

For Immediate Release

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

**Contact: Rick Schneider, Director
Woodbury County Conservation Board
712-258-0838**

COUNTY PARKS SET TO OPEN

Sioux City -- Woodbury County park facilities will open for the 2017 season on Monday, May 1. Campgrounds, cabins, restrooms and shelters will all be available for public use beginning on that date. County parks opening on May 1 include Snyder Bend Park and Brown's Lake-Bigelow Park near Salix, Southwood Conservation Area and Fowler Forest Preserve near Smithland, and Little Sioux Park near Correctionville.

Cabin facilities are available to rent at Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park and Southwood Conservation Area. Reservations for cabins and enclosed shelters can be made year around at the public's convenience by going online to www.woodburyparks.org. Available dates for these facilities can also be found through the same website or at www.MyCountyParks.com.

Swimming beaches at Brown's Lake and Little Sioux Park will open for the 2017 season on Saturday May 27 at 11:00 AM. The public is reminded that the beaches are "Swim at Your Own Risk" and lifeguards are not provided. Parents and guardians are strongly advised to watch their children closely while in or near the water.

The Conservation Board encourages everyone to visit their local county parks this year for some great outdoor fun close to home. In addition to the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, the Board manages sixteen areas comprising nearly 5,700 acres providing a large variety of outdoor activities. For more information

regarding county parks, contact the conservation board office at 712/258-0838 or online at www.woodburyparks.org.

CAMPING KICKOFF WEEKEND

Sioux City -- Woodbury County Conservation Department will host a Camping Kickoff Weekend May 5-7. Campgrounds participating in the Kickoff Weekend include Southwood Conservation Area near Smithland, Little Sioux Park near Correctionville, and Snyder Bend Park and Brown's Lake-Bigelow Park near Salix.

Campers will be required to register and pay the appropriate fees for each night of camping. Registered camping units during the Kickoff Weekend will receive a coupon for one night free camping later during the 2017 season at any of the county's four campgrounds along with other promotional items. Cabins at Little Sioux Park, Southwood and Snyder Bend Park are not included in the Kickoff Weekend promotion. Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about county parks, contact the Conservation Board office at 712/258-0838 or on line at www.woodburyparks.org.

END