

Consider a donation to help maintain our:

Blanding's Turtle Monitoring Program

Blanding's Turtles are equipped with a radio transmitter (when available) for long-term monitoring. These transmitters emit a signal that is picked up by a radio receiver and antennae, allowing us to pinpoint their location in the field. When a turtle is located, staff and volunteers document the habitat type and location, as well as the condition of the turtle. This has allowed us to create a range map of a Blanding's Turtle population in Boone County, and allows us to anticipate their seasonal movements between habitats. This knowledge has allowed us to prioritize Blanding's Turtle habitats for management and perform the work when the turtles are not utilizing them. Telemetry monitoring of Blanding's Turtles is a costly, but worthwhile, endeavor. If you wish to donate toward our monitoring effort of this Endangered Species, please contact BCCD administration at (815)547-7935.



Female Blanding's Turtle with transmitter



Listening for a signal from a transmitter

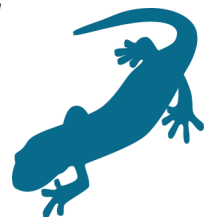


Adopt a Critter

Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center

603 N Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

*Sponsor an animal ambassador from the
Boone County Conservation District!*



Adopt a Critter

The Boone County Conservation District houses a number of animal ambassadors at the Nature Center.

All of these animals are on exhibit and used for educational programs with local schools, scouts and the general public.

Adoption is a great way to nature education in Boone County and generate funds for the care, housing and feeding of the animal ambassadors.

When you adopt an animal ambassador you gain a special friend at the nature center while lending support to environmental education. Your adoption is a great gift to friends and family.

Adoptions are available for six or twelve months.



Adoption Options

Family or Individual Adoption

- Adoption Certificate
- Animal Fact Sheet
- Activity Sheet
- Name listed in donor exhibit
- Open invitation to visit with your animal and snap a selfie!

Classroom/Group Adoption

- Adoption Certificate
- Animal Fact Sheet
- Activity Sheet(s)
- Group listed in donor exhibit
- Special animal visit during your class or group meeting time!

Gift Adoption

Parents, grandparents and friends can adopt an animal for a special person and we will send them an adoption package and gift acknowledgement.

Birthday Adoption

The adopted animal will be used as part of our birthday party program. During the party the child will be presented with the adoption packet and have his/her picture taken with the animal and will receive a birthday button with the animal's picture on it. (Party cost is in addition to the adoption cost).



Adoption Application

Date: _____

Please circle your selection below.

<u>Animal to adopt</u>	<u>6 months</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Flo the Box Turtle</u>	\$25	\$45
<u>Myrtle the Painted Turtle</u>	\$25	\$45
<u>Slippy the Red-eared Slider</u>	\$25	\$45
<u>Tigger the Tiger Salamander</u>	\$30	\$55
<u>Checkers the Corn Snake</u>	\$50	\$95
<u>Miss Hiss the Albino Bull Snake</u>	\$50	\$95
<u>Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches (all of them!)</u>		\$20

Name(s) to appear on Adoption Form:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If adoption is a gift please add recipients contact information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gift Acknowledgement to read as follows:

Mail adoption form to:
Boone County Conservation District
603 N Appleton Road
Belvidere IL 61008

For more information:
Call our office (815)547-7935
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Visit us on the web at www.bccdil.org