

Grant Opportunities from the IA DNR

Fish Iowa! Survey and Mini-grants for Fishing Trips

Survey Dates: February 15 – March 1, 2010

Could you use some extra funding for your fishing field experience? Because we know budgets are tight and based on the popularity of the mini grants last spring (and our need for data about how you are using the program), we are conducting a short online survey and drawing 10 respondents to receive a mini-grant of \$100 toward a fishing field experience at a nearby water body. Respondents who are drawn must be trained in the *Fish Iowa!* basic spincasting module or get trained within 30 calendar days of the drawing – to be held **March 15, 2010**. For the survey link to be sent directly to you, email Karmin.Lydon@dnr.iowa.gov with the subject: **Fish Iowa! Survey request**.

Place-Based Education Mini-Grants

Application Deadline: February 1, 2010

The Aquatic Education Program will award up to ten (10) - \$500 mini-grants to schools to implement a place-based approach to learn about local aquatic resources/issues in coursework.

Requirements are:

- Have at least one staff member trained in *Projects WILD*, *WILD Aquatic*, and *Learning Tree* as a member of the integration team. (Other conservation/environment/nature resources may also be utilized.) ****If you have not been trained in *Projects WILD*, *WILD Aquatic*, and *Learning Tree*, you still have time to enroll in our online course and be eligible to apply for the grant- *Projects WILD*, *WILD Aquatic*, *Learning Tree On-line Course*.**
- Implement a place-based approach for local aquatic resources/issues in coursework with a specific group of students using *Projects WILD*, *WILD Aquatic*, and *Learning Tree* during 2009-2010 and/or 2010-2011 school year.
- For example: 4th grade classes in fall of 2010; 7th grade students in spring of 2010, with follow-up as 8th graders fall 2010
- ****Note:** Programs that are more fully integrated into curriculum over a longer period of time will score higher.
- Evaluate participant achievement related to standards and benchmarks for content/skill areas of the selected subject area(s) and grade level.
- Complete online surveys (teacher and student) before and after implementation of the place-based approach.
- Complete reports outlining accomplishments of the grant, results of formal assessments, and an accounting of expenditures (forms provided) by June 15, 2009.

Our mini-grant application is a **SHORT, easy to follow** 2-page electronic form. To receive an application, send an email to Karmin.Lydon@dnr.iowa.gov with the subject: **PBE Grant application request**.

Local Fishing Education Mini-Grants

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010

The Aquatic Education Program will award up to ten (10) - \$500 mini grants for local angling education programs that provide multiple experiences and/or an ongoing support network for beginning anglers. Programs must use *Fish Iowa!* and demonstrate local partnerships that can support efforts after the grant period (two years).

Goals/Objectives for Participants:

- To provide safe, nurturing opportunities for youth to fish and to have other outdoor pursuits with a caring adult.
- To foster appreciation, understanding, and commitment to natural resource stewardship
- To enable youth and adult leaders to develop leadership, self-confidence, personal discipline, critical thinking, and other life-skills including science skills.

Requirements for Funding:

1. Iowa State University Extension offices, county conservation board offices, county conservation board foundations, park and recreation departments or other organized group with a focus on youth and/or conservation education must receive the funds for the club/mentor effort.

2. Staff member(s) or volunteers from the entity submitting the application have been trained in *Fish Iowa!* and *Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs® (HOFNOD)*. ****Applicants not already trained, must be in the process of setting up *Fish Iowa!* training through our office, prior to submitting an application.**
 3. Two leaders/mentors have been identified to organize the program. Mentor programs can include after-school programs, camps, or other extended efforts. Events will not be funded unless they are part of an extended program.
 4. The applicant must demonstrate how other local environmental education, recreation and/or fishing resources (e.g., county conservation board, local parks and recreation office, DNR conservation officer, DNR fisheries personnel, DNR state park personnel, local fishing clubs, local Izaak Walton League chapter) will be involved. Partnerships are required to receive funding.
 5. Grant recipients must submit a progress report to the Iowa DNR Aquatic Education office by December 30, 2010, and agree to complete a follow-up survey in 2011.
 6. Recipients must agree to support the funded effort for a minimum of three years.
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