



Riffles and Eddies

Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center
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603 N. APPLETON RD.

BELVIDERE, IL 61008

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Green Ball Fundraiser

April 24, 2010 5:00 p.m.
Bel-Mar Country Club

Buffet Supper 50/50 Raffles
Dessert Auction Silent Auction

Tickets are \$30.00 a person and available only at the
Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center
603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL

Proceeds to benefit the construction of the Dawson River Road Schoolhouse

Boone County Conservation District Summer Camps

Registration Begins April 1st at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center, 603 N. Appleton Road., Belvidere.

Camp Redwing is an outdoor environmental education day camp for children ages 6 - 11 years. It runs for 7 weeks beginning June 21st thru August 6th. Each week offers a new theme, fishing, crafts, labs, swimming, a family night, field trip and lots of outdoor fun!

Camp Redtail is an outdoor adventure camp for youth ages 12 - 15 years. It offers two 4-day overnight camping trips where participants learn basic camping skills and leave no trace principles. Past trips have included backpacking in the Porcupine Mountains, canoeing in the Sylvania Wilderness Area and caving in Maquoketa State Park. Equipment is provided and no experience is necessary.



Camp Ducktails is a half-day outdoor preschool camp for young children ages 4 and 5. Each week a new nature theme is introduced which includes story-time, snack-time, and of course playtime!

There are scholarships available to qualifying families for each camp.

Check out photos from last summer on our Facebook page!!

Help Fund Summer Camp Scholarships

Please help us provide financial assistance to qualified families by donating scholarships, purchasing vintage camp shirts for \$5, purchasing Buffalo Man's storytelling CD's for \$15, or by visiting www.stuckonyou.biz to buy cool labels for school, camp or whatever. Donations can be mailed to 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008. Please mark the donation "summer camp". Thanks for your support!



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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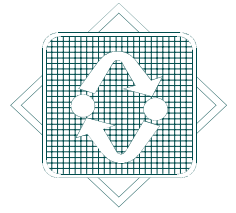
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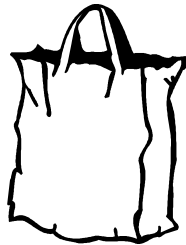
Source Reduction

What is source reduction? Source reduction refers to any change in the design, manufacture, purchase, or use of materials or products (including packaging) to reduce their amount or toxicity before they become municipal solid waste



Source Reduction Tips:

1. Avoid using disposables. Nothing creates waste like one-use items. Buy and use products that are durable and reusable. For example, think drinking glass instead of Styrofoam cup; think rechargeable batteries instead of throw aways.
2. Remember that a sheet of paper has two sides! If you use both sides before recycling, you'll save money and trees. So keep those old memos and junk mail letters to take notes and phone messages on, and learn where the two-sided button is on the copier.
3. Speaking of junk mail - if you get too much, contact DMA Mail Preference Service
PO Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008
www.the-dma.org/consumers/offmailinglist.html
4. Share! Trade books, magazines and newspapers with friends, relatives and co-workers, or use the library. Share rides to save energy.
5. Rent! If you only need something occasionally, rent it. You won't have to store it or maintain it and it will work when you need it.
6. Donate! Charities are always looking for your unwanted, but still usable items such as clothes, eyeglasses, furniture and other household items. Instead of giving another tie or sweater for holidays, make a donation in the celebrant's name to their favorite charity or cause. There's no waste and the organization will appreciate the donation.
7. Buy in bulk. Large sizes deliver more product with less packaging waste, and are usually more economical. A big gallon jug can replace a lot of little juice boxes.
8. B.Y.O.B. Bring Your Own Bag! Avoid the agonizing question "paper or plastic?" when you bring your own reusable cloth shopping bags.
9. Let Mother Nature work for you. Leave those grass clippings lie - don't bag them. As clippings decay, they return nutrients to the soil. Or start a compost pile - you can add your food waste as well and produce a great garden soil conditioner.
10. Wrap gifts in the Sunday paper cartoons or reuse wrapping paper that is still in good condition. Or make the wrap a useful part of the gift. Reuse ribbon. If every family reused two feet of holiday ribbon, 38,000 miles' worth would be saved each year. (The ULS Report)



Now accepting applications for summer camp employment. Download job descriptions and application from our website.

<p>FOUR RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION Member Organization</p>	<p>Boone County Conservation District Phone 815 - 547-7935 Fax 815 - 547-7939 www.BooneCountyConservationDistrict.org</p>
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Up Coming Events

Monthly Meetings

(Held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center and open to the public)
BCCD Board - 5:00 p.m.
Wed., - Mar. 17th, Apr. 21st, May 19th
Garden Club - 7:00 p.m.
Tues., - Mar. 23rd, Apr. 27th
No meeting at the BCCD in May

Wish List

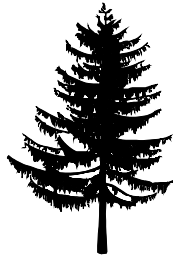


The BCCD is in need of an electric dryer. If you have one and wish to donate it to the District, please call (815) 547-7935 to arrange for pickup.

Natural History of Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area

Thurs., Mar. 25th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn what the pre-settlement conditions of Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area were circa 1835. BCCD has been very active within the boundaries of this area. See what is being done to restore some of the area back to its native landscape. Here is your chance to find out why and how we do this. Within this conservation area is an Illinois Nature Preserve that is arguably the highest quality oak woodland left in the county. The Nature Preserve will be discussed along with management techniques, such as pine stand thinning and removal, invasive brush and garlic mustard removal, and native plant inventories. Held at the Roger Gustafson Nature Center., 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL. A minimum number of participants are needed, so please call (815) 547-7935 to register. Program is free.



Flora Prairie Clean Up

Tues., March 16th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Join us for the annual clean up at Flora Prairie. We begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. Volunteers will help clear brush and unsightly trash from the prairie. Wear comfortable clothing and bring work gloves. Call 815-547-7935 with questions or if the weather looks questionable.

Bird Hikes

Tues., May 11th - 4:00 p.m.
Sat., May 15th - 6:30 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 Lions Shelter which is located near the fishing ponds in Spencer Conservation Area. For you early birds on Saturday, donuts and juice will be provided.

Wildflower Walk

Thurs., May 6th
6:00 p.m.

Join volunteer Brian Hale on a hunt for early spring wildflowers in the prairie, oak savanna and fen habitats of the Tuttle Clarkson Natural Area. This hike is part of the 2010 Wildflower Walkabout Series sponsored by Severson Dells Nature Center and the Natural Land Institute. This area is located 1/2 mile east of Poplar Grove on Route 173.



School Program Registration

Registration for the 2nd and 3rd grade spring programs will begin on March 2nd. The programs will run April - May.

Green Spring Cleaning Party

Sat., April 17th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
A green cleaning party is a fun event where you and your friends learn how to



make non-toxic cleaners from common ingredients like vinegar, baking soda and essential oils. Cost is \$10/person and you need to bring clean spray bottles and jars so you can take home your concoctions and start green cleaning. Program will be held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center. Call (815) 547-7935 to register.

Tan Your Hide

Sat., March 6th, 13th
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun., March 14th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Interested in learning how to tan a hide the way the Native Americans and early settlers did? This 3 day workshop will teach you how to do just that. Cost of the workshop is \$25/person. Space is very limited. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Call the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center at (815) 547-7935 to reserve your spot.

Long Prairie Trail Clean Up

Sat., Apr. 10th
8:30 a.m.

Join our "Friends of the Long Prairie Trail" group at the LPT parking lot in Poplar Grove for juice and donuts before tackling the trail clean up. Bring work gloves if you have them. If you have any questions, please call 815-547-7935.

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Attention Bow Hunters

Qualifying for the BCCD
archery hunt will be held on



Saturday, May 15th
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Tuesday, May 18th
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 20th
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

(no make up or additional dates will be
scheduled)

Kishwaukee Bend Conservation Area
9416 US Rt. 20
Garden Prairie, IL

For information visit our website
www.BooneCountyConservationDistrict.org



Grand Opening



Saturday,
May 22nd

Hammertime Unleashed



Off Leash Dog Area

Join us for the "official" opening of
the District's off leash dog park.
Bring your four-footed friend(s)
and help us celebrate. Refresh-
ments for both human and canine
visitors will be served. Call (815)
547-7935 for more information.

