

THE HISTORY OF THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER began in the early 1990's. Steve Garst, Joe Halbur, and Dave Olson and others were involved in some of the early brainstorming about the possibility of a regional environmental education facility located in Swan Lake State Park. The 1999 five-year plan for Carroll County Conservation included the first concrete proposal, and a fundraising drive was initiated shortly thereafter.

Construction began in 2003. Doors opened in late October of 2004 with programs and room rentals beginning January 2005. A grand opening was held in April 2005. The price tag of the Center was \$1.8 million, with the local community putting in several thousand additional hours of volunteer help and hundreds of thousands of dollars of local in-kind donations. The funding sources of the Education Center demonstrate the regional support of the project, with 47% of the funding coming from outside Carroll County and 17% from outside Iowa. Only 15% of the project was financed through Carroll County taxpayers. The remainder was from local support.

THE CARROLL COUNTY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION is a nonprofit group of interested citizens that meets regularly throughout the year to provide input regarding fundraising and educational programming at the Center. The financial support of the Foundation plays a critical part in meeting our mission by providing needed funds to improve our programs. If you are interested in becoming a member, please give us a call or send in the form below.

CONSERVATION FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Pledged: _____

Please use my donation for (check one):

Checks payable and mailed to:
 Carroll County Conservation Foundation
 22676 Swan Lake Drive
 Carroll IA 51401

- where most needed
- environmental education programs
- for land acquisition

Carroll County Conservation

Education Center

22676 Swan Lake Drive

Carroll, IA 51401

Office@carrollcountyiowa.org

(712) 792-4614



Office Hours:

Monday — Friday 8:00 — 4:30

Concession & Gift Shop

Memorial Day—Labor Day

Friday 2:00—8:00, Saturday 10:00—8:00

& Sunday 10:00—7:00

OR by appointment during office hours

THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

The Education Center is located at Swan Lake State Park and is a regional facility serving Western Iowa, contributing towards the local economy and quality of life while providing educational, recreational, and cultural activities. The center is ADA accessible and includes:

- 2 large classrooms
- Educational display area
- Kitchenette
- Gift shop
- Boardroom
- Wildlife viewing deck
- Storm shelter
- Prairie restorations
- Backyard wetland
- Restrooms

PROGRAMS

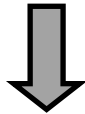
The Carroll County Conservation—Education Center provides programming for all ages! An audio-visual system assists in the facilitation of environmental education in an enhanced educational setting. The center also features a natural resource library available for check out.

Outdoor education opportunities lie just outside the door, with restored prairie and constructed wetland that lies below an agricultural field. Nature and water studies are possible during every season of the year.

The center is open to school visits, youth groups, special interest groups, bus tours, and the public. Public programs are regularly hosted on a wide range of environmental topics by the Carroll County Naturalist.



PLAYGROUND
WITH NATURE
BASED ELEMENTS



BISON CLASSROOM

CLASSROOMS

The center’s two large classrooms can accommodate up to 200 guests. The rooms can be divided for smaller events accommodating up to 100 guests in each room. These rooms are located in The Conservation Education Center and offer a unique location for our gathering, with beautiful views. The rooms are available to rent daily from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

WAPITI CLASSROOM

Perfect for any educational or business meeting, this classroom has an audio-visual system with a projector, drop down 6’ X 8’ screen, speakers—perfect for any presentation. The podium is able to connect with any computer and also provides a DVD, VHS, and CD player. The Wapiti Room is set up classroom style with 21 (18” X 96”) tables, if you are planning a social event 2 tables can be placed together for seating of 8. The Wapiti Room is also connected to the centers kitchenette.

KITCHENETTE

The kitchenette has a refrigerator and sink. Cleaning supplies, mop, broom, and vacuum are available for cleanup.

BISON CLASSROOM

The Bison Room is perfect for any social event. This room has 15 60” round tables and 3 18” X 96” long tables. If you have a short presentation to show during your event we can provide a TV with a DVD and VHS player.

PRICING

WAPITI ROOM	BISON ROOM
\$125 for the day	\$110 for the Day
\$160 with alcohol	\$160 with alcohol
BOTH ROOMS	REFUNDABLE DAMAGE DEPOSIT
\$235 for the day	\$150 without alcohol
\$320 with alcohol	\$250 with alcohol

NON-PROFIT RATES AVAILABLE

Refundable damage deposit will be held until after your event.

*Reservations are taken on rolling calendar basis.

WAPITI CLASSROOM



For Full Rules & Regulations visit our website.