

Trumpeter Club

A Reflection: The Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center's purpose is to provide people with opportunities to experience nature first-hand; to instill in the public an appreciation of our local wetlands; and to give citizens the information and skills needed to make wise decisions regarding our natural resources, becoming better stewards of the land.

Since opening in 1993, the Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center has gained recognition throughout the state and the Midwest as *the place* to learn about our unique and fragile wetlands. The Nature Center was recognized in 1994 as Iowa's Tourism Attraction of the Year, and in 2001, the Palo Alto County Conservation Board won Iowa's Outstanding Conservation Education Program award.

Over 10,000 people visit the center annually, and each year 2,000 students make this site their field trip destination. Visitors to the center have come from more than 30 foreign countries, 50 states and over 350 Iowa towns. More than 50 individuals from local communities volunteer as weekend hosts, and over 100 additional volunteers help with special programs and events.

We offer a variety of programs throughout the year like the Halloween Hike, Fishing Derby, Wings & Wetlands Festival, canoeing, cross-country skiing, Summer Explorers, and Junior Naturalists. Annual workshops include birdhouse building, basket weaving and making snowshoes.

The Nature Center was funded by a REAP (Resource Enhancement & Protection) grant and donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals helped us furnish the building, buy books for the reference library, build exhibits, and landscape. As we continue to grow, providing more programs and services, we strive to maintain our image as a resource that is alive and changing.

The Conservation Foundation has established the **Trumpeter Club** to encourage annual giving to support the Nature Center's programs and projects. Names of those giving \$100 or more annually will be recognized at the center, and the donor will receive a plaque with yearly tags. Donors will be recognized in our newsletter and will receive personal invitations to special events. All levels of donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please consider giving a donation to the Trumpeter Club in support of our natural resources, environmental education and the future.

Thanks for believing!

Name

_____ \$100
_____ other amount _____

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Please make donations payable to:
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