

## REGISTRATION FORM

*Pre-registration is required. Please return this form by July 1.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Session preferences (Not binding. For space planning purposes only.)*

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*Field trip route preference (Not binding. For space planning purposes only.)*

Circle: north                  south

### Conference Registration

*Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.*

Circle one: Friday    Saturday    Both days

Circle one: Student    Non-student

Banquet dinner \$16.50    yes    no

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

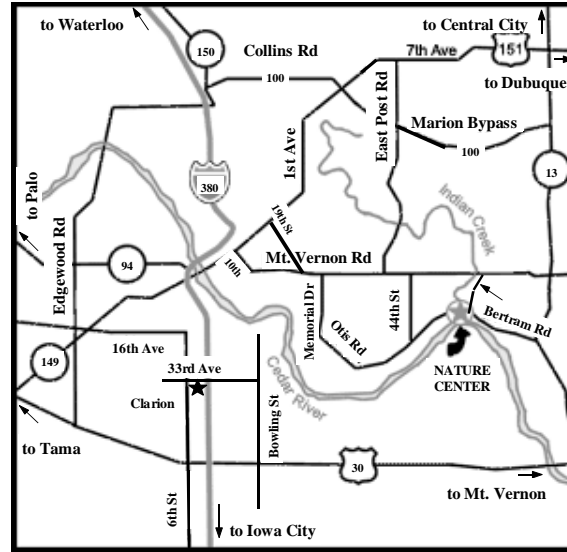
**Total Amount Enclosed**

Please make your check payable to ICNC and return with this form to:

Attn: Iowa Prairie Conference  
Indian Creek Nature Center  
6665 Otis Road SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Take I-380 to Highway 30 East (exit 16A). Drive 6 miles to Highway 13 North. Drive 2.5 miles to Bertram Rd SE. Turn left. Drive 1.5 miles to the Otis Rd. intersection. Parking is located on the northwest corner; ICNC is on the southwest corner. A Touch of Class is located 1 mile north at the corner of Bertram Rd. and Mt. Vernon Rd.



*A block of rooms is available at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW. Call (319) 366-8671 to make a reservation, and specify that you are with "Indian Creek Nature Center."*

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. **Early registration must be received before June 15 to qualify for discount.**

Student: \$25/day; \$40/both days

Non-student: \$30/day or \$50/both days

**All registrations received on/after June 15:**

\$35/day or \$60/both days

Friday evening banquet dinner at A Touch of Class \$16.50 (optional)



*2005 Iowa Prairie Conference*

**THE PRAIRIES OF  
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**FRIDAY, JULY 22  
&  
SATURDAY, JULY 23**



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## FRIDAY, JULY 22

**8:30am** Registration, continental breakfast, field trip orientation

**10:00am** Field trips depart

**Noon** Lunch in the field

**3:30pm** Field trips return

**5:30pm** Banquet dinner at *A Touch of Class*

**7:00pm** Prairie Advocate Award

**7:30pm** Film: *America's Lost Landscape*

### FIELD TRIP SITES

*Participants will be able to attend either the north route or the south route.*

#### North Route:

Rock Island Preserve: 20-acre preserve contains a diverse prairie remnant. A state botanical preserve, managed by Linn County Conservation Board.

Hitaga Sand Ridge Preserve: 55-acre sand remnant, including plains prickly pear cactus, managed by Linn County Conservation Board.

Morf Prairie: 14-acre private reconstructed prairie planted in the spring of 1998. Owner will discuss species, management and results.

#### South Route

Solon Prairie: 3-acre wet mesic remnant, 105 identified plant species, managed by Johnson County Conservation Board.

Williams Prairie: 21-acre sedge meadow and wet prairie remnant, ornate box turtle nesting site, managed by The Nature Conservancy.

Indian Creek Nature Center: 40-acre reconstructed prairie. Earliest plantings date back to 1979. Managed by Indian Creek Nature Center.

## SATURDAY, JULY 23

**8:00am** Registration, continental breakfast

**8:45am-9:45am** The Necessity and Possibility of an Agriculture where Native Prairie is the Measure. Wes Jackson, founder of the Land Institute.

**9:45am-10:45am** Fact, Fiction, and the Future of the Tallgrass Prairie. William Jordan III, Director of the New Academy for Nature and Culture.

**11:00am-11:45am** Concurrent Sessions:

- Fire and Invertebrates. Paul Mayes, Science Department Coordinator, Muscatine Community College.
- The Making of America's Lost Landscape. Daryl Smith, Director of the Native Roadside Vegetation Center.
- The Language of Restoration. Stuart Allison, Associate Professor of Biology, Knox College.

**11:45am-12:30pm** Concurrent Sessions:

- The History of the Land. Chris Bair, Director of the Iowa Valley RC&D's Land Stewardship Program.
- Migration Gene Flow and Genetic Diversity Within Populations of Ornate Box Turtles. Becky Richtsmeier, MS in biology, UNI.
- The Value of Conservation for Economic Development. Duane Sand, Special Projects Consultant, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

**12:30pm-1:30pm** Lunch

**1:30pm-2:15pm** Concurrent Sessions:

- Structural Restoration of the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem. Laura Jackson, Biology Professor, UNI.
- From Conservationists to Corporate Landowners: A model for leveraging private funds to purchase large conservation areas. Douglas Caulkins, President of Pleasant Grove Land Preservation, Inc.
- Iowa Prescribed Fire Conference Wrap Up. Inger Lamb, Prairie Rivers RC&D

**2:15pm-3:45pm** Concurrent Sessions:

- Iowa's Ecological Future: What, Where and Why. **Discussion**, based on upcoming book by Connie Mutel, author of *Fragile Giants*.
- Forb Enhancement of Grassland Plantings. Amy Carolan, UNI grad student and Dave Williams, UNI Native Roadside Vegetation Center staff member.
- Creation and Establishment of the Paul and Sigrund Lynch Wetland. **Hike**, Mark Pingnot, Trees Forever Field Coordinator.
- Plant-Parasitic Fungi of Iowa Tallgrass Prairie. **Hike**, Lois Tiffany, author of *Mushrooms and Other Fungi of Midcontinental United States*.

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Christiansen, author of *An Illustrated Guide to Iowa Prairie Plants* • Gary Donnermeyer, Kirkwood Community College • Kay James, native plant propagator • Larissa Mottl, Grinnell Prairie Studies Program • Daryl Smith, UNI • Jean Wiedenheft, ICNC Land Steward