

Johnson County Conservation VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

November 2025

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

Prairie Seed Cleaning

Monday, November 24, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Conservation Education Center, F.W. Kent Park

Help process hand-harvested prairie seeds that will be used in upcoming restoration projects on JCC properties. This task is indoors and seated. It involves crumbling seed heads into buckets, stomping seeds in utility bins, and sorting seeds through metal mesh screens. This is a nice chance for chatting with new people, and we'll have snacks and tea available for a cozy fall morning.

[Link to Seed Cleaning Sign-up](#)

Questions, contact: Kristen Morrow
kmorrow@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Play Campfire Repair

Anytime this winter, from home

Our plush toy campfire is a hit with kids that visit, and they have loved it to pieces, literally. The campfire is falling apart, and we could use help from a volunteer with time to sew the pieces back together.

Contact: Kristen Morrow
kmorrow@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Clothing Swap

Help us host another successful Clothing Swap! Last year, the event diverted over 1,200 lbs of clothes from the landfill and got 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. There are two shift options for each of the days:

Clothes sorting: Wed, Dec. 3, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Clothes sorting: Thurs, Dec. 4, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Clothes sorting: Friday, Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Swap Event Facilitation: Sat, Dec. 6, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Swap Clean-up: Saturday, Dec. 6, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

[Link to December Clothing Swap Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Questions, contact: Michelle Wiegand
MWiegand@JohnsonCountyIowa.gov

CEC Host

Second Saturdays of the month, Sept-May, 12:00-3:00 p.m., all Saturdays June-August

We are seeking more individuals interested in serving as CEC Hosts during Open House days. These volunteers are JCC ambassadors, helping to greet visitors, answer basic visitor questions, and generally staff the building during these open hours. Training and information packets provided.

Questions, contact: Kristen Morrow
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