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Registration Deadline: April 25, 2022
Registration Fee: $60
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Questions?

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Master Conservationist Program

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Program Details

Session 1 - Introduction
May 5th 6-9 pm; Lake Red Rock Visitors Center
1105 N Highway T15, Knoxville
This opening session will introduce the class participants to one another and to the instructors of the course. We will kick off the session with a light dinner and go over the details of the course structure and future sessions meeting locations.

Session 2 - Land, Water, and Conservation
May 12th 6-9 pm; Ashton-Wildwood Park
8717 W 122nd St N, Mingo
During the online session you will learn the meaning of conservation. The in-field session will focus on geology and water features, exploring the shape and character of the land. We will explore and discuss the different landform regions found in the area and how they affect land use and natural communities.

Session 3 - Forests
May 19th 6-9pm; Quercus Wildlife Area
3139 Kent Avenue, Oskaloosa
The online materials will explore the history and current status of forested ecosystems in Iowa and challenges with their management and conservation. The in-person session will look at a forested area and discuss forest health, management, improvement, plant identification, value to wildlife, and more.

Session 4 - Prairies
May 26th 6-9pm; Neil Smith Wildlife Refuge
9981 Pacific St, Prairie City
Your online lecture will define prairies, their value, and their history in Iowa. The in-person session will visit one of Iowa’s largest prairie’s to explore the ecology and function of the area, benefit to wildlife, plant identification, management, and more.

Session 5 - Aquatic Environments
June 2nd 6-9pm; Lake Red Rock
Shelter To Be Announced (TBA)
1105 N Highway T15, Knoxville
The online lecture will take you through the wide range of aquatic ecosystems in the state in detailed discussion. During the in-person session we will explore parts of Lake Red Rock and the unique qualities of its aquatic environment.

Session 6 - Watersheds
June 9th 6-9pm; Drake Community Library
930 Park St, Grinnell
The online lesson will help guide you in culminating your knowledge to help solve some of the challenges facing Iowa’s natural resources today. The in-person session will explore a variety of conservation practices and their effect on Iowa’s natural resources.

Session 7 - Planting the Seeds of Conservation
June 27th 6-9pm;
Conrad Environmental Research Area (CERA),
22203 S 12th St, Kellogg
The final module builds on the understanding of the natural areas and conservation practices and seeks to explore the human aspect of conservation. During our final in-person meeting we will reflect on the course and the meaning of conservation with a potluck style meal and celebration!

Program Overview
The Master Conservationist Program is working to “Plant the Seeds of Conservation” in Iowa through an intensive educational curriculum that blends online lessons with in-person field experiences with local conservation leaders and passionate citizens.

This program is presented in a flipped classroom format where participants will watch online videos at home prior to sessions 2-7. The in-person sessions will begin with an outdoor nature hike discussing the topic at hand followed by a snack and classroom presentation.