

# Johnson County Conservation VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

October 2026

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

## **Bird Feeder Cleaning**

Friday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Kent Park, Conservation Education Center

We are looking for volunteers to help us maintain the bird feeders used at Kent Park's bird blind! A naturalist will lead volunteers in taking apart, cleaning, and re-assembling the feeders. Join for us a guided hike to look for late-season bird migrants after the cleaning session. Binoculars are available to borrow for the hike.

Sign up for this event [here](#)

## **Leaf-making Party!**

Thursday, Oct 29, 9:00 a.m. – noon  
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Help us leaf out our new oak tree display at the CEC in Kent Park! Volunteers will be led in the process to make leaves out of crepe paper that we'll attach to the tree.

Sign up for this event [here](#)

## **October Seed Harvest Dates:**

Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Valley View in Kent Park

Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Cedar River Crossing (North)

Wednesday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Cedar River Crossing (North)

*\*accessible location\**

Friday, October 23, 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Dam Parking in Kent Park

*\*accessible location\**

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Red Haw Shelter in Kent Park

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Location: Malinda Reif Reilly Fen & Prairie

For full list of prairie seed harvests or to register, please visit: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/events>

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## **CEC Host**

Second Saturdays of each month, 12:00-3:00 p.m.,  
Conservation Education Center

Volunteers help us to keep the building open for public visitor hours through the year. From September – May, we have the Conservation Education Center (CEC) in Kent Park open on the second Saturdays from 12:00 – 3:00 for visitor hours. We put together themed activities for each month in the classroom for visitors to enjoy along with exploring the Discovery Room displays and saying “hi” to the education animals. Folks who enjoy chatting with others would be a good fit for this indoor sit-down task. Volunteers can choose to do one day or several each year. A 30-minute training would be provided before a host’s first session.

To sign up for a date, head to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EA4AD2BABFA7-62011178-cechost/>



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## **Clothing Swap**

Help us host another successful Clothing Swap! This will be our third swap and each time we have diverted more than 1,000 pounds of clothes from the landfill and gotten them into new homes (specifically new closets). The clothes that remained were donated to Shelter House in Iowa City and the North Liberty Food Pantry. We need help sorting clothes leading up to the event and on the event day.

**Clothes sorting:** Wednesday, January 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Clothes sorting:** Thursday, January 21, 10 a.m. - noon, or 1 - 3 p.m.

**Clothes sorting & Event Set-up:** Friday, January 22, 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m.

**Clothing Swap Event Facilitation:** Saturday, January 23, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**Clothing Swap Clean-up:** Saturday, January 23, 3 - 4 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more Clothing Swap shifts, please contact Michelle Wiegand at [MWiegand@JohnsonCountyIowa.gov](mailto:MWiegand@JohnsonCountyIowa.gov)

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