

Our Mission:

The SCC Environmental Club was founded in 1988 by Mark Aronson, an ecologist and full-time faculty member at the college. The club is a grassroots group of student activists working on local, state, regional, national and international environmental issues.

The club encourages student participation and development of personal approaches to environmental activism and advocacy. Edward Abbey wrote, "the love of wilderness is more than a hunger for what is always beyond reach -- it is also an expression of loyalty to the earth, the earth which bore us and sustains us, the only home we shall ever know, the only paradise we ever need -- if only we had the eyes to see."

The SCC Environmental Club promotes the concept of wilderness and the importance and reality of wilderness in our everyday lives. The SCC Environmental Club follows the advice of Doug Peacock to environmental activists, "Start in your own backyard."

Scott Community College Environmental Club



Celebrating and Protecting Iowa's Wild Places

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What We Do:

The Environmental Club is active in a number of projects that protect and preserve our natural environment.

Some of our projects include:

River and Roadside Cleanup:

The club works closely with Chad Pregracke's Living Lands and Waters, River Action, Nahant Marsh, Iowa DOT Adopt a Highway Program, and many other local environmental groups.

Restoration: We maintain the SCC Nature Trail and a large tallgrass prairie and bioswale on the Belmont campus.

Research and Activism:

We practice environmental activism on local, regional, national and international issues. Every meeting the club considers a new issue emphasizing education and action. Members also participate in research projects, such as the Corridor Education Project. This project focuses on the wildlife corridor running along the continental divide from Yellowstone National Park to the Salmon/Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness Area. Students are trying to save large animals such as

Grizzly Bears from being killed on highways dissecting their historical migration and dispersal routes.

Campus Sustainability:

Members maintain an on-campus recycling program. Club activities encourage the adoption of sustainable practices and policies by the college. The club has been instrumental in leading the college in the development of a sustainable campus. The SCC Environmental Club is responsible for establishing recycling at all EICCD Community Colleges.

Earth Day:

The club hosts an annual Earth Day/week event promoting sustainable products, wildlife conservation, and public education on environmental issues.

Education and Outreach:

Club members visit area elementary and junior high schools to share environmental awareness with school children throughout the Quad Cities area. In addition, club members attend various public events, providing literature and presentations to the community.

Memberships:

We are members of many environmental organizations: Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Prairie Network, Friends of the Wapsi, Alaska Coalition, Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Your contribution to the Environmental Club helps to fund our many projects, and will be used to pay for supplies and educational opportunities such as:

- Purchasing seeds, seedlings, bulbs, and trees for planting or restoration projects.
- Providing food and water resources for wildlife and habitat restoration projects.
- Providing educational opportunities to elementary, junior high and high school students.
- Supporting and increasing community awareness.
 - Providing funding for environmental scholarships.!