

## **Mission of Hartman Reserve Nature Center**

Hartman Reserve Nature Center is dedicated to understanding the environment through education, recreation and community involvement and to the stewardship of a unique natural area.

## **Purpose of the Friends of Hartman Reserve**

The **General Purpose** of the Friends of Hartman Reserve is to preserve and develop the natural resources and relevant programs of Hartman Reserve Nature Center. The members assist with functions and efforts of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, as provided for in Chapter 350 of the Code of Iowa.

**Specific Purposes** of the board include:

- A. Serve as an organizational base for volunteers at Hartman Reserve Nature Center.
- B. Help raise funds for designated projects of Hartman Reserve Nature Center and educational projects of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board.
- C. Advise the Black Hawk County Conservation Board as to the needs of the community in regard to the programs of Hartman Reserve Nature Center.
- D. Support and further the functions of Hartman Reserve Nature Center by serving as a vehicle for community involvement.

## **Hartman History**

In 1938, John C. Hartman of the Waterloo Daily Courier helped the Waterloo YMCA purchase 56 acres of forested land in the Cedar Heights area of Cedar Falls. Camp Hartman Reserve was used for residential camping and other Y programs until the early 1970's. In 1976, the Black Hawk County Conservation Board purchased the land in order to establish an environmental education center. The Friends of Hartman Reserve incorporated in 1987.

## **Board Member Guidelines**

- A. **Membership** - Board members must be members of record for the current year of the Friends of Hartman Reserve. Friends of Hartman Reserve memberships expire annually on December 31.
- B. **Attendance** - Regular attendance and involvement is expected at all board meetings. If a board member attends less than 50% of the regularly scheduled board meetings or has not attended a board meeting for six consecutive months, the board member is not meeting the attendance guidelines of the Board of Directors for the Friends group. In such a case, the secretary will send the board member a courtesy letter asking him or her to clarify their intentions.
- C. **Involvement** - Board members serve a three-year term and are expected to be active in promoting the best interests of Hartman Reserve Nature Center. Active service includes participating on committees as needed and working as volunteers at least once each year for various projects or special events.

## **Audience Served**

School children from Black Hawk and seven surrounding counties visit the nature during the school year to participate in outdoor field trips. The majority of these children are in grades 3 to 6, however all ages of students are also served. Programming for youth groups is offered after school and on weekends. During the summer, a series of educational camps and programs are offered for early elementary to junior high aged youth.

Adult adventures are scheduled on Fridays and on weekends throughout the year. The Hartman Interpretive Center and the Buckles Program Center are also rented for workshops and social events. Special events include Maple Syrup Festival, Bus Tours, Earth Fair, Halloween Hikes and Under the Harvest Moon benefit dinner. Approximately 9,000 school children and 11,000 individuals attend programs annually. An additional 35,000 people walk, snowshoe, ski or ride bikes on the trail system each year. Hartman Reserve Nature Center is a special place for groups and individuals of all ages to come and explore in any season!

