

Dear Council,

My name is Alycia Willenbring and I work for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Dubuque and Delaware counties. I am working with Dubuque County Conservation and the Soil and Water Conservation District in Dubuque County. We would really love to do an educational event day for the town of Dyersville and the West side of Dubuque County. The event would be a nature/conservation trail day with booths from different organizations with fun interactive and educational activities for kids and families. It originally started as being on the Heritage trail, which the Conservation Board owns, but logistics of parking will make that impossible. It was suggested by Iowa State Extension to do it on the Dyersville trail south of the Church. I have attached a map of the area we are hoping to have the event and we would like to do it Sunday September 17th from 10:30am-3:00pm.

There was talk of moving to the **square** since it is a Sunday and we would like to keep that as an option if possible? So if that can be added to the request as well that would be wonderful. I thought if we can get a date nailed down and council approval we can sort out location logistics later, but at least we can have a date for the agency's involved!



Here is an update for folks who are all excited to participate in a conservation day event in Dyersville!

On Board:

1. Iowa Wildlife Rehabilitation Center: educational animals they are licensed, including: Castrol flaon, skunk, flying squirrel, Native Snakes (all of these animals are trained and go to outreach events often)
2. Mushroom Inoculation Farm and native mushroom foraging
3. Pheasants forever with Live registered pheasants
4. Cox Springs Farms with conservation grazing LIVE goats (host many education field days with these goats)
5. Fish Hatchery from Manchester
6. DNR fish workshop with live fish (tentative on date)
7. DNR forester – forestry
8. Maquoketa Caves
9. NRCS - soil booth, inflatable soil health tunnel
10. Dubuque county conservation – pelt booth forest critters
11. NRCS - Water biology and microbiology critters
12. Mowing to Monarchs – Pollinator plant booth
13. Iowa State Extension – Gardening booth
14. Trees forever booth
15. Nation Wild Turkey Federation booth
16. Recker Farms - chickens
17. Maquoketa Watershed – water quality
18. Library book booth relating to conservation, and wildlife
19. Dubuque county SWCD Urban conservation
20. Ducks unlimited (tentative on date)

Still waiting to contact with connections at:

1. River Museum
2. Paddle Club
3. City of Dyersville Water Work (need date)

4. Impact7G
5. NRCS – composting (Alicia is on vacation right now)
6. Other possibilities on way...

Thanks again,

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