



AMES HSAP NEWSLETTER

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



HSAP Drama Club Play

The Ames HSAP Drama Club is performing the play "The Truth About Blayds" by A.A. Milne. This is a three act comedy. Please come and enjoy this *free, family-friendly* event! There will be two performances:

- Friday, April 29, at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 30, at 3:00 pm
- *Location:* Stonebrook Church (3611 Eisenhower Avenue, Ames)



End of the Year Ice Cream Social

The HSAP staff would like to invite you to an end of the year Ice Cream Social! The teachers will provide the ice cream and toppings.

- **When:** Friday, May 6th at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- **Where:** Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park (Near the Miracle Playground - 2500 Duff Avenue)
- **What to bring (don't feel obligated):** 1 dozen cookies or bars to share (Please **NO NUTS**)
- **Why:** To celebrate another year of learning and growing together!

For Your Calendar

HSAP Drama Club Play.....	4.29, 4.30
Goat Presentation Field Trip.....	4/29
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2022-2023 HSAP Registration

It's *very helpful* to our team for you to complete all registrations and signups before this school year ends! If you've not already completed them, consider coming to one of these sessions! No appointments are necessary. HSAP Teachers will offer two opportunities for parents to get help with:

- Online Registration for the Ames School District
- HSAP Registration
- HSAP Class Signup

Please take note of the differences in times of day and location for the two opportunities listed:

- **Wednesday, May 4** - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the ACSD District Office; 2005 24th Street
- **Tuesday, May 17**, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Harvest Vineyard, 320 South 17th Street

If You Like Your Information All in One Place:

- **HERE** is a link to "Getting Ready for the 2022/2023 School Year." This document has been updated and links have been added as information becomes available. This document can serve as your TO DO checklist as you prepare for next school year.



DMACC Career Discovery Events

Follow this link to find out more about remaining availability in any of these events:
[Career Discovery Events](#)



Mary Greeley Mileage Club for K-8

Our final day is Friday, May 13. We know many families are quite busy, but if you have any K-8 students in this program, please know that you can send Kathy Burns your entries with the mileage for past weeks at any time.

- kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us



CHECK THIS OUT: FREE Piano to Homeschool Family

Shelly Larson, our dear former HSAP Coordinator who served us faithfully for many years, has a spinet piano (console style) that she wants to generously give away to one of our home schooling families.

- It is **free**
- It is in need of a tune-up
- You will need to be able to transport it yourself
- To contact Shelly, please call or text her at 515-451-3564



To view and register for Field Trips:

- Registration for May field trips are listed, and you can check online for openings.
- Go to our [HSAP website](#)
- Under Program Resources click on Services
- Scroll down and choose IN PERSON FIELD TRIPS
- Read the information by the stop sign
- Click on a month or scroll down to view
- Click on the Registration button
- Complete the Google Form
- Click on Submit

Field Trip Cancellations: If you have registered and need to cancel, please text or call Carrie Pahl (515) 450-4068 *as soon as possible* so others on the waiting list can join the field trips.



May In-Person Field Trips

Calkins Nature Area

Grades: Whole Family (*Change-Students will stay with their family and not be divided by age groups*)

Tuesday, May 3

10:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Check-in by 9:45 am*)

Location: 18335 135th Street, Iowa Falls

Registration deadline: closed on April 26

However, if you really want to go contact Carrie Pahl (515-450-4068)

Enjoy the outdoors! Come explore the Calkins Nature Area. We will have three stations led by the naturalists that will take about 30 minutes each. The students will be divided into three age groups. (More details later.)

- We will explore their prairie, wood, and the animal exhibits.
- The Calkins Nature Center also includes a large collection of Native American artifacts.
- This will be an all day event.
- Families should bring sack lunches.
- No fee for this event.
- Travel time to the Nature Center is about one hour.

May In-Person Field Trips (continued)

McFarland Park (Note: two field trips)

Pond Study

Grades: Best suited to Preschool - 5th grade (but whole family is welcome)

Friday, May 13

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Check-in by 12:15 pm)

Location: McFarland Park, 56461 180th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: May 9

A lake is an amazing habitat full of critters. Students will learn about the food chain and use nets to explore and discover pond life.

- **This is not a drop off student event.** A parent or adult must attend with their children.
- Younger children can come as long as a parent is keeping a close watch on them, and they are not interfering in the naturalist's lessons.
- **Clothing Requirements:** No flip flops, wear clothes that can get dirty, shorts okay
- Bring marked water bottles, if desired.
- No fee for this event



McFarland Park (Note: two field trips)

Hatchet

Grades: Grades 6 & Up

Friday, May 13

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Check-in by 12:15 pm)

Location: McFarland Park, 56461 180th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: May 9

After your students finish reading *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen or another wilderness survival book, such as *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, come to McFarland Park to experience survival shelter and fire building.

- **These older students can be dropped off.** Parents do not have to attend, but are welcome.
- **Suggestion:** Read *Hatchet* or another wilderness survival book before the field trip.
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Hatchet Field Trip (continued)

- **Clothing Requirements:** No flip flops, wear clothes that can get dirty, shorts okay
- Bring marked water bottles, if desired.
- No fee for this event



Ames Water Plant

Grades: Family (will be divided by age/grade groups for better age-related instruction)

Note: Parents or a designated adult must attend this field trip with their children. It is not an opportunity for dropping off children.

Tuesday, May 24

10:00 am - 11:00 am Tour (Check in by 9:45 am)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tour (Check in by 12:45 pm)

Location: Ames Water Plant, 1800 E. 13th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: Monday, May 16

Get to know your city. Your students will be voters someday! The students will learn about collection of groundwater through a network of wells, treatment of that water to make it suitable for human consumption, pumping of the water into the distribution system, and the management of the residual solids generated by the treatment process.

Please note: Read the special notes on the [HSAP website](#) for this field trip because there are **several rules to follow and restrictions** because this is a security site. A few are noted below:

- All visitors 18 years of age and older will be required to sign-in and show current, valid government-issued ID or college ID.
- No cell phone usage or photography of any kind allowed.
- There are several prohibited items including bags, backpacks, fanny packs, purses, and the like.
- All attending must be registered four days ahead. No last minute family or student/child add ons



2022 Graduation Ceremony Information

This year's parent/student-designed *Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony* will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 pm at City Church (located at 2400 Oakwood Road, Ames). All are welcome to join us!

Congratulations to all of our HSAP seniors who are graduating! We wish you all much success in wherever your path leads you.



Ames HSAP Resource Library

The library will continue to be open through May and part of June. You may pursue our wide selection of books and resources and return items you are no longer using. Book and resource donations are welcome as well. We also have carts of free homeschool materials for you to select and take home.

Library Hours in May and early June: The Resource library will be open the following Thursdays from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm:

- May 5, 12, 19*, 26 (*closes at 12:15 pm)
- June 2, 9

Our HSAP Resource Librarian Joni Gainer will be on another medical leave beginning in mid-June. She will send out an email when the library hours start up again.



2022 LIVE UNITED Food Drive

Thank you for your *generous support* of this community food drive to help stock local food pantries so families in need can find assistance.



If you are interested in borrowing some of the additional resources we have, please contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us). She will let you know if the resource you're looking for is available, or place you on a waiting list, if desired. Our resources include:

- Barton (Level 1- Level 10)
- Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
- Saxon Math for middle school and high school
- Teaching Textbooks for middle school and high school math.



Humor Me

What did the goat say after it ate a roll of movie film?

I liked the book better.

How were your test questions?

They were easy, but I had trouble with the answers.

What is a snake's favorite subject in school?

Hissssssstory

Why isn't there a clock in the library?

Because it tocks too much

Why did the right triangle put the air conditioner on?

Because it was 90 degrees

What is a teacher's favorite nation?

Expla-nation

Why did the Norweigan navy put barcodes on the side of their ships?

Because when they came into port they can scandanavyin!

Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

These are not sponsored by our HSAP, but may be of interest to you and your family.

Ames Children's Choirs

Their choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18. Visit their website for more information.

- <https://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org>
- 4.30 - Park Performance Tour (see website)
- 5.21 - Spring Concert at Hickory Shelter in Brookside Park (at 3:00 pm); free, donations accepted
- 5.23-5.30 - Voice Placement Auditions for 2022-23 Season

Ames Public Library

Consider exploring the calendar of our local Ames Library (515 Douglas Avenue) The final monthly Homeschool Book Club will be held on Thursday, May 5 from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and features *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (fantasy genre). You may want to check out their website and scroll through their May calendar to see if you can find activities that fit your family's interests and schedule (arts, crafts, science experiments, Kids Create, and read alouds). The Annual Summer Reading Challenge is set for Tuesday, June 1 - August 24.

- On April 30, there will be a special "*Iowa Insect Pageant*" featuring a time of creating your own puppet.
- Check out the website to view the Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass available to library cardholders 18 and older, and view a list of places in the area where you can reserve a family pass to participating museums and attractions - free of charge (once per year)
- [Ames Public Library](#)

Blank Park Zoo

Check out their website before visiting because some areas are closed as a precautionary measure due to a case of avian influenza in Iowa.

- Spring and Summer Safari Camp
- Join the Zoo Crew 2022 as a special volunteer opportunity for youth ages 13-17 (application deadline is March 1)
- Animal-related STEM boxes for those aged 1-8 years old can be ordered online
- [Blank Park Zoo](#)

Cultivating Hope Farms

The vision statement of this non-profit includes "creating meaningful opportunities for inclusion and acceptance for those with autism and all disabilities." Please check out their website to find out more details, or contact Gina Perkins.

- Located at 5500 240th Street, Ames
- 515-210-5407
- ginaperkins1641@gmail.com
- <https://cultivatinghopefarms.org/>

Goldie's Kids Club

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has a program called Goldie's Kids Club to introduce children (12 and under) to Iowa history. It stars Goldie, the eastern goldfinch (the state bird). Please investigate their website to find out what they have to offer (including "*History Mystery*", activities, a recommendation of a Storytime digital book, and other items that can be accessed in their archives).

- <https://iowaculture.gov/goldie>

Hy-Vee Kids Fitness Program

Includes a five week challenge, including videos, training tools, a blog, and more

- <https://hy-veekidsfit.com>

ICAN

If you have a high school student, you may want to visit the ICAN website. It features a variety of resources for career planning, college planning, financial aid and helpful steps for success. They also have an ICAN Scholarship Database.

- They are offering some virtual meetings, too. Check out the website for more information.
- www.icansucceed.org

Octagon Center For the Arts

Check their website to determine when the Octagon Shop is open, and discover the in-person or virtual art classes are available.

- The 2022 Elementary/Middle/High School Annual Student Show (4.30-5.14)
- <https://octagonarts.org>

Reiman Gardens

You may want to regularly check their website to see the upcoming events and fees. There is a "Free Admission Day" for the public on Wednesday, May 4th.

- [Reiman Gardens](#)

Story County Conservation View their website to look at upcoming events and educational opportunities.

- [Story County Conservation](#)

Story County Online Learning Resources

The Story County naturalists have recorded parts of their in-class programs to be used by anyone as supplemental resources. They will keep adding to their list of resources. Here is the link:

- [Online Learning Resources](#)
- You may also want to check out the different parks and trails available in our area

Story Theater Company

Offers theatrical opportunities for area children. Visit their website for more information and details.

- The June production is *Shrek the Musical Jr.*: June 17-26 (view dates/times on site)
- There are summer workshops and other events that may be of interest
- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>

Threads

Registration for Threads of Ames 2022-2023 is open and most classes are filling quickly. Find out more about this homeschool community and their approach via one of the links listed below. Threads has programs for preschool through 12th grade. website.

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/threadsofames/>
- Contact: threadsofames@gmail.com
- Website: threadsofames.org

Youth Matinee Series

The admission for the Youth Matinee Series performances is \$4.00 for all attendees (students, parents, teachers, and chaperones). Seating is general admission and you are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time. The ISU Orchestra is Friday, April 29, at 10:00 am.

- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>

We wish all of you a wonderful, active, and safe summer!



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