BCCD Summer Camps
We get kids outside!!

CAMP DUCKTAILS
A preschool camp for 4 & 5 year olds.
Meets 9am – 11:30
Four weeks to choose from. Only $60/wk!!

CAMP REDWING
A day camp for kids 6 – 11 years old.
Meets 9am – 3pm
Six weeks to choose from. Only 100/wk!!
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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**Boone County Conservation District**

**An Evening Among the Gardens**

**Sunday, July 15th**
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join the Boone County Conservation District Cultural Heritage Gardeners for a stroll through 5 Cultural Heritage Gardens, a Rain Garden, Butterfly Garden and the Boone County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. Enjoy herbal refreshments presented by the Boone County Master Gardeners.

Gardener interpreters in period clothing will be available for all your garden questions as you tour the Yankee, Scottish, German, Norwegian and Potawatomi gardens. Learn about the many varieties of heirloom vegetables grown by settlers in the early 1800’s. Lazy Housewife Beans, Rattail Radish, Bloody Butcher Beets, and Winningstadt Cabbage are just a few of the heirloom vegetables growing in the Heritage Gardens.

Members of the University of Illinois Boone County Master Gardener program will be on hand as you tour the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden.

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**Woodstove Cooking Class**

**Saturday, June 9**
9am-2pm

Join us in the Newhouse Cabin and learn to cook on a wood burning stove as you prepare recipes from the 1800’s. Every aspect of your meal will be prepared by you! Churn butter, make bread from hops cakes and cook a dish inspired by each of our heritage gardens. At the end of the class you will partake in a luncheon of all the dishes made during the day. Class size is limited to 10 participants. Cost is $15.00 per person
To register and pre-pay please contact the BCCD office at 815-547-7935

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**Spring School Class Recycling Winners**

1st place—Perry School—Ms. Enright’s class—.23/oz of garbage per person
2nd place—Meehan School—Ms. Car-michael’s class—.375/oz of garbage per person

Keep Up the Good Work!!

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**BCCD Honors Safety Watch Members**

The Boone County Conservation District recently honored Leon and Eva Krause for their efforts in assisting an injured walker in Spencer Conservation Area.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the safety watch, sign ups will be held on June 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center.

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"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., June 20th, July 18th, August 15th

Boone County Gardeners of America
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., June 26th, July 24th. No meeting at the District in

Camp Ducktails
and
Camp Redwing
June, July and August

Spots Still Available
Camp Redwing and Camp Ducktails are still accepting registrations until spots are filled. Call the office at 815-547-7935 for more details or stop in for a registration form or visit www.boonecountyconservationdistrict.org. Hurry!!

Camp Scholarship Donations
We are in need of more scholarship money! There are several families on our waiting list that are in need of assistance with camp fees. Please consider donating to help get all kids outside!

Volunteers Wanted Anytime
Do you like being outdoors and meeting new people? Volunteer and become part of the very first Conservation District in the state. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at 815-547-7935. Come alone or bring a friend.

For more information or to register for any of the programs, call (815) 547-7935.

Summer of 2012 Small Group Garden Tours
Book your own personal tour of the 5 Heritage Gardens that are located on the Festival Grounds of the Conservation District. Visit the herb garden that is maintained by the U of I Extension Master Gardeners, the rain garden, the butterfly garden maintained by the Boone County Garden Club and visit the two historic log cabins. Guided tours available upon request. Call 815-547-7935 for more information.

Early Morning Yoga
Fridays starting June 1st
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Pavilion in Spencer Conservation Area

Join yoga instructor, Jeff Leaich, as he leads a gentle yoga class outside among the trees. Listen to the birds while you stretch yourself awake and commune with nature. Each class is $10, pre-registration is NOT required. Call Jeff with any questions 815-544-4169.

Kishwaukee River Clean Up
Saturday, Aug. 25th
9:00 a.m.

Come help us clean up the Kishwaukee River. Participants must provide their own canoe and equipment. Meet at Hickory Hills Island in 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 815-547-7935 to register, so we know that you are planning to attend; also if weather or river conditions are questionable, please call the office to see if the event has been canceled. This program is funded by a $500 grant from the Illinois EPA’s Streambank Clean Up and Lakeshore Enhancement Program.

Injured/Orphaned Wildlife
Hello, my name is Kathy Bode and I am a volunteer Wildlife Rehabilitator here in Northern Illinois. My husband (‘Bode’) and I have held permits from the I.D.N.R. (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) for almost 25 years. We are a 5 county 24 hour/7 day telephone “hotline” for all questions and problems dealing with all kinds of local wildlife. Most of the area rehabbers work with the five smaller species of critters which includes opossums, rabbits, woodchucks, and the whole squirrel family. Special permits are required for endangered species of wildlife, migratory birds, and deer.

There are several ways you can help the wild neighbors with which you share your ‘space’. Although we do not recommend feeding critters, it would be great if you would tolerate wildlife in your yard, as long as they are not being aggressive or destructive. Also, we need new people to mentor, train, and help obtain their own wildlife permits to help in the rescue and raising of orphaned wild animals that need help—or to assist current rehabbers in other ways. Finally, by law we must release any rehabilitated animals on private property in Illinois. If you have land that is close to the Rockford area, with no hunting, no busy streets, is away from farms and subdivisions, has a natural water source and trees, and you are willing to allow healthy animals to be released back into the ‘wild’, please contact us. Our phone number is available through Animal Services—and we are willing to help with all wildlife concerns.

Thanks for caring.
Kathy Bode, Wildlife Rehabilitator

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Hooked on Fishing
For Kids (Ages 5–15)

Saturday, June 2nd
9:00 a.m.

The Coon Creek Casters and Belvidere Lion’s Club will be hosting the annual Kids Fishing Clinic in Spencer Conservation Area. Bring your pole and tackle for an instructional clinic, lots of fishing, and line-reeling fun. Lunch will be provided along with bait. Prizes will be awarded at 1:00 P.M. Pre-registration is required, because space is limited. The clinic is free. Call BCCD at (815) 547-7935 to register for this fun-filled, fishing experience.

Autumn Pioneer Festival

Saturday, Sept. 22nd
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23rd
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 just wander through the 5 ethnic gardens, the voyagers’ encampment, and 2 historic log cabins.

Admission is free, but donations are cheerfully accepted.