

Whiterock Conservancy

2013 Calendar of Events

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May



May 11th - Volunteer Work Day

Come join Whiterock and help save our savannas and prairies in the battle against Invasive Species from 12:30-5:00. Volunteers are needed to help locate and remove invasive species throughout the property. We hope to achieve our first steps in reducing this ongoing issue. Please wear appropriate clothing, gloves, and sturdy shoes. Meet in the campgrounds at 12:30.

May 18th - Raccoon River House Concert at the River House Dance Barn

Local singer/song writer & modern day troubadour Chad Elliott will be performing a blend of roots, blues, & folk music at the River House Dance Barn on Fig Avenue. Doors open tentatively at 7:00 pm and the concert starts at 7:30 pm. Please bring a donation for the musician, and perhaps a snack to share.



June

June 8th - River Clean Up (weather permitting)

Everyone is invited to join Whiterock staff and the Carroll County Conservation from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm as we float the Middle Raccoon River from Coon Rapids to the River House campground, cleaning up any debris cluttering our beautiful river. Everyone is welcome to help, but canoe space is limited, please RSVP to 712-684-2964 x112 or guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org, or bring your own canoe or kayak.



July

July 12th & 13th BioBlitz

Come explore our seven square miles of prairies, timbers, and river bottoms with expert scientists, as they seek to identify all the creatures (insects, plants, birds, etc.) that can be found within a 24-hour period (Friday noon-Saturday noon). This is a great opportunity for family learning, and also a wonderful chance to broaden your knowledge. Come join us and get to know what Whiterock Conservancy has to offer.



August

August 29th - September 2nd - Annual Star Party

Astronomers from across the Midwest, drawn by the darkest skies in Iowa, are gathering at Whiterock at the end of August for the 9th annual Star Party. The general public is invited out to Whiterock's Star Field at dusk on Friday August 30th (assuming clear skies), to see the wonders of the universe through the telescopes of more than a dozen volunteer astronomers. Free will donations are welcomed.



July 19th Whiterock 3rd Annual River Float (weather permitting)

Join Whiterock staff at 1:00 pm as we enjoy a hot July Friday afternoon float down the river from Coon Rapids to the River House campgrounds. Everyone is welcome but space is limited, so please RSVP to 712-684-2964 x112 or guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org. You are also welcome to bring your own canoe or kayak.

October

October 24th Fall Family Hayrack Ride

Bring your family out for our 3rd annual fall family get-together after school from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. There will be hayrack rides for the kids, apple cider, coffee, and cookies. A perfect way to set the stage for Halloween! All ages welcome!



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Late May- AmeriCorps Volunteer Work Day

Iowa Department of Natural Resources' AmeriCorps group joins Whiterock staff annually for an afternoon of volunteer work throughout the property. We are very grateful for all their hard work each year.



June 16th- Father's Day Weekend

Enjoy the great outdoors with the special father in your life this weekend. Whether he would enjoy camping or renting a cottage, hiking or horseback riding through the woods, canoeing or kayaking on the Middle Raccoon River, seeing the historic farm visited by Soviet Premier Khrushchev in 1959, or just spending a lazy day playing with a dog next to a fishing pond, we have the perfect place!



November

November 2nd & 3rd Public Art for Rural Communities

Starting Friday afternoon, Whiterock will host art enthusiasts from around the region, as we gather to discuss how even very small rural communities can install and enjoy great public art. The event will include a tour of town art ranging from our monumental Hybrid Icons installed by Iowa's premier public artist David Dahlquist, to a variety of local pieces using local materials (think corn-planter plates!). Stay over Saturday to start your Christmas shopping at Coon Rapids' wonderful annual Raccoon River Art Fair, featuring great music, local food, and home-grown fine art.