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MITCHELL COUNTY



Summer 2024

NEWSLETTER FOR MITCHELL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION



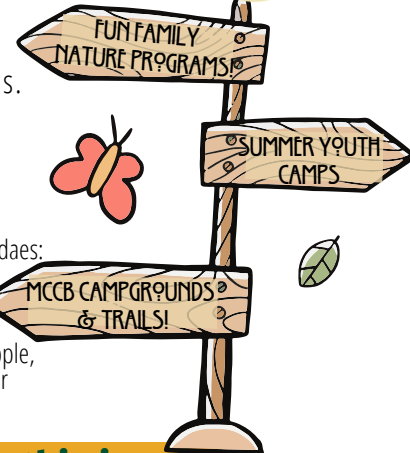
Blooming banks at Rock Creek Wildlife Area

A SUMMER OF FUN WITH MCCB!

Mitchell County Conservation and the Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation are excited to offer various nature camps and environmental education opportunities for area youth this summer! Help your child discover the wonders of nature through Picnics in the Park, Discovery Day Camps, Adventure Camp, or our other special programs! Camps are separated into age groups to help you and your child have the best experiences enjoying the outdoors. Most require pre-registration, so sign your kiddos up early!

Details for all of our youth programming, as well as all public programming, can be found on the following pages.

- Age/Grade ranges are based on the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.
- All camps are lead by Mitchell County Naturalist Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe and Natural Resource & Outreach Specialist Andy Taets, and will feature nature-based subjects and outdoor activities.
- Registration fees cover educational supplies and equipment maintenance.
- Camp scholarships are available for those wanting assistance with registration fees - please contact Chelsea for more info.
- Please call, email, visit our Facebook Page, www.mitchellcountyconservation.com, www.mycountyparks.com, or stop by our office for info on registering for our summer camps.



We hope to see you OUTSIDE this SUMMER!
**Need some more ideas for summer fun?
Try these tricks and snacks during your next
Campout or Bonfire!**

- **Gourmet S'mores** - Think all the same toppings for ice cream sundaes: use various cookies instead of just grahams, flavored chocolates or candybars instead of plain, fun add-ins like icing, jam, peanut butter, sliced fruit, nuts or even a salty hit like bacon or potato chips!
- **Roasting Alternatives** - Try roasting fruits like strawberry, pineapple, peach, banana, or pears. String cheese, un-wound cinnamon rolls or bread/pizza dough (from the tube), or even Starburst make fun fire-roasted snacks!
- **Campfire Tricks** - Check out our this cool chart!

BORAX

Toss in a bit of Borax (sodium tetraborate) for green flames



"Salt Alternative" WATER SOFTENER

Chuck in some water softener tablets (potassium chloride) for purple flames



TABLE SALT

A dash of table salt (sodium chloride) will give you deeper orange flames



EPSOM SALT

Not just for baths, Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) makes nice white flames



FLOUR

A few flakes of flour will make your fire flare up.



SUGAR

Throw in some sugar for little sparks and explosions



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June Public Programs

PICNICS IN THE PARK!

Wednesdays in June
11:30-1:00

MCCB Naturalist
Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe
Cell: (641) 330-0765
Office: (641) 732-5204
chelsea@osage.net

CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER

Families with children going into Kindergarten and younger are invited to enjoy nature through weekly "Picnics in the Park" in June!

Picnickers are asked to bring a picnic lunch, blanket or tablecloth, and have an adult present throughout the program. Please meet us at the specified park where we will eat lunch first, then have a short program and activities based on a nature-themed book. Older children are welcome to attend, but the content and activities is geared for younger learners.

This program is FREE and there is no registration required. Just show up with your picnic lunch & your littles, and be ready to have fun learning about nature! This program will be postponed or rescheduled if there is severe weather. Please call Chelsea's cell at (641) 330-0765, or visit our Facebook page or Website for any event or weather related questions or updates.

- June 5th - lovely ladybugs @ pioneer park - 3987 shadow ave., osage 🐞
- June 12th - sunflowers @ interstate park - mitchell ☀️
- June 19th - sweet summer berries @ milton r. owen nature center - osage 🍓
- June 26th - frogs & tadpoles @ riverside park - stacyville 🐸

If you enjoy participating in the programs Mitchell County Conservation/Environmental Education Foundation offers, appreciate the use of outdoor equipment and trails, or just want to ensure the youth, families, residents, and visitors to Mitchell County get to spend time in and understand the importance of conserving our natural resources - **please consider joining the Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation!** Your membership, donation of time & talents, and/or monetary support can make an even larger impact when used for grant matches and opportunities like those listed here.

See how to become a member on page 5.



"The Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation creates public awareness, promotes responsible stewardship, and expands support for the conservation of our natural resources and cultural heritage."

June 17-23, 2024

Pollinator WEEK

pollinator.org

BUTTERFLY & BEE BONANZA!

June 11th

at the VALENT BIOSCIENCES.



1-3 PM

2142 350 St.
Osage, IA 50461



Join Osage Valent BioSciences and Mitchell County Conservation, for a fun afternoon preparing to Celebrate National Pollinator Week! This FREE event is open to the public and geared especially for families with children. Visitors to the Jiri-Rita Prairie Park will be provided with gear and information on how to find and collect Monarch eggs & caterpillars, and you may even get to go home with your own Monarch to watch grow! Participants will also have the opportunity to be real scientists and assist in a citizen science project by going on a photo "hunt" for all of the bee species that are utilizing the prairie. And we can't forget about the flowers these important pollinators depend on! We'll help you practice your plant identification skills to find out what's blooming.

Butterfly and Bee activities for all ages will be set up at the prairie entrance, and the first 75 participants will get to go home with their own insect discovery kits. If there is rain, this event will take place on June 13th from 9-11 AM. Watch the Valent BioSciences Osage Facebook Page and the Mitchell County Conservation Facebook Page for updated Event and weather announcements.

Contact: Brian Lynch, Valent BioSciences @ (641) 220-2420 or Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe, Mitchell County Conservation @ (641) 330-0765

WHERE THE **June 25th & 26th**

Wildflowers GROW

9AM-2PM

Adventure Nature Camp!

\$20/camper

Pre-Registration Required

Call Chelsea @ (641) 330-0765 to register!

Let's play in the prairie and learn more about "Where the Wildflowers Grow" during this two-day nature camp! Mitchell County Naturalist Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe and Science Teacher Lora Hargens are teaming up to offer unique WILDflower experiences for students entering 5th-8th grades (or equivalent ages). This camp will focus on the prairie habitats of Mitchell County - specifically it's beautiful WILDFLOWERS! Activities will include exploring plant parts and pollination, wildflower identification, flower pressing, natural watercolors, dyes, & painting, sun printing, beneficial pollinator projects, edible flowers, and much more! This camp will be exploring the prairie and utilizing the Pitzen Cabin, access from the driveway that runs to north out of Riverside Park in Stacyville (2275 465th St, Stacyville, IA 50476).

For both days, students will need to bring a lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and wear weather appropriate clothing (we may get messy, so clothes that can get wet/dirty, close-toed shoes, hat/sunglasses, sweatshirt, bug spray, etc.). All other snacks and educational materials will be provided.

Space is limited to 20, so register soon! Registration closes June 15th. Please call Chelsea at (641) 330-0765 to register! This camp is part of the Mitchell County Conservation "Adventure Camp" series. In these camps, we will be adventuring through different outdoor skills.

Summer Public Programs

FREE GUIDED KAYAK & PADDLEBOARD FLOATS!



Guided Float Dates:

- June 12th
- June 21st - Full Moon Float!
- July 11th
- July 18th
- August 7th
- August 15th

Enjoy a relaxing evening exploring Mitchell County's beautiful waters with our guided paddles! This is a FREE program led by MCCB Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Specialist, Andy Taets. Be sure to check out the special "Full Moon Float" on June 21st! More information on this float below.

These floats are open to all ages, but children must have the ability to control their own boat or plan to paddle with an adult. All equipment and basic paddling instructions are provided and all floats will take place in Mitchell County. If you have your own equipment and would like to join the float, please contact Andy with your information to be added to the attendee list. Floats will typically take place around 6:00 in the evening, and once you have signed up, you will be contacted with the specific meeting time & location. Times and locations change based on current river conditions.

CONTACT: ANDY TAETS: (641) 420-5517

ATAETSMCCB@OSAGE.NET

OFFICE: (641) 732-5204

Full Moon Float

June 21st

9:00 PM

Many people have gone kayaking, but have you ever gone at night? This unique float is scheduled to welcome a Full Strawberry Moon after the longest day of the year on the Summer Solstice. Paddlers will enjoy a leisurely float down river and experience night unfold on the water. During this one-of-a-kind, guided float, boats will be festooned with glow sticks so you and your friends can see the river in a new light, while and enjoying all the sounds and sensations of the river at night. We will provide all instruction and gear necessary for a fun and safe trip, but there are a few things you may want to bring that make it go even smoother:

- water bottle
- snacks
- water shoes
- long-sleeved shirt (dress in layers)
- bug spray
- towel
- headlamp
- dry bag for phone, extra clothes, etc.

Because of the unique conditions of a night float, this will be an 18+ only event.

Spots are limited to 10, so please call/text or email Andy to reserve your place. If you have your own boat and would like to join the float, please contact Andy with your information to be added to the attendee list. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with the specific float location based on current river conditions.

Enjoy a beautiful evening, relax in nature, and let your worries drift into the night.

Summer 2024 Calendar of Events



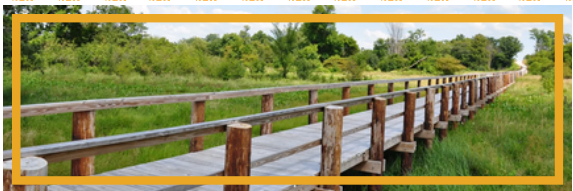
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Eat LOCAL this summer from our Farmer's Markets!
Stacyville: Tuesdays, 4:30-6PM @ City Park
Osage: Thursdays, 3:30-5:30PM @ 114 South 7th Street
St. Ansgar: Thursdays, 4-5:30 @ Clausen City Park
Riceville: Saturdays, 9-11:30 AM @ 203 Main Street

Saturdays & Sundays - Wapsi-Great Western Line Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4PM, **pg. 9**
1st - Youth Hunter Education Challenge, Rock Creek Marina and Campground, Camanche, IA, **pg. 8**
2nd - Sept. 1st - Summer Art Show @ WGWL Trail Welcome Center
2nd - Golf Cart Day & Pie Sunday at the Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 2-6PM
4th - Stacyville "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
5th - Picnics in the Park "Lovey Ladybugs" @ Pioneer Park, East of Osage, 11:30AM, **pg. 2**
6th - Fat Tire Bike Ride, @ Limestone Brewers, 5:30PM
7th - Friday Night Out @ Mitchell County Fairgrounds "Midway" off Chestnut Street, 5PM
7th-9th - Iowa DNR Free Fishing Weekend (no license needed)
11th - Butterfly & Bee Bonanza! @ Jiri-Rita Prairie Park, Valent BioSciences, Osage - 1-3PM, **pg. 3**
12th - Picnics in the Park "Sunflowers" @ Interstate Park, Mitchell. 11:30AM
12th - Guided Kayak & Paddleboard Float, 6PM, **pg. 4**
14th-15th - St. Ansgar Town & Country Days Celebrations
16th - Happy Father's Day!
16th - McIntire Tractor Pull
17th-23rd - National Pollinator Week!
19th - Picnics in the Park "Sweet Summer Berries" @ M.R.O. Nature Center, Osage, 11:30AM
20th - Happy Summer Solstice!
20th - Fat Tire Bike Ride @ Limestone Brewers, 5:30PM
21st - Full "Strawberry" Moon
21st - Full Moon Float! 9PM, **pg. 4**
25th-26th - "Where the Wildflowers Grow" Camp, **pg. 3**
26th - Picnics in the Park - "Frogs & Tadpoles" @ Riverside Park - Stacyville, 11:30AM

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2nd - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM. **pg. 7**
2nd - "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
3rd - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM
4th - Happy 4th of July!
4th - Osage 4th of July Parade
5th - Adventure Camp! 5th-8th Grade - "Geocaching & Orienteering", **pg. 7**
7th - Pie Sunday @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 2-5PM
10th - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM
11th - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM
11th - Guided Kayak & Paddleboard Float - 6PM
12th - Adventure Camp! 5th-8th Grade - "Fat Tire Bike Ride", 12:30-4PM
12th - Friday Night Out - Osage (Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Chestnut St.)
16th - Adventure Camp - Kayak the Cedar River 9-3
16th-18th - Outdoor Journey For Girls @ Hickory Hills Park, LaPorte City, **pg. 8**
17th - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM
18th - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM
18th - Guided Kayak & Paddleboard Float - 6PM
18th - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 5:30PM
19th - Adventure Camp! 5th-8th Grade - "Shooting Sports!", 9-11:30
21st - Full "Buck" Moon
24th - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM
25th - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM
26th - Adventure Camp! 5th-8th Grade - "Survive the Wild!", 9AM-1PM
26th-27th - Stacyville's Brat Daze Celebrations



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Saturdays & Sundays - Wapsi-Great Western Line Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4PM
July 31st - Aug. 4th - Mitchell County Fair
1st - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 5:30PM
3rd - Riceville Wapsi Fest - WGWL Trail events all day
4th - Pie Sunday @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 2-5PM
5th-7th - Outdoor Journey for Girls @ Wildwood Hills Ranch, St. Charles
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7th - Guided Kayak & Paddleboard Float, 6PM
8th-18th - Iowa State Fair
9th - Friday Night Out - Osage (Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Chestnut St.)
10th - Stargazing @ Lund's Access/Cedar River Greenbelt Trail, 8:30PM, **pg. 8**
10th-11th - Cedar Valley Memories Power Show
13th - "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
15th - Guided Kayak & Paddleboard Float, 6PM
15th - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 5:30PM
17th - Carpenter Days
19th - Full "Sturgeon" Moon
21st - Senior Citizen Golf Cart Day @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 10AM

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With our ever increasing “plugged-in” world, exposure to and understanding of our natural world is more important than ever. The Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation strives to support quality environmental education programs for ALL residents and visitors of Mitchell County. Our goals include providing financial support through memberships for programs that educate and train the public, as well as increase access to such programs through interactive displays, events, and volunteers. Program topics include ecology, local plants and animals, geology, outdoor recreation skills, recycling, human & land relationships, and many more. Consider supporting environmental education by becoming a member today!

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Recent projects funded through the MCEEF:

- Summer camp supplies & scholarships
- Educational Materials for programs
- Grant-match funding for grants
- Bird-feeding and landscaping supplies

INTERPRETIVE PLAN FOR THE NATURE CENTER! YOUR DONATION can make it a reality!!!



BECOME A MEMBER



- Benefits of being a member...
- Early signup for camps, trips, and limited classes
 - Recognition on our donor wall for \$50+ donation
 - Tax-deductible donation
 - Input on Projects, Events, & Programs
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Reduced registration prices for classes, or “members only” programs

Yes! I want to join MCEEF!

Additional Family Names/Memorial Inquiries:

Name/Organization

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone

Email

Membership Levels

- Student \$10
- Individual \$25
- Family (2+ people) \$40
- Senior (60+) \$20
- Memorial **Ask about options**
- VOLUNTEER!**
 - Fundraising
 - Nature Center Host
 - Event/Program Volunteer
 - Other Talent?

Donor Levels

- Sugar Creek \$50
- Spring Creek \$51 - \$100
- Turtle Creek \$101-\$250
- Little Wapsi \$251-\$500
- Burr Oak \$501-\$1000
- Little Cedar \$1000 +
- Red Cedar \$5000+

Make checks payable to:
MCEEF
1879-3 Highway 9
Osage, IA 50461

This is a TAX EXEMPT Donation!

Discovery Day Camps!



Camps for students entering:
1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th.
Pre-registration required - Due June 28th!



Help your child discover the wonders of nature this summer through Discovery Day Camps!
Age/Grade ranges are based on the 2024-2025 school year.
Camps meet at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center and require pre-registration.

ENTERING 1ST & 2ND

- *TUES, JULY 2ND - POND PLAY
- JULY 10TH - FOR THE BIRDS
- JULY 17TH - HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT (CAMOUFLAGE IN NATURE)
- JULY 24TH - THE SKY'S THE LIMIT (WEATHER & CLOUDS)

\$20/camper

Registration covers supplies for ALL FOUR camps. Scholarships are available for anyone needing assistance with registrations costs. Please contact Chelsea for more information.

ENTERING 3RD & 4TH

- *WED, JULY 3RD - RIVER STOMP & FISHING
- JULY 11TH - TRACK THAT SCAT!
- JULY 18TH - CAMPING 101
- JULY 25TH - BACKYARD ARCHAEOLOGY

TO REGISTER, CONTACT US AT:
Office: (641) 732-5204 Chelsea's Cell: (641) 330-0765 chelsea@osage.net

ATTEND ALL 6, OR PICK AND CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES!

Adventure Camp!

YOUTH ENTERING 5TH-8TH GRADE

CONTACT US:
(641) 732-5204
(641) 330-0765
chelsea@osage.net

\$20/camper per camp

JUNE 25TH & 26TH -
WHERE THE WILDFLOWERS GROW!

JULY 16TH - KAYAK THE CEDAR!

Join Mitchell County Conservation staff Andy Taets and Chelsea Rowcliffe to explore nature this summer! During these camp days, we will be adventuring through many different outdoor skills.

You can join us for all six camps, or just sign up for your favorites. Camps will meet in a different Mitchell County Conservation location for each date. Campers are asked to wear outdoor clothing & close-toed shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle. All other equipment will be provided, unless otherwise specified. Space is limited, so **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Please call or email us to register!



JULY 5TH - GEOCACHING THE GREENBELT!

JULY 19TH - SHOOTING SPORTS!



JULY 12TH - FAT TIRE BIKE RIDE!

JULY 26TH - SURVIVE THE WILD!

Summer Programs Cont...

AUGUST 10TH

Star Gazing

8:30PM

LUND'S ACCESS/CEDAR RIVER GREENBELT TRAIL GAZEBO
3700 HICKORY AVENUE - OSAGE



One of the BEST stargazing spots in Mitchell County is at the shelter along our Cedar River Greenbelt Trail. After a short (less than 10 min/.4mi) candlelit walk down the trail, a large grassy area welcomes stargazers for an amazing view of the night sky during the height of the Perseid Meteor Shower. This meteor shower peaks annually around August 12th, with a large portion of the meteors, also called "shooting stars", seeming to originate in the Northeast sky near the constellation "Perseus".

Round up your friends and family, grab something comfortable to sit on (a blanket or camp chair works great), a water bottle, some snacks, bug spray, and a head lamp or flashlight - then just sit back and enjoy the celestial show! Comfortable walking shoes and a sweatshirt or light jacket are also recommended (depending on the weather).

While we wait for dark, stargazers will enjoy a casual program on night sky viewing, stars, and constellations. Binoculars, star charts, and constellation guides will be provided for use. Supplies to build your own micro-meteor collector, and other fun star activities will also be available.

This program will be cancelled if there is cloud cover or storms predicted for the area. Please check our Facebook page, or contact Chelsea at (641) 330-0765 for questions, directions, or weather concerns. This program is free and open to the public.



Additional summer youth programs from our friends at the Iowa DNR!



July 16th-18th Hickory Hills County Park, LaPorte City
August 5th-7th Wildwood Hills Ranch, St. Charles

Outdoor Journey for Girls is a three-day, two-night workshop aimed at introducing outdoor skills to girls ages 12–15 in a supportive, learning environment where they have opportunities to try things hands-on.

- Canoeing and Water Safety
- Basic Orienteering
- Archery
- Game Care
- Hunter Education Certification
- Fish and Wildlife Identification
- Firearm Safety and Basic Shooting
- Camping and Outdoor Survival
- Fishing and Preparing the Catch

Registration forms, and chaperone and sponsorship opportunities, are available at <http://www.iwinr.com> or contact Lori Eberhard at Ojcoordinator@gmail.com



Whether you are a youth aged 11-18, an adult with a desire to contribute time to your community, a member of an organization/business looking for a youth-oriented project, or if you have an interest in hunting and the outdoors, Iowa YHEC is an opportunity you don't want to miss!

Iowa YHEC-the Youth Hunter Education Challenge is an event that takes place each June. This year the event will be held June 1st at Rock Creek Marina and Campground, Camanche, Iowa. Youth from all over Iowa come to compete in 8 events, learn about the outdoors, and have fun with other youth and adults that have similar interests.

The events include four shooting events (archery, muzzleloading rifle, shotgun, and small-bore rifle) and four non-shooting events (wildlife identification, orienteering, hunter safety trail, and written exam). Most youth compete as part of a team of five from their area, but youth can register as individuals, as well. There are two age categories, Junior (ages 11-14) and Senior (ages 15-18).

For more information on this fun event, or to volunteer or donate, please visit: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/things-to-do/camps-workshops/youth-hunter-education-challenge>

RECENT RECYCLING NEWS & THE LANDFILL LATEST

FMC Landfill - 3354 330th Street Elma, IA 50628

www.fmclandfill.org



Meet FLOYD! He's the new landfill office Otter. FLOYD, wants to give everyone a heads up about some improvements here at the FMC Landfill.

There is just so much for Floyd to tell you about!

- Floyd is posing in the new Recycling area. We accept cardboard, plastic, tin cans, and paper in this area - NO GLASS.
- We also have an box for deposit cans and plastic bottles only. The funds from redeeming these cans and bottles will benefit the local communities and organizations that represent them. To be considered for funding, contact FMC Landfill Director, Christian Fox, with your group information and what the donation is for.

Here are the rules for redeemable can & bottle donations:

- 1.) Please bag your cans and bottles. You must use clear bags to recycle your deposit containers in. We need to see that you aren't disposing of garbage. Some clear bags will be available at no cost from the landfill.
 - 2.) NO GLASS - This means no beer, wine, or whiskey bottles.
 - 3.) No garbage of any kind.
 - 4.) Make sure that your cans and bottles are empty with no debris such as cigarette butts or chew spit. Give it a dump rinse before you bag it.
- Lets be respectful of the people who will ultimately have to handle these containers.
- The Customer Convenience Area concrete project is complete!



Mobile HHM Collection

This service is offered free once a month during the summer for household hazardous materials, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at the recycling center in Osage. Make your appointment or get more information now by calling (641) 982-4288.

Summer dates are:

June 12

July 17

August 14th

The Landfill has a HHW collection center on the property that is open by appointment for those who can't make these collections.

WAPSI-GREAT WESTERN LINE

Trail Events

TRAILHEAD

Wapsi-Great Western Line 110 EAST MAIN STREET (U.S. HWY #9)
RICEVILLE IA 50466
WWW.WGWLTRAIL.COM



- **Saturdays & Sundays - Trailhead Welcome Center Open**, 2-4 PM through Labor Day
- **June 2nd – Golf Cart Day & Pie Sunday** @ Trailhead 2-6PM.
 - **Opening of Summer Art Show** – Cheryl Pearson
 - **Golf cart passes available** only for this day (\$12 fee) at Welcome Center. Carts must be driven only by a holder of an official car license. Bring your own cart or rent one from Riceville Golf Course (641-985-2447). Begin and end your golf cart adventure at the Trailhead. No golf carts allowed in Lake Hendricks/campground area. Registration fee supports Trailhead maintenance.
- **July 7th – Pie Sunday** @ Trailhead 2-5PM
- **August 3rd – Wapsipinicon Festival Events**
 - 6:30AM - Wapsi Wiggle Half Marathon** - Pre-register [online](#)
 - 7:30-10AM – Community Pancake Breakfast**
 - 8:00AM – Wapsi Wiggle: 5K Race** Pre-register [online](#).
 - 7:50AM – Kids Fun Run:** For kids 10 years old and younger. No registration required. Gather at the trailhead flagpoles.
 - 9AM-3PM – Treasure Hunt**



Wapsi Wiggle

5K Fun Run | Training Half-Marathon
WAPSI-GREAT WESTERN LINE TRAIL



- **August 4th – Pie Sunday** @ Trailhead, 2-5PM
 - **August 21st – Senior Citizens Golf Cart Day**
- SUMMER 2024

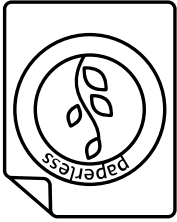


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Zoe Johnson - Seasonal
Gabe Muller - Seasonal

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