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SIUXLAND **BIG**
OCTOBER 1, 2019 *give*

For the first time the Plymouth County Conservation Foundation is participating in the Siouxland Big Give on October 1, 2019. The Big Give is an event organized by the Siouxland Community Foundation, their intention being to create an online giving platform to promote local philanthropy. It is a day to bring together all the nonprofits and share all the good they do in Siouxland. It is a one day, 24 hour, midnight to midnight, online giving blitz! Over 100 nonprofit organizations in the Siouxland Area have signed up to participate.

The Plymouth County Conservation Foundation hopes to raise money to help with Plymouth County Conservation Board's newest project, **The Hillview Improvement Project!!** With the addition of 300 acres to Hillview Recreation Area, the foundation is excited to assist in expanding our hunting areas, improving upon our already established hiking, biking and equine trails as well as possibly add another 9 holes to our Disc Golf Course and an equine camping area.

If you are interested in helping during this 24 hour giving blitz, there are giving locations at South Sioux City HyVee, Gordon Drive, Southern Hills Mall and Hamilton Sioux City HyVee. Locations are accepting cash or check donations. Use <https://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/> to use a credit card online.

If you can't donate in the 24 hour time period, the Big Give has announced that you can donate online at <https://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/> beginning 2 weeks before October 1st however your donation will not show or be taken out of your account until October 1.

We are attaching a Siouxland Big Give flyer to this newsletter. Please help us spread the word about this great event and share with family and friends, through social media and email. Help us make Hillview Recreation Area the park YOU want!!

For more information or to see our profile go to <https://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/>



Halloween at Hillview 2019

Its that time of year again! We are getting ready for our annual **Friends Fall Festival and Halloween at Hillview**. This years event falls on October 12. The festivities begin at 4pm with our Festival (farmers) Market and Kids Games. The market will have lots of great items such as home baked goods, fresh honey and handmade jewelry. It will be at the Center for Outdoor Learning. The Kids Games will originate at the Center for Outdoor Learning but will be at different locations around the center.

At 6pm the real fun happens when the **Trick or Treating** of our campgrounds begins! As always Catalano's will be serving their wonderful wood fired pizza. At 8pm meet at the picnic shelter by the tubing hill to go for a Spooky Hike!

We will begin taking reservations for camping on Tuesday, September 3, at 8am. Please do not try to message us on facebook, email us, walk in, or leave a phone message. You must talk to us to make a reservation so if the phone is busy just keep calling 712-947-4270 until you get through!



Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Ms. Lori French of Hinton was the lucky winner of the Plymouth County Conservation Foundation Gun Raffle. The drawing was held at the Plymouth County Fair.

Thank you to Dave Riemenschneider of Small Town Sportsman, Kingsley, for generously donating the gun.



Welcome to the team Britney

We are pleased to announce, Plymouth County Conservation will be hosting an AmeriCorps 4H Environmental Education Member during the next nine months. Our summer education intern Britney Thompson, a LeMars Community graduate, will be beginning her term of serve in September. Britney's focus will be to provide Plymouth County middle and high school students environmental education opportunities.

AmeriCorps is known as a domestic version of the Peace Corps. The organization strives to better lives and grow civic engagement by building safer, stronger, healthier, and united communities within the U.S. AmeriCorps members tackle challenges within the community by meeting needs across a range of focus areas.

We are very excited to finally have the staff available to grow our successful environmental education outreach in the community.



Upcoming Events

- September 12...Butterfly Tagging at O'Brien Prairie**
- September 21...Knee High Naturalists**
- October 12...Friends Fall Festival/Halloween at Hillview**
- October 19...Knee High Naturalists**
- November 26...Dutch Ovens and Winter Decor**

This is just a sampling of the activities coming up this fall! Check the attached Adventure Guide to find out all the details about the activities we have planned!

For more information please contact Diana at ddowhower@co.plymouth.ia.us or call 712-947-4270



Friends of Plymouth County Conservation



Plymouth County Conservation Foundation is a non-profit organization that finds great value in the conservation of natural areas and the nurturing of minds for the betterment of our world as a whole. When you become a Friend of Plymouth County Conservation through monetary donation or the gift of volunteering, you are not only helping to expand and improve conservation opportunities in Plymouth County, you are helping to preserve and protect the natural world for the generations to come.

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Please indicate your desired level of donation:

- ◇ Student Membership
\$15 or 2 volunteer hours
- ◇ Individual Membership
\$25 or 5 volunteer hours
- ◇ Family Membership
\$50-99 or 10 volunteer hours
- ◇ Goldfinch Membership
\$100-249 or 20-49 volunteer hours
- ◇ Red Fox Membership
\$250-499 or 50-99 volunteer hours
- ◇ Bald Eagle Membership
\$500-999 or 100-199 volunteer hours
- ◇ Wapiti (elk) Membership
\$1, 000+ or 200+ volunteer hours

Please accept these gifts as our way of saying "Thank You":

All levels receive the *Nature Notes* quarterly newsletter, Friend of Plymouth County Conservation car decal, and early bird sign-up*.

Goldfinch membership and higher receive recognition in the Center for Outdoor Learning for one year.

Red Fox membership and higher receive a voucher for one night of free camping at Hillview Recreation Area, good for one year.

Bald Eagle membership and higher receive a voucher for one free night stay in a cabin at Hillview Recreation area, good for one year.

Wapiti membership receive the above listed gifts as well as a voucher for one free rental of the Center for Outdoor Learning, good for one year.

*Sign-up one business day before the general public for summer camps

For **monetary donations**, please indicate the area where you prefer your donation be used:

- ◇ No preference - use where most needed
- ◇ The Center for Outdoor Learning enhancement and support
- ◇ Educational programming
- ◇ Plymouth County Parks and habitat enhancement

If you would like to **volunteer**, please indicate below and the Plymouth County Conservation Community Outreach Coordinator will be in contact with you shortly. Volunteer hours must be completed within one calendar year.

- ◇ I would like to volunteer with Plymouth County Conservation at the level indicated above

Amount enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Plymouth County Conservation Foundation

C/o Diana Dowhower, P.O. Box 1033, Hinton, IA 51024

**CODE OF CONDUCT
PLYMOUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION
PROGRAM DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL POLICY**

Plymouth County is interested in the welfare of all adults and children. Participants in Plymouth County Conservation programs are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of staff, whether paid or volunteer, and other adults in supervisory positions. A participant's failure and inability to follow rules and obey directions may cause a serious discipline problem. A serious discipline problem may also occur when a child hampers the smooth flow of the program by requiring constant one-on-one attention, inflicts physical or emotional harm on other children, abuses staff and adults, or is otherwise unable to conform to the rules and guidelines of the program. Kicking, biting, abusive behavior towards others, name-calling, unwanted displays of affection, and inappropriate language are examples of such unacceptable behavior.

An adult causing problems or disruptions will be reminded of the rules, then asked to leave if the problem continues.

All summer program registrants are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of the summer program leaders and other adults in supervisory positions. When a child's behavior creates a discipline problem as described in the above Discipline and Dismissal Policy, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The child shall be separated from the problem activity or situation. Staff shall help the child rejoin the group when they are ready.
2. Staff shall listen to the child and discuss the consequences of further misbehavior.
3. Repeated misbehavior shall be handled through conversations with a parent.
4. The parent, child, and staff shall agree to a plan that improves behavior.
5. If improvement does not occur or a solution cannot be determined, staff may recommend that the child be dismissed from the program.

Emergency Release

NOTE: Acceptance into a program is conditioned on the above policy and the right to dismiss a participant from the program as outlined above. Your cooperation in making your child's experience the best possible, is needed. Please inform the leader of the existence of or changes in any physical, mental, emotional, or behavioral conditions and maintenance medications that may affect the youth. Please note all such conditions (example: allergies, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, attention deficit syndrome, etc.) and medications on the registration and Health/emergency forms. **THANK YOU!**

In the event of an emergency, I give permission for the Plymouth County Conservation staff or volunteers to administer first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for me/my child. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me and/or my emergency listing. I understand that if necessary, I/ this participant will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility.

_____ Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to its terms.

I give permission for my/my child's photo to be taken and used for future Plymouth County Conservation advertisements, brochures, or reports.

_____ initial _____

_____ initial _____



**Fall and Winter
2019-20
Adventure Guide**

www.plymouthcountyparks.com 712-947-4270

Fall Programs and Events

September 12 Butterfly Tagging at O'Brien Prairie 6-7pm

Take an active role in a huge, nationwide citizen science project at O'Brien Prairie. Help catch and tag monarch butterflies as they are in route to their wintering grounds in Mexico. Learn more about the prairie and the insects that utilize it in the late summer.

Participants will need to pre-register by noon on September 11th. A minimum of 6 people and maximum of 50 is set for this program. Long pants and a water bottle would be good choices for participants to have on this hike.

October 12 Halloween at Hillview 6-8pm

Campers will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. **We will take reservations for campsites on September 3rd starting at 8am by phone.**

Trick-or-treaters can park on either the north or south side of the park. Campgrounds on both sides of the park will be open for trick 'r treating. Spooky hikes start at 8pm, meet at the picnic shelter. **Be sure to check out the Festival Market from 4-6pm at the Center for Outdoor Learning before trick-or-treating!!!**



Knee High Naturalists

Knee High Naturalists is a program for 2-5 year old children and their caretakers. Each program is held at Hillview Park in the Center for Outdoor Learning at 10am. The cost is \$3.00 per child. Please register by noon, the day prior to the program. Outdoor activities will be modified if weather conditions are not favorable. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

**September 21st
October 19th
November 16th**

**Monarchs on the Move
Fall in the Forest
Creatures of the Night**

**January 18th
February 22nd
March 21st**

**Snow Much Fun
Winter in the Woods
Wacky Weather**



Winter Programs and Events

November 26th Dutch Ovens and Winter Décor 6pm-9pm
 Create and decorate a one of a kind wreath AND learn how to cook a meal in a Dutch oven. This activity is for ages 16 and older or ages 10-15 with an adult. The cost is \$40/project (includes dinner for 1) \$5/additional person. Space is limited to 20 projects.



January 18 - Becoming and Outdoors Family –Winter Fun Day 2-4pm
 Bring the whole family out for a day of fun at Hillview. We will have activity stations set up around the park for your family to try out. \$5/ person, pre-registration is required. Activities will be determined by the weather and snow conditions that day.

February 1 - Snow Scamper - 5K trail run/walk 10am-noon
 Dust off your running shoes and dig out those snowshoes. We want to see what you are made of. Plymouth County Conservation will be hosting a trail run/ walk at Hillview Park, in Hinton. Participants will receive a long sleeved 50/50 t-shirt, and snacks after the run. Early registration is \$25/ person*. Registrations received after January 20th will not be guaranteed a shirt. Snowshoes are available on a first come first served basis.
 * Long sleeved Performance Shirt is an additional \$10.

Feb/March TBA Phun Fest 3-6pm
 In conjunction with Plymouth County Pheasants Forever, we will be holding a fun event for kids at the fair grounds in LeMars. There will be conservation themed games, prizes and PIZZA!!!! The cost is \$5/ child parents can stay for free. Pre-registration is encouraged, but **please do not pre-pay.** This event is designed for kids 4 and up, but younger kids are welcome. Watch for more info later.

April 10 Good Friday Geo-Egg Hunt 1-3pm
 Egg hunts aren't just for the little kids any more. This egg hunt is for older kids and adults (youngsters are welcome). Each team will be given a GPS unit to use to find Easter Eggs hidden throughout the park. Cost is \$10/ team.

Tubing Hill

The tubing hill at Hillview will be open December - February. Public hours are from 1-5pm Saturdays, Sundays, & New Years Day. Reservations can be made for private groups beginning November 1st. Private groups can rent the hill during the week for a two hour time frame, throughout the tubing season.



Program Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency and Health Information Signature required on back

Contact _____ Phone _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

Food allergies/ restrictions _____

Other info. we should know about the participant _____

Circle what you are signing up for

*Make checks payable to **Plymouth County Conservation***

Knee High Naturalists **\$3/month**
 September /October /November/ January /February /March

Butterfly Tagging	(call 947-4270 to register)	
Dutch Ovens and Winter Decor		\$40
	extra person	\$5
Winter Fun Day	\$5/ person	\$ _____
Geo-Egg Hunt		\$10



Plymouth County Conservation Foundation's

Snow Scamper - 5K

Pick a shirt
 \$25 long sleeved 50/50
 \$35 long sleeved performance shirt

Pick a size
 YS YM YL S M L XL XXL
 \$10 late fee after January 20th

After January 20th
 call to register.
 A very limited number
 of shirts are available
 after the 20th
 Call 712-947-4270
 to reserve snowshoes.

Please make **SCAMPER** checks payable to
Plymouth County Conservation Foundation



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Plymouth County Conservation Foundation is one of the over 100 nonprofit organizations participating in the Siouxland Big Give.

You have 24 hours October 1, 2019 to help the Plymouth County Conservation Foundation continue in their efforts to improve and preserve our wildlife and recreation areas for future generations!

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Friends Fall Festival

October 12, 2019

4pm-8pm

Hillview Recreation Area

25601 C60 Hinton, Iowa



Festival Market 4pm 

 **Kids Games & Activities 4pm**

Trick 'r Treating 6pm

 **Haunted Hike**
8pm

Contact Diana for details - 712-947-4270