VOLUNTEER calendar

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2020

HAPPY HOUR HARVEST

Join us one evening per month in August and September on the Chichaqua prairie as we collect seed from plants ready to harvest. Volunteers are welcome to cool down and relax with drink and dinner specials at Founders Irish Pub in Bondurant.
Pre-Registration Required.

Date	Time	Location
August 25	6-8pm	Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
September 15	6-8pm	Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

VOLUNTEER TIME OFF (VTO) - SEED HARVEST

Does your company offer Volunteer Paid Time Off (VTO)? Join us as we collect seed from plants ready to harvest from one of your county parks. Come and go between per your allotted hours.
Pre-Registration Required.

Date	Time	Location
September 4, 9, 18, & 23	9am-3pm	TBD
October 2, 7, 21, & 30	9am-3pm	TBD
November 4 & 13	10am-3pm	TBD

FALL SEED HARVEST

We spread the seed that is harvested in the fall on new land acquisitions. We are always restoring land back into the prairie that it once was, and we need your help! Kids and adults are welcome - No experience needed. Polk County Conservation will provide supplies needed. Come and go as needed.
Pre-Registration Required. Contact Michael French at michael.french@polkcountyiowa.gov to RSVP & for more information.

Date	Time	Location
Sept - Nov	Volunteer's Choice	Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

The programming outlined in this edition of Nature News runs from September -December of 2020. Due to the continually evolving COVID-19 situation, we aren't able to fully include all of our planned programming. Please check our website frequently for programming offerings and to make sure that the program you are interested in is still being offered.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day Polk County is hosted by Polk County Conservation and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Join us on Saturday, September 26 as we collect prairie seed at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt and Snyder Farm to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Two different sites have been chosen to allow for social distancing. The event will conclude with food, drinks and singer/musician Jake Schrodt at the Longhouse.
****Pre-Registration Required. Deadline: September 18.***

Date	Times	Location
September 26	10am-12pm	Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

**Register online at www.leadingyououtdoors.org*
**All activities, food, and drinks are free for registered volunteers.*

MOONLIGHT SEED HARVEST

Join us and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for a moonlit evening as we hand harvest native prairie seed under the sunset at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt. Afterwards, we'll gather around the campfire at the Youth Camp Area to enjoy s'mores and celebrate autumn with new friends. Bring a head lamp or flashlight for this event. ***Pre-Registration Required.***

Date	Time	Location
October 3	5:30-7:30pm	Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

WOODLAND RESTORATION

Invasive species removal is at the forefront of restoration efforts in our Iowa woodlands. Spend your time on the frontline of this continuous battle as we remove honeysuckle, buckthorn, and oriental bittersweet from one of your county parks.
Pre-Registration Required.

Date	Time	Location
November 14	10am-12pm	Brown's Woods

CEDARS FOR CELEBRATION

Grab the kids, your spouse or significant other, to join PCC and Trees Forever staff for a for this eco-friendly event. Come on out and find that special tree for your Holiday Season, and help restore native habitat in one of your county parks!
For more information, contact: ConservationVolunteers@polkcountyiowa.gov.

Date	Time	Location
December 5	10am-1pm	South of Jester Park

Detailed meeting locations, workday information, and equipment will be provided to those registered closer to the date of the event.

What to Wear | Wear long pants, sturdy closed-toe shoes, gloves (supplied if you do not have a pair), and bring a refillable water bottle.
Volunteer Registration | Visit ***apps.polkcountyiowa.gov/community services*** to create your Conservation profile and begin signing up for events today! ***If you are registering a group, or have any questions or concerns for a volunteer day, please send an e-mail to* ***conservationvolunteers@polkcountyiowa.gov.*****