

Midwinter Thaw Nature Photography Workshop

February 20, 2010

9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg

Are you interested in viewing and photographing nature? Join us for a day of fun and learning. The public workshop, titled “Midwinter Thaw”, is being sponsored by Iowa Lakes Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), Palo Alto County Conservation Board, O’Brien County Conservation Board and Clay County Conservation Board. The goal of the workshop is to encourage more people to get outside and become involved in nature. There is a dramatic upswing in wildlife and nature viewing locally and throughout the country. Nature photography is often the next step for many people as they become interested in our natural resources. There are many types of nature photography ranging from wildlife to landscapes. Close up views of a honeybee on a Wild Bergamot prairie flower can be just as captivating as a panoramic photo of a sunset over Lost Island Lake. The number of people interested in learning about taking good nature photos is growing. Topics like picking out the right camera equipment and its proper use; and marketing and selling your work will all be covered in the Nature Photography Workshop.

There will be four professional photographers presenting at the workshop: Don Poggensee/Ida Grove, Stan Buman/Carroll, Dan Ruf/Spirit Lake and

Bruce Morrison/Hartley. All are from the northwest Iowa area and each have had much experience in this field. These photographers will provide insight into how they achieve success in nature photography.

The Northwest Iowa Watchable Wildlife project will also be highlighted at the workshop. Currently this project covers 13 counties in northwest Iowa and emphasizes the nearly 500 county conservation and DNR public areas throughout the region. To learn more about the Watchable Wildlife project you can visit the Northwest Iowa Watchable wildlife web site at: <http://www.watchablewildlifewia.org>

The photo workshop will be held at the Emmetsburg Iowa Lakes Community College campus on Saturday, February 20th. There will be a \$20 registration fee to cover presenter expenses and lunch. Registration is required for the workshop so we can plan for food and materials.

To register or ask questions about the workshop contact the Iowa Lakes RC&D office at 712-262-2083 or the County Conservation Board Naturalists from Palo Alto – 712-837-4866, O'Brien – 712-295-7200, or Clay County – 712-262-2187.