CODE OF CONDUCT
PLYMOUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION
PROGRAM DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL POLICY

Plymouth County is interested in the welfare of all adults and children. Participants in Plymouth County Conservation programs are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of staff, whether paid or volunteer, and other adults in supervisory positions. A participant’s failure and inability to follow rules and obey directions may cause a serious discipline problem. A serious discipline problem may also occur when a child hampers the smooth flow of the program by requiring constant one-on-one attention, inflicts physical or emotional harm on other children, abuses staff and adults, or is otherwise unable to conform to the rules and guidelines of the program. Kicking, biting, abusive behavior towards others, name-calling, unwanted displays of affection, and inappropriate language are examples of such unacceptable behavior.

An adult causing problems or disruptions will be reminded of the rules, then asked to leave if the problem continues.

All summer program registrants are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of the summer program leaders and other adults in supervisory positions. When a child’s behavior creates a discipline problem as described in the above Discipline and Dismissal Policy, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The child shall be separated from the problem activity or situation.
2. Staff shall help the child rejoin the group when they are ready.
3. Repeated misbehavior shall be handled through conversations with a parent.
4. The parent, child, and staff shall agree to a plan that improves behavior.
5. If improvement does not occur or a solution cannot be determined, staff may recommend that the child be dismissed from the program.

Emergency Release

NOTE: Acceptance into a program is conditioned on the above policy and the right to dismiss a participant from the program as outlined above. Your cooperation in making your child’s experience the best possible, is needed. Please note all such conditions (example: allergies, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, attention deficit syndrome, etc.) and medications on the registration and Health/emergency forms. THANK YOU!

In the event of an emergency, I give permission for the Plymouth County Conservation staff or volunteers to administer first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for me/my child. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me and/or my emergency listing. I understand that if necessary, I/this participant will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility.

Signature __________________ Date __________

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to its terms.

initial __________________

I give permission for my/my child’s photo to be taken and used for future Plymouth County Conservation advertisements, brochures, or reports.

initial __________________

Fall Programs and Events

September 12 Butterfly Tagging at O’Brien Prairie 6-7pm
Take an active role in a huge, nationwide citizen science project at O’Brien Prairie. Help catch and tag monarch butterflies as they are in route to their wintering grounds in Mexico. Learn more about the prairie and the insects that utilize it in the late summer.

Participants will need to pre-register by noon on September 11th. A minimum of 6 people and maximum of 50 is set for this program. Long pants and a water bottle would be good choices for participants to have on this hike.

October 12 Halloween at Hillview 6-8pm
Campsites will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. We will take reservations for campsites on September 3rd starting at 8am by phone. Trick-or-treaters can park on either the north or south side of the park. Campgrounds on both sides of the park will be open for trick ’r treating. Spooky hikes start at 8pm, meet at the picnic shelter. Be sure to check out the Festival Market from 4-6pm at the Center for Outdoor Learning before trick-or-treating!!!

Knee High Naturalists

Knee High Naturalists is a program for 2-5 year old children and their caretakers. Each program is held at Hillview Park in the Center for Outdoor Learning at 10am. The cost is $3.00 per child. Please register by noon, the day prior to the program. Outdoor activities will be modified if weather conditions are not favorable. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

September 21st Monarchs on the Move
November 16th Creatures of the Night
October 19th Fall in the Forest
January 18th Snow Much Fun
February 22nd Winter in the Woods
March 21st Wacky Weather
Winter Programs and Events

November 26th Dutch Ovens and Winter Décor 6pm-9pm
Create and decorate a one of a kind wreath AND learn how to cook a meal in a Dutch oven. This activity is for ages 16 and older or ages 10-15 with an adult. The cost is $40/project (includes dinner for 1) $5/additional person. Space is limited to 20 projects.

January 18 - Becoming and Outdoors Family – Winter Fun Day 2-4pm
Bring the whole family out for a day of fun at Hillview. We will have activity stations set up around the park for your family to try out. $5/person, pre-registration is required. Activities will be determined by the weather and snow conditions that day.

February 1 - Snow Scamper - 5K trail run/walk 10am-noon
Dust off your running shoes and dig out those snowshoes. We want to see what you are made of. Plymouth County Conservation will be hosting a trail run/walk at Hillview Park, in Hinton. Participants will receive a long sleeved 50/50 t-shirt, and snacks after the run. Early registration is $25/person*. Registrations received after January 20th will not be guaranteed a shirt. Snowshoes are available on a first come first served basis.
* Long sleeved Performance Shirt is an additional $10.

Feb/March TBA Phun Fest 3-6pm
In conjunction with Plymouth County Pheasants Forever, we will be holding a fun event for kids at the fair grounds in LeMars. There will be conservation themed games, prizes and PIZZA!!! The cost is $5/child parents can stay for free. Pre-registration is encouraged, but please do not pre-pay. This event is designed for kids 4 and up, but younger kids are welcome. Watch for more info later.

April 10 Good Friday Geo-Egg Hunt 1-3pm
Egg hunts aren’t just for the little kids any more. This egg hunt is for older kids and adults (younger are welcome). Each team will be given a GPS unit to use to find Easter Eggs hidden throughout the park. Cost is $10/team.

Tubing Hill

The tubing hill at Hillview will be open December - February. Public hours are from 1-5pm Saturdays, Sundays, & New Years Day. Reservations can be made for private groups beginning November 1st. Private groups can rent the hill during the week for a two hour time frame, throughout the tubing season.

Program Registration Form

Participant’s Name: ____________________ Age: __________
Address: __________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Phone: ______________ Email: ____________________________

Emergency and Health Information
Signature required on back
Contact ____________________________________ Phone __________
Doctor’s Name _______________________________ Phone _________
Food allergies/ restrictions ____________________________
Other info. we should know about the participant ________________

Circle what you are signing up for
Make checks payable to Plymouth County Conservation

Knee High Naturalists $3/month
September /October /November/ January /February /March

Butterfly Tagging (call 947-4270 to register) $40
Dutch Ovens and Winter Decor extra person $5
Winter Fun Day $5/person $_____
Geo-Egg Hunt $10

Plymouth County Conservation Foundation’s

Snow Scamper - 5K
Pick a shirt
$25 long sleeved 50/50
$35 long sleeved performance shirt
Pick a size
YS YM YL S M L XL XXL
$10 late fee after January 20th

Please make SCAMPER checks payable to Plymouth County Conservation Foundation

Mail to
PCCB—Programs
PO Box 1053
Hinton, IA 51024

After January 20th call to register.
A very limited number of shirts are available after the 20th
Call 712-947-4270 to reserve snowshoes.