hard working volunteers to join with other hard working volunteers every Tuesday morning to help with habitat restoration projects. This is a great learning experience and chance to work with some “unforgettable” people. If interested or if you need more information, email Josh Sage at jsage@bccdil.org