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## August 2017

### Updates from ICEC

**Call for Nominations***ICEC is looking for new Executive Committee members!*

ExCom members serve ICEC by setting the vision for the organization. ExCom members have the chance to develop leadership skills, meet fellow educators and conservationists, and contribute skills and knowledge. Serving on ExCom is open to all ICEC members. If you are interested in joining us, please email Alicia at [execicec@gmail.com](mailto:execicec@gmail.com) for a nomination form and more information! Nomination forms are due October 25, 2017 and voting for open positions will run from November 1 to December 31, 2017. Join us and make a difference for conservation and environmental education in Iowa!

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## Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

**Sept. 10, 2017**

ICEC Member Day at  
Reiman Gardens  
Reiman Gardens,  
Ames, Iowa

**Sept. 13-14, 2017**

Quad Cities Pollinator

### Iowa Core-Aligned Programs

*Programs aligned with the Iowa Core Science Standards are now available online.* These programs have been adapted from the work of participants in the 2016 summer work sessions and the 2016 and 2017 Winter Workshops. Thank you to everyone who worked hard on aligning these programs! Participants considered the three dimensions of the Iowa Core Science Standards and aligned the programs to grade specific standards. ICEC is proud to be able to provide these programs for use by naturalists and other non-formal educators across the state of Iowa that are looking for Iowa Core aligned programs. [Access the programs here](#)

### Professional Development Scholarships Now Available

*ICEC is proud to provide scholarships to ICEC members for professional development workshops and conferences to help them develop as environmental educators.* Scholarship requests up to \$100 will be considered and awarded by our Scholarship Committee. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with up to 10 being awarded within a calendar year. The workshop or conference must be directly related to environmental or conservation education. [Learn more and download the application form here](#)

### We Want to Hear From You!

*ICEC wants to know what you think!* If you are a teacher or naturalist, please take our survey below. It should only take **2-3 minutes** and will help us know how to better serve you, our members! Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Survey for Teachers**

## Survey for Naturalists

Conference  
*RiverCenter,  
 Davenport, Iowa*

### Oct. 8-9, 2017

Elements of STEM  
 Conference  
*FFA Enrichment Center,  
 DMACC Ankeny  
 Campus, Ankeny, Iowa*

### Oct. 11-14, 2017

Midwest Environmental  
 Education Conference  
*Q Center, St. Charles,  
 Illinois*

### Oct. 18-21, 2017

NAAEE 46th Annual  
 Conference  
*Caribe Hilton, San  
 Juan, Puerto Rico*

### Oct. 28, 2017

Growing Up WILD  
 Workshop  
*Foster Center,  
 Montezuma, Iowa*

### Nov. 6-7, 2017

Inclusive Praxis for 21st  
 Century Education:

## Engaging Students in High Quality Project-Based Learning Through the Ames Students Aiding Pollinators Project at Ames High School



Mike Todd gives the OLE Advisory Board a tour of the Ames High School prairie restoration project in early August

*by Mike Todd, Ames High School Science Teacher*

“I think I’m done,” Josh says as he turns a computer to show me his first draft of the ASAP logo that will be used on every other student pollinator project. As our conversation develops and he takes notes about the critiques I offer up, he realizes he isn’t done; not even close. Josh struggles through 8 more revisions, some followed by multiple possibilities that he sends out to 240 students for them to vote on and give feedback. After he submits the final version of the logo, we have a conversation about the process he went through to create

Advocacy, Challenges,  
and the 21st Century  
*Maucker Union,*  
*University of Northern*  
*Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa*

**For more events,  
check out our  
website!**

**NAAEE Annual  
Conference: Early  
Bird Registration  
Ends August 31st!**



This year's North American Association for Environmental Education conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico! [Early bird registration ends on August 31st.](#) This promises to be an excellent conference in a beautiful setting. We would love to have an Iowa delegation there! Let us know if you are attending or have questions about the conference-- email Alicia at [excecicec@gmail.com](mailto:excecicec@gmail.com).

it. He sees how much better the end product is compared it to his first draft, and credits the critique and revision process. Project-Based Learning (PBL) can be powerful for students when processes like critique and revision are incorporated into a project that connects content with making a real difference in the community. [Read More...](#)

## **Rescheduled: Join us for ICEC Member Day at Reiman Gardens!**

In partnership with Reiman Gardens, ICEC is proud to present a free day for ICEC members at Reiman Gardens on September 10th! Join us starting at 12:30 PM for a presentation from the Reiman Gardens education staff, followed by a picnic lunch in the gardens- bring your sack lunch! You'll then have the chance to explore the gardens at your leisure. This is a special opportunity for our members so we hope you will join us for a day of learning, networking, and fun!

**Members must RSVP by September 8th.**

**RSVP!**



## Teaching

## Resource

## Highlight:

## FoodSpan



[FoodSpan](#) is a free high school curriculum developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future about food and how it gets from farms to forks. Features include: 17 inquiry-based lesson plans, 2 short films, and 100+ activities and extensions that can serve as homework assignments or group projects. FoodSpan lessons are aligned to national education standards, relevant to students' lived experiences, easy-to-use, and customizable. Educators can choose to work through the entire curriculum or teach stand-alone lessons on topics of interest like food waste, agroecology, or climate change.

The Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organized in 1958! ICEC's purpose is to promote and support conservation education and

## Congratulations to the 2017 Conservation Teacher of the Year Award Winners!

ICEC, with the co-sponsorship of the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program, is proud to have awarded Sue Sparrow Meggers and Louis Beck as this year's Division I and II Conservation Teacher of the Year! This award is given annually to two classroom teachers who are creating awareness in their classrooms and beyond about the need to safeguard our soil and water. The awards were presented during the Annual Conference for Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners on July 17th.

[Read More...](#)



## A Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for your support of ICEC! We are proud to continue to provide you with opportunities to learn, network, and recognize the best in environmental education across our state. Without the ongoing strength and leadership of loyal friends, ICEC would not be able to continue planning workshops and providing support for environmental education in the state of Iowa.

Help strengthen our community by [donating](#) to ICEC.

environmental education in Iowa. Your membership supports excellence in conservation education in our state!

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Your gift would be put to use immediately to support conservation education efforts in the state of Iowa. **Your contribution is fully tax-deductible:**

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Thank you for all you have done for ICEC. If you have questions or suggestions for ICEC, please do not hesitate to contact me at [execicec@gmail.com](mailto:execicec@gmail.com) or 515-729-1047.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we value your continued membership and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



Alicia Vasto

Executive Director  
Iowa Conservation Education Coalition



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