

Johnson County Conservation VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

July/August 2026

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

Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program

7:30 AM on the following dates:

7/15, 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/15

Cedar River Crossing

We're looking for passionate volunteers to join our Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program team at Cedar River Crossing! Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or just love being outdoors, this is a fantastic opportunity to make a real impact. By spending just a few hours in the field, you'll help collect critical data that supports monarch conservation on a local and national scale. Plus, it's a great way to connect with nature, learn more about pollinators, and be part of a community working toward positive change. Come be a part of something meaningful and join us in safeguarding the future of monarchs!

For more details and to register, visit: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/events>

Nets in Need!

We are looking for folks with sewing skills of any level to help us repair a variety of nets. We use nets for:

- Wetland exploration
- Monarch tagging
- Silk moth caterpillar enclosures

Volunteers can arrange to bring nets home to repair at their own convenience. Sewing materials are supplied. To arrange a time to pick up nets from the Conservation Ed Center, please contact Chelsea Cozad at ccozaad@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

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Summer BioBlitz Series:

- July 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Pechman Creek Delta
- August 4, 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Ciha Fen

Enjoy the best of Johnson County's natural spaces and contribute to citizen science at the same time! A BioBlitz is a group effort to identify what kinds of wildlife are thriving in a given area. We will focus on exploring a small area, on and off the trail, to document as many organisms as we can using the iNaturalist app! Children ages 12+ are welcome to join.

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Early Bird Volunteer Hiking Social:

August 11, 7:00 AM
F.W. Kent Park

Whether you are a veteran volunteer or someone who is interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with Johnson County Conservation, we welcome you to join us for a guided hike at F.W. Kent Park! We will meet at the Whip-Poor-Will Shelter for a 1.5 to 2 mile hike.

To RSVP for this hike, please contact: Chelsea Cozad

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