



2015 Season Schedule of Events

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This brochure contains a list of events planned for the year 2015. Programs may be added, cancelled or changed throughout the year. Keep current by visiting the events section of our web sites on a regular basis or subscribing to our online newsletters. You can also check our Facebook pages or call our offices with any questions you might have.



AUGUST

Saturday, August 1 Adult Canoe Camp from 10 AM - 2 PM at Lake Wapello S.P.

Why should the kids have all the fun?! Join us for an adult canoe camp. Learn the basics of preparing for a canoe trip, how to transport your canoe safely, how to maneuver your canoe and much more. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: Adult Cost: \$10

Tuesday, August 4 Toddler Camp: Prairie at PRNA at 10 AM

Earlier this summer we learned about life in the forest. Now let's delve into the prairie. Surrounded by tall grass, flowers and more, we will see what animals and plants need to survive in this habitat.

Ages: 3 & 4 with adult
Cost: \$5 per child

Tuesday, August 11 Plant Camp at PRNA from 9:00 - 1:00

What do plants need to grow? How do they get all the necessary ingredients to produce fruit, leaves, seeds, etc? We will compare/contrast the varied plants of Pioneer Ridge in search of the secrets of plant life. And we will have some fun with plant colors/dyes.

Ages: 5-10 Cost: \$15



Thursday, August 13 Garden Bites at PRNA from 5:30 - 8:30 PM

It is time for the third session of garden bites. Make sure you are registered for this fun, family-friendly event. We will spend time in the garden, preparing and eating a meal, and participating in a conservation activity.

Ages: All Cost: FREE

Thursday, August 13 Youth Canoe Camp at Sycamore Pond at 9AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM

Spend a summer morning or afternoon learning proper canoe technique and safety. We will learn how to properly prepare for time on the water, how to maneuver the canoe, and how to rescue others. Once you have honed your canoe technique, we will use games to test your new skills. At the end of the day, you will be prepared to safely head out on the water with family and friends.

Ages: 10-15 Cost: \$10

Saturday, August 15 Fall Canoe Float on Des Moines River at 9 AM

The Wapello and Mahaska CCB's will be joining up again this fall for a fall canoe float on the Des Moines River. We will float from Eveland Access to Hardfish Access. Register early to ensure your place in this event!

Ages: All (ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult)



SEPTEMBER

Sat., September 26 AGHC Volunteer Appreciation Potluck at AGHC at 5 - 6:30 PM

AGHC would like to thank all of its volunteers that donate thousands of hours of their time each year! The Center shows its appreciation with an annual potluck dinner. If you would like to attend in support of these volunteers and all they do for the community, please RSVP to the AGHC by e-mail or phone. Bring a dish to share.

Ages: All

Sept./Oct TBD Field Conservation at PRNA at Time TBD

This course is designed to familiarize participants with resource management at the local level. It's focus is to apply land management decisions that promote diverse native habitats that ultimately promote plant and animal diversity. This will be a field course with limited classroom activity. Participants will become directly involved in timber stand improvement, invasive species control, controlled burns and native plant production.

Ages: Adult Cost: TBD



**September TBD
Monarch Tagging at
PRNA at Time TBD**

The fall migration has dwindled in the past few years, but we hope it will take place again this year. We will keep an eye on the migration of the monarch butterflies, and we will choose a date and time we believe will have the most potential for catching and tagging many monarchs.
Ages: All

October

**Sat., October 3
"American Gothic
Window" Quilt
Workshop at AGHC at
1:00 PM**

AGHC volunteer (and quilter) Teresa Chickering, will lead the group in the creation of their own unique Gothic window wall hanging. The workshop will be held inside the American Gothic House. Pre-registration is required.
Ages: Children 9+
Cost: \$10

**Sat., October 10
"American Gothic
Window" Quilt
Workshop at AGHC at
1:00 PM**

AGHC volunteer (and quilter) Teresa Chickering, will lead the group in the creation of their own unique Gothic window wall hanging. The workshop will be held inside the American Gothic House. Pre-registration is required.
Ages: Adult Cost: \$15

**Fri-Sat., October 9-10
Halloween Hikes at
PRNA at 6-8 PM**

Bring your family out to learn about objects in the night sky. We will begin taking reservations on Monday, September 28. Register early to ensure a specific hike time. Registrations can be made by calling 641-682-3091 ext 102 or e-mailing pioneeridgehike@hotmail.com. If necessary, leave a message with your name, phone number and requested hike time.
Ages: All
Cost: \$3 per person; ages 3 and under free

**Saturday, October 24
Children's Gothic
Halloween Party
at AGHC at 2-4 PM**

Celebrate Halloween in front of the American Gothic House! Arrive dressed in your costume, make your own spooky American Gothic Parody, make fun crafts, play games and enjoy delicious treats.
Ages: PreK - 5th (small children should be accompanied by an adult)

November

**Sat., November 21
Basic Natural Dyes
at PRNC at 9 AM - 2 PM**

Learn to create some basic natural dyes to use in family-friendly crafts. We will go through the process of creating, using and curing natural dyes. Each participant will receive some fabric to experiment with the day of the event and go home with much information.
Ages: All Cost: \$20

December

**Saturday, December 5
Gothic Gingerbread
House Building at
AGHC from 12-4 PM**

Join in a great holiday tradition for the family! Arrive early to create your own gingerbread house made out of graham crackers, frosting and candy while supplies last
Ages: Children Cost: Free

**Tuesday, December 29
Winter Break Camp at
PRNA at 9:00 AM**

Would you like to brush up on your bird identification skills before tomorrow's CBC? All are welcome at this morning winter camp. We will learn to identify some of the most common birds found on the bird count. We will use pictures, binoculars, books, and bird calls as we hike the trails in search of birds. Dress for the weather.
Ages: All Cost: FREE

**Wed., December 30
Christmas Bird Count
in Wapello County**

Now in it's 116th year, the Christmas Bird Count is the longest running citizen science, wildlife survey conducted. We will be counting birds all day in an attempt to find as many species as we can within our count circle. Everyone is welcome to join in the count by counting at home or joining us on the drive through the count circle. Give us a call if you would like more information or would like to participate. No need to be a bird expert to help out.
Ages: All



August

- 1 - Adult Canoe Camp
- 4 - Toddler Camp
- 8 - Tour AGH
- 11 - Youth Camp
- 13 - Garden Bites
- 13 - Youth Canoe Camp
- 15 - Fall Canoe Float

September

- 12 - Tour AGH
- 15 - Photo Contest Submission Deadline
- 26 - AGHC Volunteer Potluck
- TBD - Field Conservation
- TBD - Monarch Tagging

October

- 3 - Quilt Workshop
- 9 - 10 - Halloween Hikes
- 10 - Quilt Workshop
- 24 - Children's Gothic Halloween Party

November

- 21 - Natural Dyes

December

- 5 - Gingerbread Houses
- 29 - Winter Camp
- 30 - Christmas Bird Count

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HOLIDAYS
WCCB Event
AGHC Event
WCCB Board Meeting
AGHC Board Meeting



Wapello County Conservation Board

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Bloomfield, IA 52537-8017
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Nature Center Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Park Hours

Open Daily: 6:30 AM - 10:30 PM

Front Cover Photos

Top Row (L-R): Nuthatch, Fishing Camp
Middle Row (L-R): Rattlesnake Master
Bottom Row (L-R): Ornate Box Turtle Eating Prickly
Pear Cactus, Cicada

Inside Photos (front to back)

Buckeye Butterfly; Cream Indigo; Tufted Titmouse;
Christmas Bird Count Volunteers; Goat Managing
Woodlands; Canoe Float Participants; Blackberries

Or Current Resident



For more information,
contact
Pioneer Ridge Nature Center
1339 Highway 63
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537
Phone: (641) 682-3091
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American Gothic House Center

300 American Gothic St.
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aghc@iowatelecom.net

May-September
Sunday-Monday 1-4pm
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm

October-April
Saturday-Monday 1-4pm
Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm

Staff

Kurt Baker – Director
Paul Totten – Conservation Technician
Annette Wittrock – Naturalist
Frank Boyer - Natural Resource
Manager
Wes Pierson - Maintenance Technician
Holly Berg – AGHC Administrator

WCCB Board Members

Jeff Layton
Marsha Parker
Sam Rodgers
John Utter
Angella Cartwright

AGHC Board Members

Kurt Baker
Donna Jeffrey
Sam Rodgers
Steve Siegel
Shirley Stacey