Park Packs' Character Counts for the Outdoors

RESPECT - Be considerate of the beauty of the outdoors. Don't break off tree limbs, chop down live trees or pick wildflowers.

RESPONSIBILITY – Leave nature better than when you found it. Pick up trash, hike only on the trails.

CARING – Quietly observe nature, don't feed or harm wild animals. Understand the connections of all life on Earth.

TRUSTWORTHINESS - Have the courage to lead by example and do the right thing in taking care of the environment.

FAIRNESS - Follow the conservation rules at the park/ natural area you are visiting so all people can have a positive experience when visiting natural areas.

CITIZENSHIP - Learn ways to help the environment and actions you can take to make the World better. Plant a tree or prairie, use less chemicals, recycle, make your home energy efficient, become informed on environmental issues volunteer your time at a local parks.

A little background...

These activity packs were designed to help families, scout groups, home schoolers, and other groups explore the wonders of nature around them. Each pack comes with a field guide and a variety of activities and fun facts to assist in the discovery of the specific nature topic.

Ways to use a Park Pack:

- ♦Take on a camping trip with your family
- ♦Use with a youth group.
- ♦Take on day trips or weeklong vacations.
- ♦Use in your backyard or local park.
- ♦Use with home schooled children.

Check out a Park Pack: FREE for up to 2 weeks!

Contact Lori Foresman-Kirpes at (515) 323-5380 to reserve your Park Pack today!

For more info, call the Polk County Conservation Board at 515-323-5300 or www.conservationboard.org or e-mail us at pccb_info@co.polk.ia.us

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Nature-themed backpacks

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10 Nature-Themed Backpacks include:

Park Packs will get you hiking, investigating and learning about Iowa's natural resources.

1. Animals of Iowa

Learn to identify animal tracks, feel furs, play a habitat game and sing the habitat song in this activity packed park pack..

2. Birds

Binoculars, field guide, bird identiflier and fun birding activities are included in this park pack. Pack has been *sponsored by the Des Moines Audubon Society.*

3. Creatures of the Night

Bats, frog calls, firefly talk and Owl calling are just some of the creature topics included in this park pack of the night.

4. Geology Rocks

Discover the different types of rocks in your local park or backyard. Make a chalk drawing or sand art picture. Find your favorite rock and make a fossil rub.

5. Insect Safari

Use the nets, bug cubes and insect field guide to discover the variety of insects in your backyard or local park. Learn to dance like a bee, create your own bug song, and build your very own bug.

6. Life in a Pond

Use the aquatic animal matching cards to discover the variety of animal life in the pond. Write water messages on stones, make the frog sounds of a wetland. Enjoy Billie B's Romp in the swamp tape and boogie down to the beat!

7. Outdoor Skills

Practice your orienteering skills, take a hike and make your own map, learn how to tie a variety of knots, and learn important outdoor ethics.

8. Prairies

Listen to the sounds of the prairie, create prairie artistry, play a prairie camoflauge game, identify prairie plants and flowers.

9. Treeific Trees

Play the tree board game, measure the heigth and width of the largest tree in your area. Use the tree leaf stamps to create your own field guide, build a human tree and boogie down with Billie B as he sings about trees.

10. Wildflowers and Plants

Go on your own wildflower hunt with the field guide, make a leaf imprint with leaf pounding, read how to plant a rainbow and a sunflower house.

Looking for Park Pack Sponsors!

If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring a nature pack please contact Lori at 515-323-5380.