

Water project needs help

Volunteer training session set at Kennedy Park

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Volunteers of all ages who love nature are wanted for a water quality testing project in Webster County.

The county's Soil and Water Conservation District will train everyday citizens in basic water testing as part of an effort to protect Brushy Creek Lake from pollution.

The training will be held Sept. 8-9 in the shelter house at John F. Kennedy Memorial Park north of Fort Dodge on county Road P-56.

"If you're interested in the outdoors, if you're interested in what's happening in the lakes and streams around you, than I'd encourage you to attend," said T.J. Lynn, the Brushy Creek Watershed Project coordinator.

Lynn said no specialized education is needed to participate in the upcoming training.

The training is called a Level 1 IOWATER workshop.

The first part will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 8. The second phase will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 9.

Lynn said the first phase will be an indoor class. During the second phase, he said, volunteers will go outside to learn how to collect water samples. The workshop will teach the basics of water quality, how to collect data and how to interpret that data.

The cost of the training is \$25 per person, which covers program fees, meals and test-



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T.J. LYNN, left, and Tracy Anderson record some data after completing a water test. Lynn is the Brushy Creek Watershed Project coordinator; Anderson works for the Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District. During a Sept. 8-9 workshop, volunteers will be trained to take water samples and record data using techniques similar to what Lynn and Anderson are demonstrating.

How to help

To register for the water test training, call T.J. Lynn at 573-4411 or visit www.IOWATER.net

ing equipment.

The workshop is limited to 30 people. Lynn said interested people should respond as soon as possible to reserve their spot in the workshop.

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The Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District is continuing to work with a three-year grant that pays for conservation practices and education activities in the Brushy Creek Watershed. IOWATER is one part of the initiative. IOWATER is a statewide program developed to train volunteers to conduct water quality testing in Iowa's lakes, rivers, and streams.

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