

**WAPSIPINICON RIVER WATERSHED: July/August 2016**

**Registration Deadline: July 12, 2016** (please inquire about availability after this date)

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Iowa Rivers Revival’s Master River Stewards Program is a comprehensive river course that will focus on riverine systems, including skills to paddle and navigate rivers, restoring aquatic habitat, improving water quality, and understanding policies related to floodplains, river protection and restoration.

The Master River Steward program will build on a network of river experts in various partner agencies and organizations. It will help adult learners collaborate to protect and improve Iowa’s rivers, so that current and future generations can enjoy these resources.

**Feedback from past participants:**

- *“Great class, thoroughly enjoyed each and every session.”*
- *“Great leadership. Great resources/readings. Great speakers. Great group.”*
- *“Really enjoyed class. Had zero expectations coming in. Was surprised by the amount of river experience/Project AWARE tie in. Really enjoyed meeting such passionate people. Each week gave me something to think about and discuss with co-workers.”*
- *“This was a fantastic program. I came in with no expectations, but left every night excited to share what I learned with others... Thanks so much for putting this together. I will become active in the stewardship of rivers at a far greater level due to this program.”*



**Registration Cost:** Participants will pay a fee of \$50 which will include program materials. Participants will be expected to attend each session and there will be “homework” assignments following each class – materials will be provided.

**Sponsorships:** There are opportunities for organizations and groups to sponsor aspects of the program, such as general program support, participant registration costs, a meal for one of the evening programs, or program materials and supplies.

**Funding for this program** has been provided by the Iowa DNR’s REAP, IOWATER and River Programs.

**Program Details:** (Locations are subject to change—pending final schedule)

<u>Session</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>TENTATIVE Location</u>
Intro.	Pre-Meeting	Tues., July 19	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Okoboji Grill (Independence)
1	Watersheds & Ag Policies	Tues., July 26	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Fontana Interpretive Nature Center (Hazleton)
2	River Form & Function	Tues., Aug 2	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Wolfey’s Wapsie Outback (Quasqueton)
3	Navigating Iowa’s Waters/Wildlife & River Chemistry/Monitoring	Sat., Aug 6	9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.	Three Elms Park to Old Iron Bridge (Independence > Quasqueton)
4	Stream/Riparian Zone Restoration & Impacts on Fish/Wildlife	Tues., Aug 9	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	UNI—Dry Run Creek (Cedar Falls)
5	Agriculture Production & Farm/Waste Water Treatment Plant Visits	Sat., Aug 20	9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.	Farm of Dick & Diana Sloan (Brandon)
6	Review & Potential Projects	Tues., Aug 23	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Heartland Acres Events Center (Independence)
7	Post Training /Follow-up, Project Sharing & Evaluation	TBD	TBD	TBD

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