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# "i Volunteer" Newsletter

## 2010 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony

To be held: **Saturday August 21, 11:00 a.m. in  
Conservation World at the Illinois State Fair!**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is honoring eight individuals and three groups as Outstanding Volunteers of the Year for service to Illinois citizens and visitors through volunteer efforts on behalf of the IDNR. The awards will be presented during a ceremony in Conservation World at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 21.

"The IDNR is fortunate to have hundreds of volunteers who are doing great work on projects and programs at state parks and on conservation and natural resources stewardship efforts all over the state," said IDNR Director Marc Miller. "This recognition program is one way we can thank them for the valuable service and expertise they provide to us and to the people of the State of Illinois." This year's honorees are:

- **BOB CLARK**, nominated by Beth Shea, Illinois State Museum Education Chairperson
- **JOHN DYER** and **ANGELA DYER**, nominated by Herb Dreier, Region II Urban Fishing Coordinator
- **BILL FRITZ**, nominated by Randy Sauer, Region IV Streams Specialist
- **ILLINOIS ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**, nominated by David Cassens, Special Events, Programs and Promotions Division Director
- **TOM JAMES**, nominated by John Bunnell, Eldon Hazlet State Park Natural Resource Coordinator
- **BOB PRESCOTT**, nominated by Jay Williams, Disabled Outdoor Opportunities Coordinator
- **QUAD CITIES NATURAL AREA GUARDIANS**, nominated by Angella Moorehouse, INPC Area 4 Natural Areas Preservation Specialist
- **DON READHEAD**, nominated by Paul Brewer, District Wildlife Biologist
- **SALT LICK POINT LAND & WATER RESERVE COMMITTEE**, nominated by INPC Area 7 Natural Areas Preservation Specialist
- **+ A SURPRISE NOMINEE!**



*Participants look on as Jay Williams, Disabled Outdoor Opportunities Program Coordinator and Volunteer Bob Prescott give instructions at the Rend Lake Annual Shooting Classic*

**COME JOIN US IN CONSERVATION WORLD AT THE  
SPRINGFIELD FAIR THIS YEAR AND ENJOY THE  
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR  
CEREMONY AUGUST 21. IT BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M.  
AT THE ILLINOIS GREEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER.**

## Volo Bog State Natural Area Seeks Volunteer Youth Program Naturalists

Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside, IL is looking for one or two adults to fill positions as volunteer **Youth Program Naturalists** (YPNs). The position involves a commitment of one 4.5 hour day per week throughout the school year, including winter.



Volunteer YPNs lead two 90-minute to 2-hour guided tours of Volo Bog each day. Opportunities to lead other nature programs are also available. Students range from age seven through high school with the bulk of students being between 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Group size for Bog Tours is typically 12 - 17 people.

This is a great opportunity for individuals who enjoy sharing nature with children. The ideal candidate may be a stay-at-home parent with children in school, a retired individual looking for a way to stay involved, or someone whose work schedule allows for weekday volunteering. No prior experience is necessary. On-the-job training will provide the information, experience and confidence necessary to enjoy this rewarding opportunity.

Volunteering for Volo Bog State Natural Area's educational programs allows adults to share their love and enthusiasm for the natural world while helping to provide a valuable extension to the interpretive programs at the site. Volunteers meet new people, develop new skills, learn more about the natural world and about Volo Bog, Illinois' only remaining open-water quaking bog.

Interested adults should send a short email note to Site Naturalist Stacy Iwanicki through [dnr.volobog@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.volobog@illinois.gov) explaining their reasons for interest in this opportunity. Please include daytime phone number(s) for contact, as well as a home address to which a volunteer application may be sent.

### Late Summer Safety Tips:

**Tip 1: Hydrate!**

**Tip 2: Screen your skin!**

**Tip 3: Cool off!**

**Tip 4: Know your limits!**

**Tip 5: Learn the signs!**

## Goose Lake Prairie SNA Needs Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering at Goose Lake Prairie SNA in Morris, IL? Weekend desk service positions are available! You can call the Park Desk at 815-942-2899.

ALSO - September 18th is the 13th Annual Prairie Day at Goose Lake Prairie SNA and volunteers are needed. This is a great event which includes presentations on nature and the environment, together with lots of projects for children. Check out their website at <http://gooselakeprairie.org/prairieday.htm> . Call Susie Johnson, President of the Goose Lake Prairie Partner Friends Group at 815-942-1838 or email her at [cjohnson0969@comcast.net](mailto:cjohnson0969@comcast.net) .





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*The IDNR Volunteer Network Program utilizes thousands of volunteers each year. The volunteers who devote their time and efforts are a vital resource in the management and protection of our natural and recreational resources. Our volunteers are individuals, community organizations, youth groups, retired people, families and people of all ages and backgrounds who would like to help us fulfill our mission "to manage, protect and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources, provide resource-compatible recreational opportunities and promote natural resource-related public safety, education and science".*

*Thank you volunteers for giving back to your community!*

*For more information, you may email*

**Dianne Blasa**, the Volunteer Network Program Manager at: [dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov)

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<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/index.htm>

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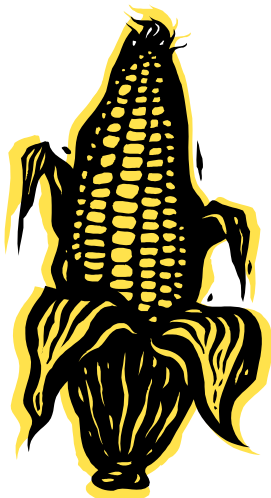
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## Have you visited Conservation World?

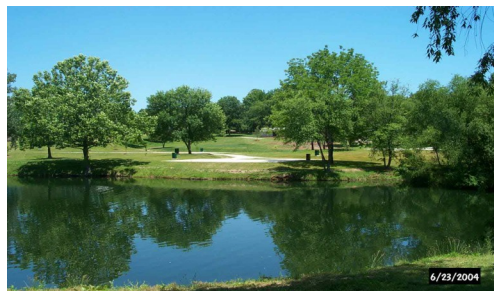
Conservation World is a 30-acre park with grass, shade trees, ponds and picnic tables on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Visitors can relax, enjoy nature and learn about some great ways to spend time outdoors. It is all part of the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 13-22 in Springfield. Conservation World is located on the northwest corner of the fairgrounds, next to IDNR Headquarters, with free activities and exhibits open to state fair visitors daily from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Read entire Press Release at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/PressRelease/ConservationWorld-State%20Fair-aug2010.pdf>



*The theme of this year's State Fair is "Cream of the Crop,"*



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