

Brown Bag Bunch

Bring your lunch and join the fun, fellowship, and fantastic programming at the **GrimesFarm & Conservation Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 6 - "Sprucin' Up"

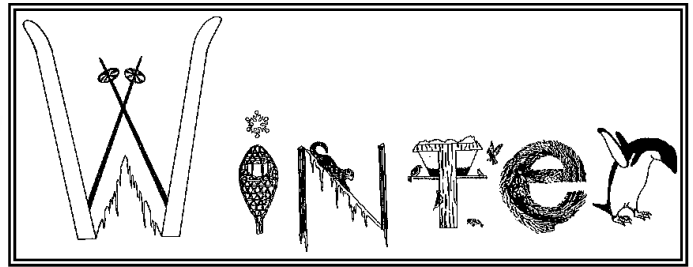
Learn about evergreens and create a swag to take home. Bring gloves and pruners.

Wednesday, January 18 - "Kauai Adventure"

Explore the Hawaiian island of Kauai with Emily Herring.

Tuesday, February 7 - "Caring for Wildlife"

Discover the new Iowa Wildlife Center with Marlene Ehresman.



Nature Story Hour

December 7 & 21 10:00 - 11:00a.m.

January 4 & 18

February 1 & 15

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center

Preschoolers and their adult(s) are invited to listen to fun nature stories, take a walk and explore nature's wonders. Join us on the first and third Wednesdays each month.



Uncle Ike Nature Program

(Grades 1-5, family members welcome)

Celebrate 28 years with Uncle Ikes! This award-winning program is FREE and is co-sponsored by the MCCB and the Izaak Walton League to provide enjoyable environmental learning experiences.

"Woodland Wanderers" is the theme for this year's program that meets monthly October – April.



"Sprucin' Up"

Saturday, December 10 9 – 11 a.m.

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center (2359 233rd St.)

Discover what's special about evergreens...pines, spruces, firs. Create your own candle to spruce up your holidays.

"Wild and Woodsy"

Saturday, January 14 9 – 11 a.m.

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center
From owls to deer and more, discover who calls the forest home.



"It's a Tree-mendous World"

Saturday, February 11 9 – 11 a.m.

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center
Is every forest the same? Discover woodlands around the world.



Junior Conservationists

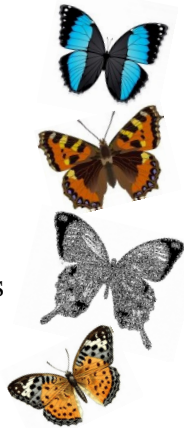
Grades 6-8

Thursday, December 22

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meet at GrimesFarm & Conservation Center (2359 233rd Street)

No school today... come hangout with hundreds of butterflies at the Reiman Garden Butterfly Dome in Ames! Space is limited; cost is \$5 (scholarships available). **Pre-register and complete permission slip by December 16 by calling 752-5490.**



Full Moon Tower Hike

Saturday, January 7

6:30 p.m.

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center (2359 233rd Street)

Enjoy a moon lit hike up to the observation tower and take in the view of a moonlit country side from the observation deck. Dress warmly. If conditions are appropriate, we'll use snowshoes on our hike; supplies limited. **Pre-register by January 3 by calling 752-5490.**



Cross-Country Skiing

Saturday, January 14

1:00-3:00 p.m.

GrimesFarm & Conservation Center (2359 233rd Street)

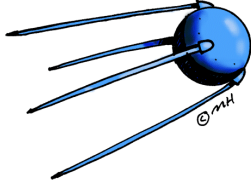
Enjoy an afternoon on the trail in the winter wonderland on cross-country skis or snowshoes. Bring your own or use ours: supply limited. Basic instruction and hot chocolate will be provided.



Robots in Space

Thursday, February 9 7:00 p.m.
GrimesFarm & Conservation Center
(2359 233rd Street)

Explore the history of robotic ambassadors in space with Evan Zerby of Ames and Jim Bonser of the Central Iowa Amateur Astronomers. From the launch of Sputnik in 1957, discover trials, tribulations, and successes that are out of this world.



11th Annual Photo Contest Awards & Chili Supper

Wednesday, February 15 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
GrimesFarm & Conservation Center
(2359 233rd Street)

Join us for a hot & tasty bowl of chili, an amazing array of nature photo entries, & (drum roll, please) announcement of this year's winning entries! Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Don't miss the fun!



Calling All Junior Naturalists

Do you qualify for this year's nature badge and certificate?

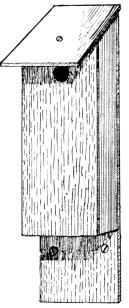
- Are you aged 6 – 12 years?
- Attended three conservation programs in 2011 anywhere in the U.S.
 - Read a nature book, went hiking/camping/fishing or any other nature activity with family/friends
- Completed a Jr. Naturalist log sheet (find at the GrimesFarm Conservation Center)

Contact Diane Hall, MCCB Naturalist at 752-5490 to register for the special 2011 Award presentation to be held on Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the GrimesFarm & Conservation Center.

Woodworking for Wildlife

Saturday, February 18 9:30-11:30 a.m.
GrimesFarm & Conservation Center
(2359 233rd Street)

Think spring, bring your hammer and make a difference for wildlife! Participants can build a wren, bluebird, wood duck, or bat house. **Pre-register by Wednesday, February 15 by calling 752-5490 and specify type of house wanted.** Donations for materials will be accepted. Space is limited.



Bald Eagle Days

February 26 Saylorville Lake
Noon - 4:00 p.m. 515-276-4656

March 3 Lake Red Rock & Central College in Pella
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 641-828-7522

Discover more about this majestic national symbol and view eagles, which may be in the area. Sponsored by DNR Wildlife Diversity and Army Corp of Engineers.



Deer Antler Scoring



Tuesday, February 21 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
GrimesFarm & Conservation Center

Bring in newly harvested or old whitetail deer antlers to be measured by an official scorer. Learn general guidelines for antler measuring and work one-on-one with a scorer to find out if you have a set of trophy caliber antlers.

Save Me!

Can you help? The Marshall County Conservation Board is looking for a few materials for a future craft program. We've had a bright idea and need some burnt out bulbs to teach about the 3R's.

- Large, old style Christmas light bulbs with screw ends
 - Small ceiling fan or vanity light bulbs

Please bring burnt out bulbs to the GrimesFarm & Conservation Center by February 1, 2012.



Photo Contest Reminder

Remember, youth and adult entries are **due by noon Friday, February 3, 2012!** Think Scenic (Natural Resources), People and Natural Resources, and Native Wildlife and perhaps you could win one of the \$20 gift certificates. For contest details call 752-5490 or visit www.co.marshall.ia.us click on Departments then Conservation Board.