



Green Ball 2010

On April 24th, 2010 the Boone County Conservation District held its second Green Ball. About 150 people attended the event at Bel-Mar Country Club. This year's donations will be directed towards the building of an 1830's replica of a one room school house. The school will be erected in the festival area at Spencer near our two 1830's cabins. It will be known as Dawson's River Road School. When finished, the school will resemble the River Road School that was located on Newburg Road.

The first Green Ball, held two years ago, was to help cover the remaining costs of the new pavilion at Spencer Conservation Area when it had to be replaced after a fire. Now there is a big beautiful pavilion for all to enjoy.

The Dawson's River Road School project has been a two year dream that will keep alive (from an historical perspective) the challenges that the teachers in the 1830's had to face. While teaching many different age groups and subjects, they also had to be concerned with heat (of the building) and the cleanliness of the school. It was exhausting for them to always be one step ahead of their students.

Carl Swanson, Cathy Ward, and Deborah Loos were key partners that kept the energy flowing to help this event to be a success! The retired teachers association helped tremendously by providing the decorations and table arrangements that followed the school theme.

There were many ways for the attendees to donate toward the Green Ball's goal to raise funds for the school. The options included a dessert auction, silent auction, several raffles, and a live auction that offered a steak dinner for four cooked by BCCD Executive Director Dan Kane, Director of Operations Mick Johnston, and dessert by Heritage Gardens specialist Pam Stock.



What do you give the person that has everything? Try a sponsorship (in their name) of an item that will be used in the building of the school.

1.	Corn/pellet Furnace	1	\$5,000	6.	Roofing	1 of 15	\$150
2.	Bell tower	1	\$900	7.	Siding	1 of 40	\$100
3.	Windows	1 of 12	\$900	8.	Floor joist	1 of 30	\$80
4.	Concrete	1 of 80	\$200	9.	Roof Trusses	1 of 20	\$60
5.	Electrical	1 of 20	\$150	10.	Coat Hangers	1 of 60	\$25

The Boone County Conservation District will use this school to enhance many of the District's Programs. BCCD would like to thank all who helped make this event a huge success!



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Hooked on Fishing For Kids

Ages 5 - 15

Saturday, June 12th

The Coon Creek Casters and Belvidere Lions Club will be hosting the annual Kids Fishing Clinic in Spencer Conservation Area. Program begins at 9:00 A.M. Bring your pole and tackle for an instructional clinic, lots of fishing, and line-reeling fun. Lunch will be provided along with bait, and prizes will be given at 1:00 P.M. Pre-registration is required, because space is limited. The clinic is free. Call BCCD to register for this fun filled, fishing experience. June 11th - 14th is free fishing in the State of Illinois.

A Day in the Life of a Pioneer Wife

Saturday, June 19th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Stop by anytime on the 19th to see what it was like to be a pioneer woman in the 1800's. Learn about quilt making, washing, cooking over a fire, gardening and all the other daily chores. Program is held on the festival grounds at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center, 603 N. Appleton Road., Belvidere, IL. Cost is \$3.00 per person. For more information, please call (815) 547-7935.

Camp Spots Still Available

We are accepting registrations until the remaining spots are filled. Call the office for details, stop in for a registration form, or get one online at BooneCountyConservationDistrict.org. Get your kids outside!!



Camp Wish List



Rock polishing kit; 10 small (Jr.) fishing poles; Small microwave; Coffee pot; Singing bird clock; CD player; and Connect 4, Yahtzee, Jenga, Uno, Sorry games. If you can donate any of the above items, please drop them off at 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL.

More Scholarship Money Needed

We have several families waiting for more scholarship money to become available. The need has been great this year. Please help us get kids outside this summer!!



We would like to thank Nancy Jacobson for her donation of \$200 to be used to purchase native plants for the Big Thunder Pavilion and a donation of \$100 to help with our goats. Both of these donations are made in memory of Howard "Red" Cross. We would also like to thank all the people who attended our Green Ball and those that donated

items for the silent auction. The proceeds from the Ball will be used to help fund the construction of the Dawson River Road Schoolhouse, a reproduction of an 1800's schoolhouse. Also thanks go out to all the people, businesses and organizations who have donated to our summer camp program.

Restoration Department Wish List

Our Restoration Department is looking for clean 5 gallon buckets. Donations may be dropped off at the Roger D. Custafson Nature Center, 603 N. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL.

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Up Coming Events

Monthly Meetings

(Held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center and open to the public)

BCCD Board-Wednesdays
5:00 p.m.

June 16th; July 21st; Aug. 18th
Garden Club-Tuesdays
7:00 p.m.

June 22nd; July 27th

No meeting at the District in Aug.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on July 5th, Sept. 6th for holidays and Sept. 23rd, 24th, and 27th for the APF

An Evening Among the Gardens



Sunday, July 25th
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come to the BCCD festival grounds, 603 N. Appleton and explore seven different gardens. These include a Butterfly, Herb, Potoswatomie, Norwegian, Scottish, Yankee, German garden, and a rain garden. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

Yoga in the Park

Join instructor Jeff Leach for a gentle yoga class while you listen to the birds sing. What a great way to start the day!! Class is held in the pavilion at the Spencer Conservation Area. Bring a mat and dress warmly on cool mornings. Only \$10 a class. Try the first one for free!! Drop-ins welcome. To register or for more information call Jeff at 815-544-4169



LPT Poker Run

Saturday, Aug. 7th
Join in the fun, win prizes, and ride the Long Prairie Trail. Call

Bev Moore at (815) 569-2472 for more information.

Kishwaukee River Clean Up

Saturday, Aug. 21st
9:00 a.m.

Help us clean up the Kishwaukee River. Participants must provide their own canoe and equipment. Meet at Hickory Bills Island, Belvidere Park at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will float down river pulling trash and objects from the river and banks. Pick up point will be at the Distillery canoe launch at approximately 1:00 p.m. Drivers will be shuttled back to the beginning. Call the BCCD office at 547-7935 to register or to check if this program has been canceled due to weather or river conditions. This program is funded by a \$500 grant from the IL EPA's Streambank Clean Up and Lakeshore Enhancement Program.



Group Garden Tours

Need an outing for your club or group? Tour the 5 Heritage Gardens located on the Festival Grounds of the Conservation District. Also on the grounds is an herb garden which is maintained by the U of I Extension Master Gardeners, a butterfly garden, maintained by the Boone County Gardeners of America, a rain garden and two authentic log cabins. Guided tours are available on request. Call (815) 547-7935 for more information or to request a tour.

Volunteers Wanted

Do you like being outdoors and meeting new people? Come volunteer and become part of the very first Conservation District in the state. Call the BCCD volunteer coordinator at (815) 597-1097 or (815) 547-7935.

Cooking with Heirlooms

Tuesday, Aug. 17th
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Not sure what to do with all the heirloom vegetables you've grown? This class will discuss ways to preserve and cook with heirlooms. Recipes and other informational handouts will be available to participants. Program size is limited. Cost is \$5.00 per person. We will meet at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center. Prepayment and preregistration is required, so call (815) 547-7935 to make your reservation.



Heirloom Tomato Tasting

Wednesday, Sept. 8th
6:30 p.m.



Sample more than 20 varieties of heirloom tomatoes. Participants will learn how to process and store seeds for next year's planting and also learn how to use their tomato bounty. Meet at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center. Cost is \$5.00 person and prepayment and preregistration is required. Space is limited, so call (815) 547-7935 to reserve your spot.

Late Summer Prairie Wildflower Walk

Friday, Aug. 6th
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join BCCD Restoration Technician Aarron Minson for an evening hike to view the wildflowers that bloom in late summer. Meet at the pavilion in Spencer Conservation Area. There is no cost for the program but pre-registration is required, so please call (815) 547-7935 and let us know if you will be joining the group.



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Boone County Fair,
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Autumn Pioneer Festival



Sat., Sept. 25th
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 26th
10:00 a.m. - 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, visit a Scottish encampment. Eat buffalo stew, pioneer fries, sample bean soup and apple butter. Visit the harvest table to purchase fresh vegetables or just wander through the 5 ethnic gardens, the voyagers encampment, and 2 historic log cabins.