

Johnson County Conservation VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

September 2023

We need your help for the following volunteer positions and events!

Prairie Seed Harvests

Helping to harvest prairie seeds allows volunteers to take up an active role in the restoration of our county's native ecosystems, and all collected seed is used for JCC's restoration projects for the next year. The task itself is easy for all ages of volunteers, and no background experience is necessary. Some events require hiking between one and two miles over uneven and mildly sloped terrain. For anyone with mobility limitations, the Senior Seed Harvests are best, and will feature harvest options very close to parking areas. All locations are subject to change based on seed conditions. Updates will be shared via email with all registered participants. Events dependent on weather and dry seed conditions.

<https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/events>

Contact: kmorrow@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Prairie Seed Harvest Dates/Locations:

Wednesday, Sept 6, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, Sept 27, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, Oct 4, 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Williams Prairie State Preserve, F.W. Kent Park

Monday, Oct 11, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Valley View, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, Oct 18, 9:00 - 11:30 AM
Cedar River Crossing, F.W. Kent Park

Senior Seed Harvest
Wednesday, Oct 25, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Full(ish) Moon Seed Harvest:
Wednesday, Oct 25, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Senior Seed Harvest
Wednesday, Nov 1, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
High Point, F.W. Kent Park

Sunday, Nov 5, 9:00 - 11:30 AM
Evergreen Landing, F.W. Kent Park

Sunset Seed Harvest
Wednesday, Nov 8, 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Knight Prairie Pavilion, F.W. Kent Park

Senior Seed Harvest
Wednesday, Nov 15, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Knight Prairie Pavilion, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, Nov 15, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Williams Prairie State Preserve

Flip for more volunteer needs on the backside.

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Monarch Tagging:

Take part in citizen science and monarch butterfly conservation! Volunteers needed to help catch and tag wild monarch butterflies. This effort is an important push to gather as much data as we can about monarch butterfly migration. The small tags label each butterfly with a unique number. Tagged butterflies will journey 2,000 miles to their winter home in Mexico. This activity is great for all ages. We will supply nets. Events are dependent on weather conditions. Updates will be shared via email with all registered participants. To sign up:

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Contact: **fowen@johnsoncountyiowa.gov**

Monarch Tagging Dates:

Wednesday, Aug 16, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Aug 23, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 6, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Sept 13, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 20, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Monarch Tagging Locations: All events are currently scheduled to take place at the Conservation Education Center in F.W. Kent Park. Location may be changed depending on monarch activity. Possible locations include Cedar River Crossing, Two Horse Farm, and Kent Park. Updates shared via email.



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