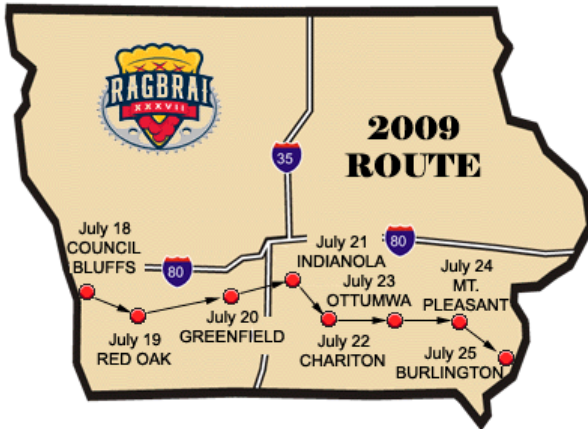


IOWA CHAPTER SWCS NEWSLETTER

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IOWA CONSERVATION TEAM 2009



We connect with *thousands* of bike riders throughout the week. Our stops are very well-known. Each year we pass out over 10,000 bananas and mail 3000-4000 postcards.

We are the *only* place along the route where riders can grab a banana, refill their water bottles, send a conservation postcard home, and **of course** talk with educated folks about conservation! We will have daily conservation education displays and activities.

VOLUNTEERS play a critical role in making the Conservation Partner Tents a success. We **need 4-5**

volunteers every day. Volunteers hand out bananas and postcards, fill coolers with water and ice, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY** talk with riders about soil and water conservation. *Contact the team leaders listed below to volunteer.*

DATE	TEAM LEADER	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Sunday, July 19	Greg Mathis	(712)482-6408	greg.mathis@ia.usda.gov
Monday, July 20	Missy Johnson	(712)542-5484	melissa.johnson3@ia.usda.gov
Tuesday, July 21	Alan Lange	(515)462-2961	alan.lange@ia.usda.gov
Wednesday, July 22	Dora Guffey	(641)437-4376	dora.guffey@ia.usda.gov
Thursday, July 23	Tammy Eakins	(641)664-2600	tammy.eakins@ia.usda.gov
Friday, July 24	Sarah Ham	(319)653-6654	sarah.ham@ia.usda.gov

Project AWARE

June 20-27, 2009 on the Cedar River

Get your lifejackets ready for the 7th Annual Project AWARE (A Watershed River Expedition)! Project AWARE is a river clean-up project sponsored by the Iowa DNR and private donors. Each day is 9-16 miles long with both on-river and evening educational programs. You can volunteer for a day or the whole week. This year's route is about 90 miles on the Cedar River; starting north of Cedar Rapids and ending northwest of Muscatine. In 2008, 65% of the trash was recycled. Selected trash is turned into a unique sculpture to help tell the Project's story. For more information, check out the Project AWARE website at <http://www.iowaprojectaware.com/> or contact Nicky Williams at nichole.williams@ia.usda.gov.



SWCS International Conference

Dearborn, MI
July 11-15, 2009

For more information, check out:

http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/2009_annual_conference/.

Career development grants are available for Iowa SWCS Members who attend. Please submit application to Stacy Schlader, Iowa Chapter Secretary. The application is available on the Iowa SWCS Website at:

<http://www.iaswcs.org/career%20development.html>.



IPTV Festival 2009

Hi Dennis,

Thank you for your personal involvement in bringing volunteers from the Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society to FESTIVAL '09. I appreciate all the effort required at your end to make it a successful event for everyone involved. It was a pleasure to work with you.



Thanks to your group's efforts, FESTIVAL was very successful with over 1.5 million pledged! On Saturday, February 28th your group staffed the phone bank and helped take **176** pledges that raised **\$17,855!** We hope the folks in your group had a good time. We truly couldn't have attained our success without great groups like yours!

We enjoy our partnership with your group very much and look forward to working together again. There will be a smaller pledge drive the first weekend in December. I'll be contacting your group in November to see if you'd like to participate. Thank you again for all your support of Iowa Public Television!

Darla Hassebroek

Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator
Friends of IPTV



Iowa SWCS Summer Training Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2009
Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters
206 Polk Street, Pisgah, IA 51564

SUMMER MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

- 9:30 AM Registration – Meet at the Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters, coffee and donuts provided
- 10:00 AM Welcome by Weston Dittmer, Southwest Region Representative
Iowa SWCS updates and upcoming activities by Mike Sucik, President
- 10:15 AM Loess Hills State Forest Presentation- History, Management and Land Acquisition – Brent Olsen, Manager
- 11:15 AM Lunch- Steak sandwich by Harrison County Cattlemen
- 12:00 PM Load Busses- will be touring Small’s Fruit Farm. Small’s Fruit Farm is a family business passed down from several generations specializing in apple production.
- 2:00 PM Load Busses- will be touring Sawmill Hollow Aronia Berry Farm. Sawmill Hollow Aronia Berry Farm is a relatively new business in Western Iowa and is finding some success as the aronia berry gains popularity as a health food.
- 4:30 PM Social at Willow Lake Recreation Area (8 miles east of Pisgah on F20 or Easton Tr)
- 5:00 PM Dinner- Casey’s Pizza

Overnight Accommodations: Campsites available at Willow Lake first come basis, hotels located in Missouri Valley (20 mile drive) or Council Bluffs/Omaha (50 mile drive). Maps for the meeting will be available on the Iowa SWCS website, www.iaswcs.org/.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send registration form to: Weston Dittmer, 3381 Waverly Ave, Shelby, IA 51570 by June 12.
Please call Weston Dittmer at 402-650-4702 for any questions or accommodations.

Registration price: Members - \$25 Non-Members - \$35

Please make checks payable to Iowa SWCS.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Will you be camping Friday night after the social? ____ Yes ____ No

(I may be able to reserve campsites if there is interest.)

Will you be staying for the evening meal? ____ Yes ____ No

Number Amount Total Registration Enclosed

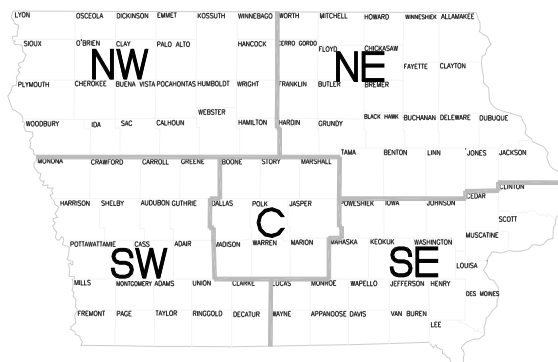
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Iowa SWCS Board Member Nominations

Yes, it's that time again to nominate fellow members (OR YOURSELF) to become an EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER! The following board positions are up for nomination this year:



- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Northwest Area Chair
- Southeast Area Chair



If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Robert Lawson at robert.lawson@ia.usda.gov or 712.755.2417. Elections will take place at the Iowa Chapter Annual Meeting in September. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JULY 31, 2009.**

CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY IOWA CHAPTER ARTICLE V – Officers

Section 4. The **President-elect** shall automatically become President when the President's term expires (or the position otherwise becomes vacant). The Present-elect may appoint committee members and plan activities to become effective at the time he or she becomes President. In the absence of the President, the President-elect shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the President. The President-elect serves as delegate to SWCS International Advisory Council, unless the Executive Committee appoints someone else for a specific year.

Section 5. The **Secretary** shall give notice of Chapter meetings and other activities to all Chapter members; keep a record of all business meetings; be responsible for all Chapter correspondence; keep the master copy of the Bylaws, membership list, and other records belonging to the Chapter or pertaining to its business; and perform other duties incident to the office of Secretary. In collaboration with the immediate Past-President, shall prepare annual report of the Chapter to be presented at the annual meeting of the Chapter and to be forwarded to the Executive Officer of the Society.

Section 7. The **Membership Secretary** shall maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of all members of the Chapter. This includes the responsibility for collecting the Chapter dues from those who neglect to pay them when paying dues to the Society.

Section 8. The **Area Chairman** shall coordinate the work of the Chapter in his/her area and be responsible for at least one area activity each year.

AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

IOWA SWCS CHAPTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iowa SWCS Chapter is proud to offer Memorial Scholarships to help those interested in furthering their education and careers in a soil conservation/natural resources related field. This financial aid opportunity is in honor of David L. Schnur, Newman Lyle, and Krsnak-Runyan-Ward. Scholarships are awarded to Iowa residents each fall for up to \$500 each.

Priority will be given to applicants pursuing a full-time degree while attending school on a full-time basis; have demonstrated integrity, ability, and competence in their work. Second priority will be given to applicants doing single or multiple course work toward a degree while attending school part-time. SWCS members will also be given a preference.

For more information and an application, go to the Iowa SWCS Chapter website at www.iaswcs.org/ or contact Dennis Schrodt at 515-342-2917 or dennis.schrodt@ia.usda.gov. The deadline for application is **June 30, 2009** and must be submitted to the Iowa Soil & Water Conservation Society. Please encourage suitable applicants to apply.

CONSERVATION AWARD DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2009

Awards are a great way to reinforce the positive conservation related activities people do throughout the year. The Iowa Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) will be presenting one or more **Friends of Conservation Awards** at the annual meeting to be held September 5, 2008. The Iowa Chapter has decided to consolidate award categories into the Friend of Conservation Award. Nominations should be submitted to recognize contributions and achievements in soil and water conservation for things such as:

- Media coverage
- Grassland management
- Natural areas management
- Contributions to a special conservation project or demonstration
- Achievements in water quality issues
- Other outstanding achievements for soil and water conservation by an individual, organization, company, or community.

Go to www.iaswcs.org/conservationawards.html to download the nomination form. Submit your award nominations to Dora Guffey by **August 1, 2009**. Please take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to someone who has done a good job with conservation work.

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2009 Calendar of Events



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Project AWARE – June 20-27, 2009

International SWCS Conference, Dearborn, MI – July 11-15, 2009

RAGBRAI – Iowa Conservation Team, July 19-25, 2009

Annual Meeting, TBA – September 18, 2009

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