

New Staff Welcome

As our programs and protected areas continue to grow, so does our staff! We added two full-time Natural Resource Technicians this summer. Natural Resource Technicians are responsible for the upkeep of our county facilities, machinery, and natural areas. This includes managing invasive plants, running prescribed burns, and keeping trails ready for use.



James Barger worked with DCCB for six summer seasons before becoming a full-time staff member this summer. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Forestry from Iowa State University, and has used his forestry knowledge to improve the health of his family's timber land in southern Iowa. In his free time, James enjoys hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He grew up in Woodward and now lives in Perry with his wife, Hannah.



Aaron Hendrix moved to Iowa from western North Carolina in 2017 to pursue his passion for deer hunting. Aaron has worked seasonally with local conservation areas since 2020 and also owns his own habitat management company. He received a Bachelor's degree in Animal Ecology (Wildlife option) from Iowa State University. Aaron enjoys deer and turkey hunting, golf, hiking, and fishing, as well as spending time with his wife, Kathryn, and their two dogs and two cats.

We also have a new Outreach Coordinator. This position involves sharing DCCB updates with the community, maintaining our website, coordinating volunteers, assisting office visitors and callers, and managing park reservations.



Sarah McKeever graduated from Iowa State University in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Education. With a lifelong interest in wildlife and conservation, Sarah started getting involved with DCCB in 2021 as a volunteer, event attendee, and frequent park visitor. She loves spending time outdoors with her husband Austin, especially kayaking, hiking, and camping. Her vegetable garden, chickens, and two cats keep her busy when she's at home in southeast Dallas County.