

AUGUST 2013. Maintenance and safety checks of buildings and grounds, seasonal mowing, firewood cutting and splitting, storm clean-up, shelter house and toilet cleaning, litter pick-up and disposal, road grading, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling shelter rentals and collecting shelter and camping fees and water sampling . Shelter houses and Lodge are used every weekend by scouts, families and other groups.

Natural Resource Center Educational Staff teaching Summer Camps at Russell Woods. 1835 Miller -Ellwood Cabin work will continue with windows, doors and floor. Other projects include maintenance shop improvements and corn crib new sliding doors being installed at the Hoppe Farmstead, new firewood shed at Sannauk and Afton road entrance improvements and toilet rehab at Afton . Summer and Fall work, new metal roofs on Russell Woods and Nehring shelters, replace old storage garage at MacQueen with new steel garage, shelters painted at Shabbona and MacQueen, Lodge at MacQueen and house painted at MacQueen, and old Pierce Town Hall painted and repaired at Merritt Prairie. Steel roof on shelter at Shabbona, Prairie Oaks, oak savannah, wetlands , sedge meadows, prairie and fen seeded in June. Footbridge washout areas at MacQueen connecting Potawatomi Woods repaired in August . Annual PDRMA Risk Management and Loss Control review went well and preparing for 2014 compliance . Improved tile drainage at Potawatomi Woods for adjacent cropland completed. *Below: Sycamore High School Cross – Country team practices and hosts X-Country meets, annual Alumni run and 6 team Sycamore Invitational meet at Afton, also N.I.U. Women’s Cross - Country team practices at Afton and Great Western Trail*





N.I.U Women's Cross – Country team practices at Great Western Trail and Afton



Smallmouth Bass catch-and- release in Forest Preserves on South Branch of Kishwaukee River

