

# Johnson County Conservation VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

August 2024

**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 native ecosystems. This year, volunteers will have the opportunity to help with three different kinds of harvests, our standard JCC seed harvests, Senior Seed Harvests, and Project Wingspan, a program in collaboration with Pollinator Partnership. To attend a standard JCC Harvest or a Senior Seed Harvest, volunteers need only register and show up. Instruction will be provided at the start of the event. Standard JCC Harvests often involve hiking up to one mile one direction, and involve trekking into the prairie vegetation to harvest. The Senior Seed Harvests are open to all people, but are designed to be more accessible. These will be close to parking areas and target species can be harvested from paved surfaces. To attend a Project Wingspan event, volunteers will need to complete simple online training, sign up through Project Wingspan and sign a waiver, and register for the event through our MyCountyParks event page. For more information see: <https://www.pollinator.org/wingspan/seed-collection>

All locations are subject to change based on seed conditions. Updates will be shared via email with all registered participants. Events are dependent on weather and dry seed conditions.

## **General JCC Prairie Seed Harvests:**

Wednesday, September 25, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Pechman Creek Delta – seed harvest by kayak!

Wednesday, October 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Knight Prairie Pavilion, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, October 30, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
William's Prairie State Preserve

Sunday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
High Point Overlook, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
Williams Prairie State Preserve

## **Senior Seed Harvests:**

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Dam Parking Area, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Red  
Haw Shelter, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

**Flip for more volunteer needs on the backside.**

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







### **Project Wingspan Seed Harvests**

Wednesday, September 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Cedar River Crossing, North Entrance

Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, October 23, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Cedar River Crossing, North Entrance

Wednesday, November 6, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Knight Prairie Pavilion, F.W. Kent Park

### **Volunteer Monarch Tagging**

We need volunteers to help us catch wild monarch butterflies for tagging! Tagged butterflies will journey 2,000 miles to their winter home in Mexico. Events are dependent on weather conditions and location may be changed depending on monarch activity. Updates will be shared via email with all registered participants.

Wednesday, August 28, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Cedar River Crossing

Wednesday, Sept 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Wednesday, Sept 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park



**How to sign up: To attend any of these volunteer events, sign up through the JCC Education Events page. Scan or click the QR code to the left for that link.**

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