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Executive Director: James Janett

Dear Driftless Area Educators:

The Allamakee County Conservation Board would like to invite you and your students to the new Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center (Driftless Center) in Lansing, Iowa.

The Driftless Center is a 10,000 square foot environmental education facility operated by the Allamakee County Conservation Board. The building is situated on the shores of the Mississippi River in the heart of the Driftless Area. It features interpretive displays based on the flora and fauna, Native American history, commercial industry, and unique geology of the Driftless Area. Many of the interpretive displays feature hands on activities and were professionally designed by Split Rock Studios of St. Paul, MN to accommodate all age ranges of visitors. The Driftless Center offers field trip opportunities throughout the entire school year with several options to match the grade and curriculum of your students.

Field trips to the Driftless Center are designed and lead by staff of the Allamakee County Conservation Board with the help of your teachers. Staff members of the Driftless Center are professionally trained in environmental education and can match the programs with any level of students that wish to visit the Driftless Center. Field trips to the Driftless Center can range from 2 hours to an entire day. All field trips are FREE of charge to all schools and nonprofit education groups!

If you would like to learn more or schedule a field trip opportunity at the Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center you may contact us at (563)538-0400 or by email at [Allamakee.naturalist@gmail.com](mailto:Allamakee.naturalist@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Ross Geerdes

Naturalist,

Allamakee County Conservation Board

To help the Staff of the Allamakee County Conservation Board and the Driftless Center best design your field trip please fill out the following information and return [accb.naturalist@gmail.com](mailto:accb.naturalist@gmail.com).

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff contact, name, phone, and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of teachers and adult chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities you are interested in:

### PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

#### Opening Activity:

Quick Frozen Critters

Pond Chorus

Tootsie Roll Activity

#### Small Group Activities:

Guided building tour

Educational movies

Live animals

Pond netting

Scavenger hunt

Unnature trail

Mammals of Iowa

Tree Detectives

### 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Opening Activity:

O! Deer

Turtle Hurdles

Tootsie Roll Activity

#### Small Group Activities:

Guided building tour

Educational movies

Live animals

Pond netting

Tracks! Tracks! Tracks!

Native American Games

Fur Trading Game

Food Chains

Plight of the Pollinator

### 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Opening Activity:

Habitat Lap Sit

Migration Headache

Survivor!

Educational movies

Geology

Live animals

Fishing

Tracks! Tracks! Tracks!

Fur Trading Game

Food Chains

Plight of the Pollinator

Water Sampling

Navigation and Orienteering

#### Small Group Activities:

Guided building tour