



**FOREST  
PRESERVES**  
of Cook County

—100 Years—



# 2015 Summer Schedule



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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

This summer we're extremely proud to bring camping back for Cook County residents and visitors for the first time in more than half a century. We're kicking off the camping season on Memorial Day weekend with renovated and revitalized campgrounds across the county.

A total of five sites will open throughout the summer. We've completely reimagined these locations, adding cabins, tent pads, shelters and fire rings. We've updated bunkhouses and dining halls, and we've developed programs to help our guests learn camping skills and engage with the surrounding landscape.

Camping has a unique ability to connect us to nature and one another. When we camp, we step outside everyday routines. We come together while preparing and sharing meals. And, of course, we share the wonders of the natural world.

And camping can be for everyone. With a range of lodging, training and gear options, we aim to make camping easy, affordable and enriching for both seasoned outdoors enthusiasts and first-time campers.

I hope you'll learn all about our new offerings on pages 22-23 and visit [fpdcc.com/camping](http://fpdcc.com/camping) to reserve your campsite today. I believe this new opportunity has the power to create generations of Cook County residents more strongly connected to their forest preserves than ever before.



Sincerely,

*Toni Preckwinkle*

Toni Preckwinkle  
President,  
Forest Preserves of Cook County

## DISCOVER YOUR FOREST PRESERVES!

Use this brochure to learn about the many ways you can have fun in nature this summer. From programs at our six nature centers, to special events and programs, to our three aquatic centers, and now family camping, there's no shortage of opportunities to get out there and enjoy your forest preserves.

Be sure to check [fpdcc.com/events](http://fpdcc.com/events) for the most up-to-date info. Email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov) with questions.



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## NEW SUMMER HOURS

We are excited to announce new hours at five of our six nature centers this summer, June 1 through August 31.

### Monday - Friday

Buildings 9 am - 6 pm

Grounds 8 am - 6 pm

(Buildings closed Fridays)

### Saturday & Sunday

Buildings 9 am - 5 pm

Grounds 8 am - 5 pm

*Sagawau Environmental Learning Center hours will remain the same: building 9 am - 4 pm, grounds 8 am - 4 pm*

## CATCH THE NATURE EXPRESS

Catch a FREE ride to some of our most popular events! Look for the symbol in this guide to find out which events are served by the Nature Express.



Then watch [fpdcc.com/natureexpress](http://fpdcc.com/natureexpress) to learn how to sign up.



The Nature Express is generously funded by the Forest Preserve Foundation.





# Crabtree

## NATURE CENTER

### THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

#### FPD 365 Photo Exhibit

View the stunning images that resulted from photographer Kris DaPra's quest to photograph the Forest Preserves each day in 2014.

**Every Day (building closed Fridays)**

#### Bird House Contest

Stroll the trail and view creative bird houses built by visitors. Then vote for your favorite!

**Every Day**

#### Wild Wednesday

Drop by for a special nature activity.

**Every Wednesday, June - August • 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

#### Lullabies in the Woods

Join us for an intimate acoustic concert of multi-cultural lullabies performed by Barb Sorensen.

*For little ones and their families.*

**Sunday, June 28; Wednesdays, July 15 & August 5 • 11 am**

#### Family Nature Club

Meet once a month to connect with nature through play. Meet animals and enjoy special family activities.

**Saturdays, June 13, July 18 & August 22 • 1 pm**

### SUMMER DAY CAMPS

*Registration and release forms required for all camps. Age limits apply.*

#### Crabtree Survivor

Hone your survival skills! Learn about shelters, fire, poisonous and edible plants and much more.

*Ages 11-14. \$20.*

**Wednesday - Friday, June 17, 18 & 19 • Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am - noon; Friday 9:30 am - 3 pm**

#### Gone Fishin'

The first day will be spent investigating fish. The next day we'll go fishing at a local lake. *Ages 7-12. \$10.*

**Wednesday & Thursday, June 24 & 25**

**• 9:30 am - noon**

#### Animal Adventures

Search for crawling, slithering and flying creatures in this activity-packed day camp! *Ages 6-9. \$15.*

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, July 7 - 9**

**• 9:30 am - noon**

#### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Plant some seeds, learn about plants and have fun with some garden art. *Ages 7-10. \$10.*

**Wednesday & Thursday, July 22 & 23**

**• 9:30 am - noon**

### SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS

*Registration and release forms required for these drop-off programs. Ages 9-13. We recommend a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and clothing/shoes that can get wet and muddy. \$2.*

#### Water Worlds

Discover some of the small critters that live on, in and under the water.

**Thursday, June 11 • 1 - 3 pm**

#### Poisonous Plants

Hike the trails and learn to identify some of our poisonous (and edible) plants.

**Thursday, July 30 • 1 - 3 pm**

#### Insect Investigations

Explore the variety of insects that call our prairies, woodlands and wetlands home.

**Thursday, August 13 • 1 - 3 pm**

### EVENING PROGRAMS

#### Twilight Canoe Trip

Explore a local lake in a canoe at twilight. *Adults only. Registration required.*

**Friday, June 19 • 6:30 pm**

#### Bats!

We'll learn about these mysterious creatures, then look for them in the dark. *Registration required.*

**Fridays, July 10 & 24, August 14 • 8 pm**

### ART IN NATURE SERIES

*For teens and adults. Registration required.*

#### Art in Nature: Vista Watercolor

Want to find out about watercolor with abstraction in computer print? Let Artist Kara Cobb Johnson teach you a new technique in watercolor painting.

**Sunday, June 14 • 1 pm**

#### Artist Trading Cards

Join artist Nancy Lawrence to create little works of art on 3 1/2" X 2 1/2" cards. Don't say "I'm not an artist!" You don't have to be. Come with your sense of fun. Any materials can be used.

**Sunday, July 19 • 1 pm**

#### Beginning Plein Air Painting

Have you been painting inside and want to try outside? Bring your own equipment and join artist Kathy Clouse in this introductory class.

**Saturday, August 8 • 8 am - noon**



### JUNE

#### Down 'n' Dirty

Get down and look in the dirt - something has to break down organic material!

**Sunday, June 7 • 1 pm**

#### Who's Your Daddy?

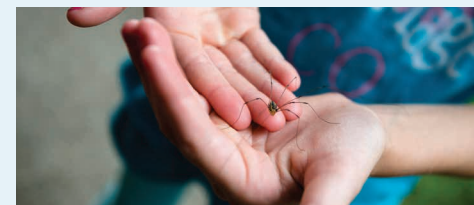
The roles that fathers play in the animal kingdom vary greatly from species to species. An informative inside program will be followed by a short hike to look for "dads at work."

**Sunday, June 21 • 1 pm**

#### June Bugs

We'll sweep the fields in search of different insects and learn about them up close.

**Saturday, June 27 • 1 pm**



### JULY

#### Red, White & Blue

Hike our Bur Edge Trail and try to spot flowers, fruits or animals wearing our national colors!

**Sunday, July 5 • 1 pm**

#### Webelos Badge Clinics

Fulfill the requirements to earn your Naturalist badge (10 am) or Forester badge (12:30 pm) or get both.

*Registration required. \$2 per person for each clinic.*

**Sunday, July 12 • 10 am & 12:30 pm**

#### Pond Dippin'

Cool off this summer by net dipping in our pond and seeing what lives there.

**Sunday, July 26 • 1 pm**



### AUGUST

#### Science Sunday

We will take a closer look at trees and learn how to identify them using their shaded canopy. Great for scouts! *Registration required.*

**Sunday, August 2 • 1 pm**

#### Cicadas!

Lurking below the soil for most of the year, these insects crawl to the surface and make themselves known during the August heat. Learn about their secretive beginnings which later become a part of the summer throng throughout our area.

**Sunday, August 9 • 1 pm**

#### Bring on the Butterflies!

Learn some of the local Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) and how you can make your yard more butterfly-friendly.

**Sunday, August 16 • 1 pm**

#### Summer Ramble

Take a two mile naturalist-led hike through some of Crabtree's prairies, woodlands and wetlands.

**Sunday, August 30 • 1 pm**

**Crabtree Nature Center**  
3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills  
847-381-6592

#### New Summer Hours

**Monday - Friday**

Building 9 am - 6 pm

Grounds 8 am - 6 pm

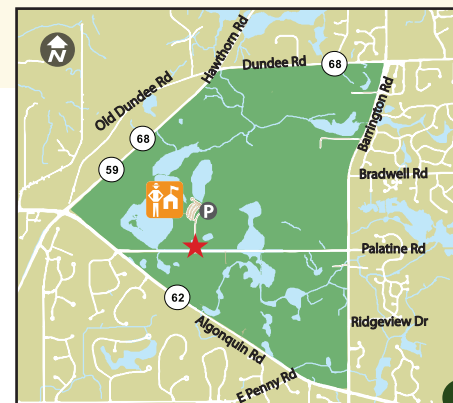
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**Hours, June - August**

**Saturday & Sunday**

Building 9 am - 5 pm

Grounds 8 am - 5 pm





# Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

## THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

### Garden in the Mornings

Gardens add color, scent and beauty to your yard. Get your hands dirty while you learn about soils, plants and more. *No registration required.*

**Thursdays, June 4 & 18; July 2 & 16; August 6 & 20**  
• 10 – 11:30 am

### Cook County Critters

Many animals call the nature center home. Meet one of these animals during a casual afternoon encounter. *No registration required.*

**Saturdays, June 6; July 4; August 1** • 1:30 pm

### Wild Wednesday Wonders

Drop in to see what the naturalists are talking about today. Topics change weekly. *No registration required.*

**Wednesdays, June 10, 17 & 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; August 5, 12, 19 & 26** • 3:30 – 5 pm

### S.E.N.I.O.R.S.

Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity at each gathering. *Seniors only.*

**Thursdays, June 11; July 30; August 13** • 10 – 11 am

### Restoration Work Days

Immerse yourself in the outdoors, restoring wildlife habitat. Nature will restore you. Individuals and families welcome. *Ages 10 & up. Participants under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Saturdays, June 13; July 11; August 8**  
• 10 am – noon

### Mother Nature and Me

Children ages 3–5 and their favorite adult will learn more about nature through a story, nature walk and craft. *Limit 15 children.*

**Wednesdays, June 10 (The Sun); July 1 (Beetles) & 29 (Snakes); August 12 (Grasshoppers) & 26 (Worms)** • 10:30 – 11:30 am

### Night Sky Programs

Peak at the universe through telescopes. Guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society. *No registration required.*

**Saturday, June 27** • 7:30 – 10:30 pm

**Saturday, July 25** • 8 – 11 pm

**Saturday, August 22** • 7:30 – 10:30 pm

### Chicago Portage – National Historic Site

Join stewardship efforts to care for this historic ground. *Groups welcome. Ages 10 & up. Participants under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Meet at 4800 S. Harlem, Lyons.*

**Saturdays, June 27; July 25; August 29**  
• 9 am – noon

### Yoga in the Woods

A 1.5 mile hike and yoga set to the sounds of nature will leave you in a peaceful state. A yoga instructor will guide you through proper posture, breathing and flexibility. *Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Ages 16 & up. Limit 25.*

**Sundays; June 28, July 12, August 23** • 9 – 11 am



## FRIDAY NIGHT HIKE SERIES

*Ages 8 & up. Limit 25.*

### Bats

Seek out bats by tuning into their frequency.

**Friday, June 26** • 8 – 9:30 pm

### Moths

Celebrate National Moth Week with us! Join us on a short night hike as we search for these nocturnal insect fliers.

**Friday, July 24** • 8:30 – 9:30 pm

### Insects

Explore the night while listening to the sounds of insects.

**Friday, August 21** • 7:30 – 9 pm



## JUNE

### NATURE IS ACCESSIBLE!

Join us for lots of fun and exploration. Visitors of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities. *No registration required.*

**Wednesday, June 3** • 10 am – 2 pm

### Young Naturalist Field Camp

Investigate nature and discover new things in this hands-on camp. *Ages 7 & 8. Limit 10. \$15.*

**Tuesday – Thursday, June 16 – 18** • 9:30 am – noon

### Gardening 101

Learn the basics about starting a garden. *Ages 16 & up. Limit 25.*

**Saturday, June 20** • 1:30 pm

## JULY

### Colors and Sounds of Nature Field Camp

Children will explore the outdoors and create crafts and music inspired by nature. *Ages 9–11. Limit 10. \$15.*

**Tuesday – Thursday, July 7 – 9** • 9:30 am – noon

### Young Naturalist Field Camp

Hiking, experiments and wildlife discovery await you in this hands-on camp. *Ages 9–11. Limit 10. \$15.*

**Tuesday – Thursday, July 14 – 16** • 9:30 am – noon

## AUGUST

### Flora & Folklore

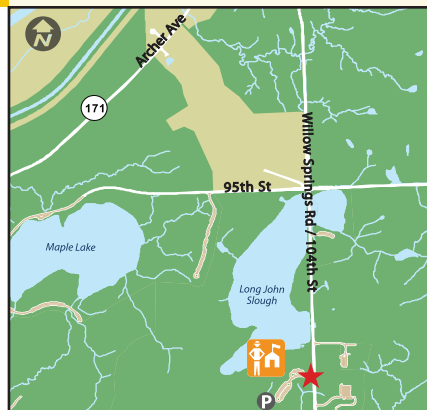
Plants have inspired folklore throughout history. We'll discuss the stories associated with plants found at the nature center. *Ages 12 & up. Limit 25.*

**Saturday, August 1** • 10 am

### Naturalist for a Day Field Camp

Children will engage in outdoor exploration activities and assist naturalists with animal exhibits. *Ages 12–14. Limit 6. \$15.*

**Wednesday – Friday, August 5 – 7** • 9 am – 12:30 pm



### Spittlebug Nature Camp

Children will enjoy three fun-filled days discovering nature, exploring habitats and learning about wildlife. *Ages 5–6. Limit 10. \$15.*

**Tuesday – Thursday, June 23 – 25** • 10 am – noon

### Summertime at the Slough

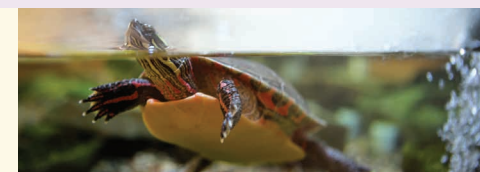
Explore Long John Slough and learn what makes this body of water different from others. *Limit 25.*

**Saturday, July 18** • 1:30 – 2:30 pm

### Senior Adventure Camp

Seniors, want to have a little summer fun? We'll take you back to the fun you had at summer camp! *Seniors only. Participants must be able to walk on uneven terrain for duration of program and get in and out of canoes. Limit 20. \$15.*

**Tuesday – Thursday, July 21 – 23** • 9:30 am – noon



### Turtles!

Turtles have roamed the earth since prehistoric times. Walk with us to our ponds to observe and learn more about our aquatic reptiles. *Limit 25.*

**Saturday, August 15** • 1:30 – 2:30 pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center**  
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs  
708-839-6897

### Hours, June – August

**Monday – Friday**  
Building 9 am – 6 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 6 pm  
(Building closed Fridays)

### New Summer Hours

**Saturday & Sunday**  
Building 9 am – 5 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 5 pm





# River Trail

## NATURE CENTER

### THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

#### Between Two Stumps

Join our naturalist as we explore one of the many natural wonders of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**Tuesdays, June – August • 5 pm**

#### What's on The Menu?

Join us at feeding time to learn about our display animals and their unique habits.

**Saturdays & Sundays, June – August • 3 pm**

### NIGHTLIFE

Join us on a summer's night for a unique, nature-themed event, led by one of our naturalists.

*Registration required. \$2 per person.*

*7:15 pm check-in; 7:30 pm start.*

#### Raptor Identification

Visit with our resident birds of prey and learn about the unique characteristics that will help you identify them in the wild. *Adults and teens.*

**Friday, June 19 • 7:30 pm**

#### Campfire Stories

Join us on a summer's night for stories and snacks by a campfire.

**Friday, July 24 • 7:30 pm**

#### Bats

Separate fact from myth about these fascinating creatures while watching for them over the lawn and river.

**Friday, August 14 • 7:30 pm**



#### Small Serendipity

Join us for a nature story and craft or other activity. *For preschool and kindergarten children ages 3-6 with an adult. \$1 per child.*

**Wednesdays, June 3 & 17; July 8 & 22; August 12 & 26 • 10 am**



### SUMMER CAMPS

*Camps are four days each. \$20 per child. Snacks and beverages provided.*

#### Discovery Days Camp

Have fun participating in engaging hands-on activities, hikes, arts and crafts. *Registration and payment required by 6/8. Ages 4-6.*

**Monday – Thursday, June 22 – 25 • 9:30 am – noon**

#### Nature Explorers Camp

Engage with and explore the wonders of nature through hands-on science activities, art projects using natural and recycled materials and nature play activities. *Registration and payment required by 6/29. Ages 7-9.*

**Monday – Thursday, July 13 – 16 • 9:30 am – noon**

#### Junior Keepers Camp

We'll get our hands dirty as we learn about proper care, feeding and cleaning of nature center animals. *Registration and payment required by 7/20. Ages 10-12.*

**Monday – Thursday, August 3 – 6 • 9:30 am – noon**

### JUNE

#### Trees are Tremendous

Learn about the trees of the forest preserves, how they grow, and why we need them.

**Sunday, June 7 • 1:30 pm**

#### Snakes

Slither on in and learn about some of the amazing adaptations snakes use to survive.

**Sunday, June 14 • 1:30 pm**

#### American Raptors

Visit our national symbol, the bald eagle, and discover the unique characteristics that help our native birds of prey survive.

**Sunday, July 5 • 1:30 pm**

#### Life Under a Log

You'll be surprised at the many things that live in, on and under a rotting tree. Help us look for insects, spiders and other cool creatures!

**Sunday, July 12 • 1:30 pm**

#### Illinois Mammals

Ever wonder who lives in your local preserve? Stop by and learn about our furry neighbors.

**Sunday, July 19 • 1:30 pm**

### JULY

#### Amphibians

Learn about the distinctive characteristics of frogs, toads and salamanders.

**Sunday, August 2 • 1:30 pm**

#### Dog Days of Summer

Walk the trails on a guided hike with a naturalist and experience the wonders of nature.

**Sunday, August 9 • 1:30 pm**

#### Owls

Visit our resident owls and learn about the myths, legends and folklore that surround them.

**Sunday, August 16 • 1:30 pm**

#### People's Choice Awards

Stop by and vote for your favorite River Trail animal. Immediately following, we will introduce the winner in an educational program for all ages.

**Sunday, August 23 • 1:30 pm**

### AUGUST

#### The Buzz on Bees

Visit our beehives and pollination garden to learn about the important role honeybees play in nature.

**Sunday, June 21 • 1:30 pm**

#### Wetland Wrigglers

Take a peek at the weird and wriggling creatures that inhabit a wetland.

**Sunday, June 28 • 1:30 pm**

#### Bike the Trails

Bring your off-road bike for a leisurely trek through the forest preserves with one of our naturalists.

*Helmet and water bottle required.*

**Sunday, July 26 • 1:30 pm**



#### Novice Photography Workshop

Discover how to capture the beautiful sights of the forest preserves. Join a naturalist who will show you techniques to capture your experience. *Point and shoot cameras provided. Hiking shoes necessary. Adults only. Registration required. Limit 10.*

**Saturday, August 29 • 9:30 am – noon**

#### Family Fish School

Have fun with your family learning about fish and fishing with the Forest Preserve's fisheries biologist. Limited equipment available or bring your own.

*Registration required. \$2.*

**Sunday, August 30 • 11 am – 2 pm**

**River Trail Nature Center**  
3120 N Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook  
847-824-8360

### New Summer Hours

**Monday – Friday**  
Building 9 am – 6 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 6 pm  
(Building closed Fridays)

**Hours, June – August**  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
Building 9 am – 5 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 5 pm







# Sagawau Environmental Learning Center

## THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

### Canyon Tours

The Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalists for a hike down the canyon to learn how it was formed and what lives there. *Be prepared to wade through a stream; footing is unstable.*

**June: Saturdays • 10 am**

**July: Sundays • 10 am**

**August: Saturdays • 10 am**

(No canyon tour on August 15 due to Hummingbird Fest.)

### Drop-In Bird Banding

Banding has been used to study birds for centuries. Visit with our banders to learn about this method and observe bird species up close. *Weather permitting. Participants must sign waiver.*

**Wednesdays, June 17 & 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10 am – 1 pm**

### Drop-In on Monarchs

Take an in-depth look at the Monarch butterfly. Learn about the Monarch's life cycle, migration and how to conserve its habitat.

**Tuesdays, June 23 & July 21 • Noon – 3 pm**

### Drop-In on Hummingbirds

Enjoy ruby-throated hummingbirds as they chase each other and stop for a sip at the feeders. We'll discuss ways to attract them to your backyard and learn about their migration across the Gulf of Mexico.

**Wednesday, August 19 & August 26 • Noon – 3 pm**

### Drop-In on Dragonflies and Damselflies

Explore the world of Odonates! Meet at the farmhouse to use microscopes to view nymphs and adults. Hike to the CCC Quarry to watch dragonflies and damselflies lay eggs and protect their territories.

**Tuesday, June 16 & July 14 • 10 am – 1 pm**

## MASTER GARDENER SERIES

*Master Gardeners will present the following gardening programs at Sagawau. Ages 15 & up. Registration required at least four days prior to each session.*

### Container Gardening

Learn how to accent your outdoor areas with potted plants.

**Sunday, June 14 • 9 am**

### Groundcovers

Add texture and color to your garden by using different types of groundcover.

**Saturday, July 11 • 9 am**

### Gardening for Pollinators

Learn how to make a pollinator-friendly garden while encouraging birds and butterflies to visit your plants.

**Sunday, August 9 • 9 am**



JUNE

### Snakes

Learn about the snakes living in the Sag Valley. We'll discuss how ecological restoration has improved the health of the snakes' habitat in prairies and wetlands.

**Sunday, June 7 • 1 pm**

### Summer Prairie Tour

Enjoy a guided walk to learn how our restored, tall-grass prairie took root in the 1960s. Discover how plant diversity allows the prairie to thrive.

**Sunday, June 14 • 1 pm**

JULY

### Butterfly Hike

Learn about host and nectar plants that attract butterflies while searching the prairie and woods.

**Saturday, July 4 • 1 pm**

### Bee Houses

Encourage native bees to pollinate your garden plants and trees. Learn how to build nest sites in your garden.

**Saturday, July 11 • 1 pm**

### Dragonfly Hike

Enjoy the diversity of dragonflies and observe their flight patterns. Take a closer look by learning how to catch and release responsibly.

**Saturday, July 18 • 1 pm**

AUGUST

### Orland Grassland Restoration: Volunteers, Partners, Legacy

Enjoy a powerpoint presentation on how Orland Grassland has benefitted from restoring native plants to this Forest Preserves gem.

**Sunday, August 2 • 10 am**

### Naturalist Choice

Enjoy a summer program selected by a naturalist.

**Sunday, August 9 • 1 pm**

### HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

Celebrate the beauty of these amazing birds, and join us for games, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

**Saturday, August 15 • 8:30 am – 3 pm**



### Drop-In on Bluebirds

Observe this cavity-nesting species as they raise their young and defend their territories from other birds and predators.

**Sunday, June 21 • 1 pm**

### Fungus Among Us

Learn how common summer mushrooms benefit their ecosystem, then enjoy a hike to look for local examples. *Ages 12 & up.*

**Sunday, June 28 • 1 pm**

### Drop-in Fossil Hunt

Visit an ancient coral reef! Piece together the habitat of the Silurian Sea while searching for fossilized invertebrates. *Meet at Learning Center.*

**Saturday, July 25 • 10 am – 1 pm**

### Drop-In Creek Peek

Study the water quality of Sagawau's intermittent creek by searching for macroinvertebrates and learning their secrets to survival.

**Tuesday, July 28 • Noon – 3 pm**



### Hummingbird Sit

Take a seat and enjoy watching hummingbirds as they use aerial displays to guard their feeding resources.

**Sunday, August 16 • 1 pm**

### Orienteering

Learn to use a compass and map to help stay orientated while hiking in the forest preserves.

**Sunday, August 23 • 1 pm**

### Vermicomposting

Interested in making rich compost for your garden? Learn how to use worms to make compost by recycling your organic kitchen waste.

**Sunday, August 30 • 1 pm**

**Sagawau Environmental Learning Center**  
12545 W 111th St, Lemont  
630-257-2045

**Hours, June – August**  
Building 9 am – 4 pm daily  
Grounds 8 am – 4 pm daily





# Sand Ridge

## NATURE CENTER



### THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

#### Naturalist's Choice

Attend a short naturalist-guided hike, slideshow presentation or meet one of our captive wildlife residents up close and personal. Programs will vary week to week.

**Wednesdays, June – August • 5 – 6 pm**

#### Pioneer Living

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what Illinois' pioneers experienced.

**Sundays, June 7, July 5, August 2 • 1:30 pm**

### NATURE TALES SERIES

*For children in grades 1 – 4.*

#### Follow the Drinking Gourd

Discover how the stars of the Big and Little Dippers were used in the journey to freedom by slaves in earlier times.

**Saturday, June 13 • 1:30 pm**

#### Aquatic Life

Join us as we dip nets in our pond to see what kinds of interesting things we can find.

**Saturday, July 11 • 1:30 pm**

#### Eating “On the Fly”

From little brown bats to bright bluebirds, wildlife is in flight catching insects. Learn why ‘insectivores’ are important wildlife species, then play a fun game with us.

**Saturday, August 15 • 1:30 pm**

#### Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike

Join our monthly hiking club. A naturalist will lead a vigorous, two-mile hike on our trails.

**Saturdays, June 6, July 4, August 1 • 1:30 pm**

#### Wee Wonders Series

Children in preschool and kindergarten are invited to their very own nature program. We'll explore a different seasonal subject each month.

**Saturdays, June 6 (What's that Smell?), July 4 (Hummingbirds), August 1 (Nature in Color) • 10 am**

### SUMMER CAMPS

#### Summer Eye-Opener Camp (Ages 7-8)

Children will enjoy four mornings of fun activities and nature exploration. *Register by 6/29. Space is limited.* \$20.

**Monday – Thursday, July 6 – 9 • 9:30 am – noon**

#### Summer Eye-Opener Camp (Ages 9-10)

Children will join in nature-themed activities and games during four mornings of outdoor fun. *Register by 7/13. Space is limited.* \$20.

**Monday – Thursday, July 20 – 23 • 9:30 am – noon**

#### Outdoor Adventures Camp (Ages 11-13)

Children will enjoy five fun and challenging mornings learning outdoor survival and improving teamwork skills. Activities will require physical and mental involvement. *Register by 7/27. Space is limited.* \$25.

**Monday – Friday, August 3 – 7 • 9:30 am – noon**

JUNE

#### World Environment Day Night Hike

Join us on World Environment Day as we explore our trails in the evening. What animals are stirring in the woods? Come find out! *Register by 6/3.*

**Friday, June 5 • 8 pm**

#### The Sun, Our Nearest Star

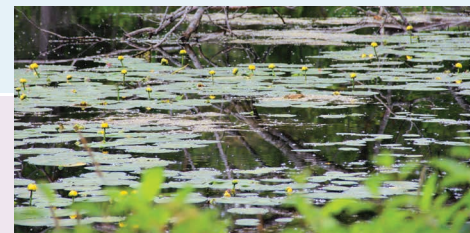
View the sun through a filtered telescope with our staff astronomer. Learn amazing facts about our nearest star. A slide program will be presented in case of poor weather. *Register by 6/4.*

**Saturday, June 6 • 10 am**

#### The Astronomer's Night Sky

View planets and other celestial wonders through a telescope, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy lecture and slide show will be presented. *Register by 6/10.*

**Friday, June 12 • 8:15 pm**



JULY

#### Ecosystem Exploration

What exactly is an ecosystem? This two-hour hike will explore Sand Ridge's eight different ecosystems. *Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes and be prepared for the weather. Register by 7/16.*

**Saturday, July 18 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

AUGUST

#### Outdoor Survival

Would you be able to survive if you were lost in the woods? We'll discuss the important basics of outdoor survival. *Family program. Register by 8/6.*

**Saturday, August 8 • 1:30 pm**

#### Restoration Workday

Many invasive plants are taking over our forest preserves. Join us as we cut brush to help restore biodiversity to Sand Ridge. *Come dressed in long pants and boots.*

**Sunday, August 16 • 1:30 pm**

#### Amphibian Survey

Join us on a search for amphibians and learn to identify different species. *Dress for the weather and be prepared to hike for at least an hour.*

**Saturday, August 22 • 1:30 – 3 pm**

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate freedom, family, and country with our historical Underground Railroad program. Enjoy history displays, interactive interpretive hikes, traditional music, wild edibles, crafts and much more.

**Saturday, June 20 • 10 am – 3 pm**



#### Father's Day Hike

Get Dad (and the family) out for a leisurely nature walk with a naturalist on the summer solstice.

**Sunday, June 21 • 1:30 pm**

#### Great American Campout

Celebrate camping as part of the National Wildlife Federation's annual camping event. Learn what you need for a great camping experience, and hear more about one of our new family campgrounds, Camp Shabbona Woods, located right next to the nature center. *Register by 6/25.*

**Saturday, June 27 • 1:30 pm**

#### Reptilemania!

Learn about some native ectotherms, or cold-blooded animals, that make their home here. Participants will have the opportunity to see and touch a variety of live reptiles.

**Saturday, July 25 • 1:30 pm**

#### Parent's Day

Bring Mom and Dad for a naturalist-led walk on this special day and see what nature has to offer.

**Sunday, July 26 • 1:30 pm**



#### The Wonder of Salamanders

What makes salamanders so special? Find out through an interactive presentation, and see a live salamander up close. We'll even go on a search for salamanders and other amphibians, weather permitting. *Adults and children ages 12 & up.*

**Saturday, August 29 • 1:30 pm**

#### Fur Tradin'

You're invited to learn more about fur trading in the Calumet region during the 1820s. Real fur and skins will be available to see and touch.

**Sunday, August 30 • 1:30 pm**



#### Sand Ridge Nature Center

15891 S. Paxton, South Holland  
708-868-0606

#### New Summer Hours

#### Hours, June – August

**Monday – Friday**

Building 9 am – 6 pm

Grounds 8 am – 6 pm

(Building closed Fridays)

**Saturday & Sunday**

Building 9 am – 5 pm

Grounds 8 am – 5 pm



# TRAILSIDE

## Museum of Natural History



### THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

**“Woodpecker Hollow” Nature Play Area**  
Balance on logs and build with sticks and stones as you experience unstructured playtime in our nature play area.  
**Every Day**

**Nature in the Afternoon Drop-Ins**  
Enjoy a range of casual nature activities at Trailside Museum, from animal encounters, nature crafts, bug hunts, and other surprises. Each afternoon program will be different. *Family drop-in programs.*  
**Thursdays, June 4 – August 27 • 4 – 5:30 pm**

**Summer Strolls**  
Enjoy a guided nature walk, and explore summer along our trails. *Family program. Register at least two days prior.*  
**Sundays, June 7, July 19, August 2 • 1 pm**

**Nature Story Time**  
Enjoy nature-inspired stories followed by a craft. *Ages 3–6 with adult.*  
**Thursdays, June 4 & 18; July 2 & 16; August 6 & 20 • 10:30 am**

**“Bone” Appétit**  
Join us at feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor resident animals.  
**Sundays, June 14 & June 28; Saturdays, July 4 & July 25; Sundays, August 16, 23 & Saturday, August 29 • 1 pm**

**What’s the Buzz?**  
Join us after our “Bone” Appétit program to learn about our partnership with Sweet Beginnings honey and enjoy a presentation about beekeeping.  
**Sundays, June 14 & June 28; Sundays, August 16, 23 & Saturday, August 29 • 2 pm**

**Neighborhood Tree Walks**  
Explore nature in your front yard and learn about local trees on this naturalist-led walk through River Forest. Meet at Trailside Museum. *Adult program. Register at least two days prior.*  
**Saturdays, June 13 & August 1 • 10 am**

**Dog Days of Summer Hikes**  
Bring your friendly, leashed dog (or bring yourself!) on a one-hour guided hike on our trails. *Family program. Register at least two days prior.*  
**Saturdays, June 20, July 18, August 15 • 10 am**

JUNE

**What Does the Coyote Say?**  
Bark, howl or yip... discover what the coyote really says and visit up close with Trailside’s resident coyote. *Drop-in family program.*  
**Saturday, June 6 • 1 – 2:30 pm**

**Father’s Day Walk**  
Dads and their families can enjoy a guided walk by our pond and through the woods, while learning about some animal fathers. *Register by 6/19.*  
**Sunday, June 21 • 1 pm**

**Bugland**  
Let’s take the “UG” out of BUG! Learn about insects, act like a bug, and go on an insect safari. *Drop-in family program.*  
**Sunday, July 5 • 1 – 2:30 pm**

**Parent/Child Woodland Ramble**  
Enjoy a woodland walk as we take an interactive look at trees, wildflowers and creatures great and small. *Register by 7/9.*  
**Saturday, July 11 • 1 pm**

**Walk with Dragons and Damsels**  
Dragonflies and damselflies are dipping and dashing in our pond. Learn to identify them and their behaviors. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. *Register by 7/10.*  
**Sunday, July 12 • 10 am**

AUGUST

**Container Gardening**  
Learn tips and techniques for effective gardening in pots, window boxes and more. Presented by a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. *Adults and teens. Register by 8/6.*  
**Saturday, August 8 • 1 pm**

**Reptiles Revealed**  
Enjoy an up-close visit with some of our local reptiles. *Drop-in family program.*  
**Sunday, August 9 • 1 – 2:30 pm**



**STROLLER USERS:** Please note that the footpaths around Trailside Museum are not suitable for strollers.

**Explore Your Preserves:**  
**Evans Field Forest Preserve**  
Discover scenic trails on a naturalist-guided walk at Evans Field Forest Preserve near Elmwood Park. *Register by 6/25 and get details on meeting place.*  
**Saturday, June 27 • 10 – 11:30 am**



**FISH CAMP**  
Learn basic fishing techniques including fish identification, baiting hooks, casting and fishing in this two-morning camp! *All equipment provided. Ages 8 – 12. Space is limited. In-person registration, payment and proof of age required by 7/11. \$10 per child.*  
**Tuesday & Wednesday, July 14 & 15 • 9 – 11 am**



**Creature Feature**  
Learn about an animal that makes its home within our forest preserves. *Drop-in family program.*  
**Sunday, July 26 • 1 – 2:30 pm**

**Bats: Night Stalkers**  
Learn about these mysterious flying mammals, and see and hear live bats flitting about outside using special equipment. *Adults & children ages 8 & up. Register by 8/17.*  
**Wednesday, August 19 • 7:30 pm**

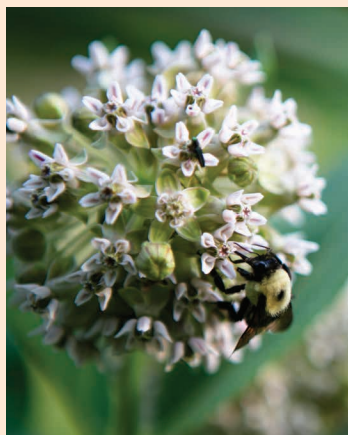
**Plants and Their Pals**  
Join us as we explore plants and the symbiotic relationships these organisms have with animals, bacteria and fungi. *Drop-in program for adults and families.*  
**Sunday, August 30 • 1 – 2:30 pm**

**Trailside Museum of Natural History**  
738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest  
708-366-6530

**Hours, June – August**  
**Monday – Friday**  
Building 9 am – 6 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 6 pm  
(Building closed Fridays)

**New Summer Hours**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
Building 9 am – 5 pm  
Grounds 8 am – 5 pm







## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 62nd Annual American Indian Pow Wow

Busse Woods South, Higgins Rd east of I-290, Elk Grove Village

This event features Native American dance, drumming, food, art wares and fun. Don't miss traditional dance competitors from all over the country! *In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago.* Admission \$10-15. **Saturday, June 6 • 10 am - 7 pm; Grand Entries at noon and 5 pm**  
**Sunday, June 7 • 10 am - 5 pm; Grand Entry at noon**

### Beaubien Woods Celebration

Beaubien Woods, I-94 & Doty Ave, Chicago

Enjoy this annual family event held in partnership with Fishin' Buddies and the Calumet Stewardship Initiative. Fish, explore, build with natural materials, hike and more! Register online at [beaubien2015.eventbrite.com](http://beaubien2015.eventbrite.com). **Saturday, June 13 • 11 am - 4 pm**



### Kids' Fest

Wampum Lake, I-90/94 & Thornton-Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing

Enjoy fishing, hiking, canoeing, archery and other fun activities at this free outdoor extravaganza for kids of all ages. Presented in partnership with Fishin' Buddies and the Youth Conservation Conference. Register online at [FBkidsfest.com](http://FBkidsfest.com). **Saturday, July 11 • 10 am - 4 pm**

### Nature Discovery Days

Swallow Cliff Stairs, 10267 Calumet Sag Rd, Palos Hills

The kids are out of school! Drop in for a fun summer afternoon of nature discovery and check out the improvements we've made at Swallow Cliff. Kids and their parents can enjoy art, nature play, games, kite flying and more. *Drop in event; call 708-386-4042 x 23 for more information.* **Monday, July 20 and Friday, August 28 • 11 am - 2 pm**

### 3rd Annual Teen Exploration Day

Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard Ave, Burnham

This event is teen-focused, with activities highlighting outdoor adventure and education. Try your hand at canoeing, tree climbing, guided hikes and restoration activities. Learn about conservation and engage with other youth. *Call 708-386-4042 x 23 for more information.* **Wednesday, August 5 • noon - 4 pm**

### CAMBr Meltdown

Pulaski Woods, 9800 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

The CAMBr Meltdown is Chicagoland's premiere mountain biking event, with racing for all ages and abilities. *Free for spectators.* **Sunday, August 9 • 9 am - 5 pm**



## THIRD THURSDAYS

Film in the Forest: "Little Shop of Horrors" PG-13  
Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest  
In this classic comedic musical, nerdy florist Seymour finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a new-but-troublesome-plant. **Thursday, June 18**  
Pre-movie activities at 6:30 pm. Movie at dusk.

### Insect Fest

Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest  
Let's celebrate insects! Explore how pollinators help us. Build a bug playground. Follow migratory patterns of monarch butterflies and learn how to create habitat for them locally. *All ages.* **Thursday, July 16 • 11 am - 2 pm**

## ARCHERY

Archery equipment is provided for all programs. Call 708-386-4042 x 23 to reserve your spot.

### Archery, Explore and More Eggers Woods

11201 S Avenue B, Chicago  
All are invited to join us for a night of archery instruction and target practice, hiking and exploring, and nature games. *Archery for ages 10 & up; other activities for all ages.* **Tuesday, June 16 • 4 - 7 pm**

### Bow Strings & Cliff Stairs Swallow Cliff Stairs

10267 Calumet Sag Rd, Palos Hills  
Families, join us on a Saturday and exercise using the Swallow Cliff stairs, then learn about archery and take aim at our targets. And be sure to grab some snacks and check out our new comfort station. **Saturday, June 27 • 11 am - 2 pm**

### Archery 101

Never tried archery before? Attend one of these sessions and learn about the history of archery, parts of the bow and arrow and proper technique.

**Tuesday, August 11 • 3 - 6 pm**  
**Lake Avenue East Woods**

4887 W Lake Ave, Northbrook  
*Explore River Trail Nature Center before you join in on the archery fun.*

**Tuesday, August 18 • 3 - 6 pm**  
**Dan Ryan Woods**

87th and Western, Chicago  
*Hike the Dan Ryan Woods trails before you join in on the archery fun.*



Explore nature, art and more every month!  
For more information, call 708-386-4042 x 25 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

### A Taste of the Forest Preserves

Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest  
Discover the variety of offerings available in the forest preserves. Take a wellness class, try your hand at archery, join a guided hike and create art from reclaimed materials. *All ages.* **Thursday, August 20 • 3:30 - 6:30 pm**

## PADDLING

*Bring your own canoe or use one of ours. A limited number of boats are available to loan. Canoe instruction provided. All paddles are for ages 5 & up. To reserve your spot, call 708-386-4042 x 23 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).*

### Doggy Paddle

Beck Lake Boat Launch  
1000 N East River Rd, Des Plaines  
Spend some time with your pup, enjoy refreshments, and then join us for a special paddle with your furry friend. *Dogs and their owners are invited to paddle together.* **Thursday, June 4 • 6 - 8 pm**

### Little Calumet River Ecology Paddle and Cleanup Little Calumet Boat Launch, Ashland & Jackson, Riverdale

Help us clean up the river as we paddle down to Kickapoo Woods and back. Learn about aquatic life along the Little Calumet, and how cleaning up the river can help keep these animals healthy. *Tools, breakfast snacks and lunch provided. Groups welcome. Register at [calumetwaterwaystewards.com](http://calumetwaterwaystewards.com)* **Saturday, June 6 • 8 am - 3 pm**

### Beginners Canoe Workshop

Wampum Lake, I-90/94 & Thornton-Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing  
Beginner canoeists, this paddle is for you! Learn about parts of the canoe and basic paddle strokes, then test your new skills with a paddle around the lake. **Thursday, July 9 • 3 - 5 pm**

### Lower Des Plaines Paddle and Cleanup Columbia Woods Boat Launch, Archer & Wentworth, Willow Springs

This paddle is good for both you and the environment! Use those paddling muscles while keeping your local waterway healthy. Assist in clean-up and learn different ways to help keep your preserves pristine. **Saturday, August 15 • 8 am - 3 pm**

Full Moon Celebration Paddle  
Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Launch, Winnetka  
Join us for this unique paddle as we celebrate the full moon. This is more than a canoe trip - it's an experience full of special surprises. **Thursday, August 27 • 6 - 9:30 pm**



## FILMS IN THE FOREST

Join us for movie nights! Different feature films with a nature connection will be presented along with family friendly activities based on the film. Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment at scenic preserve venues.

**Pre-movie activities start at 6:30 pm.**

**Movie begins at dusk.**

**Thursday, June 18**

**“Little Shop of Horrors”**

*Rated PG-13*

In this classic comedic musical Seymour Krelborn, a nerdy florist, finds his chance for a successful business and romance with the help of a new and unidentified plant. Little does he know the new plant has an appetite for people and demands to be fed.

**Thatcher Woods**

**8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest**

**Tuesday, June 30**

**“Into the Woods”**

*Rated PG*

When a baker and his wife find out a witch has cursed their family, they travel into the woods to retrieve items from iconic characters such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack of Jack and the Beanstalk in an effort to reverse the curse.

**Caldwell Woods**

**6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

**Thursday, July 23**

**“The Book of Life”**

*Rated PG*

Manolo is a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Before he chooses which path to follow, Manolo must embark on an adventure that spans three whimsical worlds where he must face his greatest fears.

**Eggers Woods**

**11201 S Avenue B, Chicago**

**Thursday, July 30**

**“Frozen”**

*Rated PG*

When the newly-crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn the land into an endless winter, her sister Anna teams up with a mountain man, his reindeer and a snowman to set out on a dangerous and mysterious journey to bring her back.

**Green Lake Aquatic Center**

**1100 River Oaks Dr, Calumet City**

**Tuesday, August 25**

**“How to Train Your Dragon”**

*Rated PG*

In his quest to become a dragon warrior, Hiccup, a clumsy but inventive young Viking, finds an unlikely friend in a rare dragon. He bridges the Viking world and the dragon world and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed.

**Cermak Aquatic Center**

**7600 W Ogden, Lyons**



## FOREST JAMS

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians.

**Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm**

**Concert runs from 6:30 to 8 pm**

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Green Lake Aquatic Center**

**1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City**

**Tuesday, July 21**

**Cermak Aquatic Center**

**7600 W Ogden Ave, Lyons**

**Thursday, August 13**

**Whealan Pool**

**6200 W Devon, Chicago**

**Tuesday, September 1**

**Dan Ryan Pavilion, Grove 5**

**87th and Western, Chicago**

**Thursday, September 17**

**Cummings Square**

**536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**



## PHOTO MEET-UPS

The Forest Preserves of Cook County hosts a series of photo meet-ups for photographers of all skill levels.

Each month, one of our naturalists will lead a brief tour of a natural area, highlighting interesting plants, scenic vistas and locations frequented by wildlife. Capture images and share tips with fellow photographers.

*All cameras are suitable, from SLR to point-and-shoot to smart phone.*

**Saturday, June 27 • 10 am**

**Sand Ridge Nature Center**

**15891 Paxton Ave, South Holland**

**Saturday, July 25 • 10 am**

**Crabtree Nature Center**

**3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills**

**Saturday, August 22 • 10 am**

**Brookfield Woods and Prairie**

**8702 31st St, Brookfield**

*Hosted by Trailside Museum of Natural History*

## VOLUNTEER

If you have time, skills and enthusiasm to give, consider volunteering with the Forest Preserves. With more than 69,000 acres, there are endless opportunities for individuals and groups to get involved. From removing invasive species to picking up litter to monitoring birds and other animals, volunteering is fun and meaningful.

**To find out more about volunteering at a site near you, visit [fpdcc.com/volunteer](http://fpdcc.com/volunteer).**



## RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Our naturalists work hand-in-hand with teachers. We can bring environmental education into the classroom, or bring school groups into the vast natural classroom of our preserves. Programs may feature almost any aspect of regional ecology in the area. We emphasize the role of people in ecosystems, and the health of the natural world.

Six unique nature centers represent the geographic and habitat diversity of Cook County. All feature exhibits, and most display live native animals and include nature trails of varying lengths. Free field trips may be scheduled throughout the year.

Or let us come to you! Free science and nature programs for individual classrooms feature hands-on activities, and may include animal and plant specimens and classroom handouts. Naturalists are available for science and career fairs and other requests, depending on availability. **Contact any of our nature centers for details.**

## IT'S COOLER IN THE FOREST

Teachers and youth leaders: sign your kids up for *Cooler in the Forest*, a new field trip opportunity for students and community youth groups. This engaging experience introduces youth to nature, where they can explore, learn and have fun in outdoor “classrooms.” We teach through adventure recreation, outdoor skills and hands-on learning. Our staff can tailor a program to meet your goals. **Please call 708-386-4042 x23 for details.**







## AQUATIC CENTERS

Enjoy fun in the water! Swim, splash or just plain cool off this season at one of the Forest Preserves' three aquatic centers. From water slides to family play areas to scenic forest preserve views, our aquatic centers offer something for everyone.

All our facilities feature certified lifeguards with first aid and water safety equipment.

**Aquatic Centers Opening Weekend:**  
Saturday – Monday, May 23 – 25  
11 am – 7 pm

**Opening Day,**  
Saturday, May 23  
is free!

**Aquatic centers open for the summer on May 30 and will be open every day until September 7.**

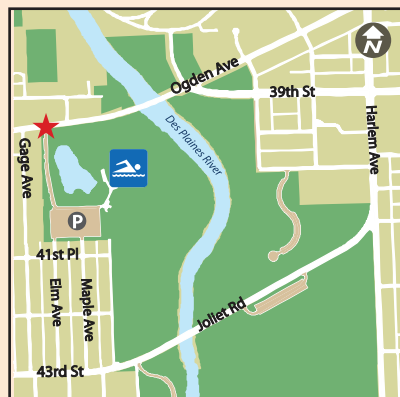
Hours are 11 am – 7 pm.

For specific information about individual aquatic centers, visit [fpdcc.com/aquatic-centers](http://fpdcc.com/aquatic-centers).

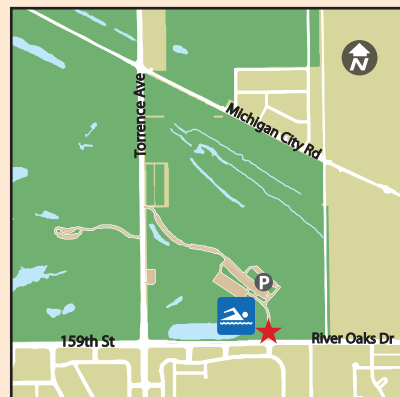
### Aquatic Center Rates

Child: Free
(Ages 3 and under)
Child: \$4
(Ages 4-12)
Adult: \$6
(Ages 13 & up)
Season Pass: \$150
(Up to 4 family members)
Season Pass: \$40
(Individual)

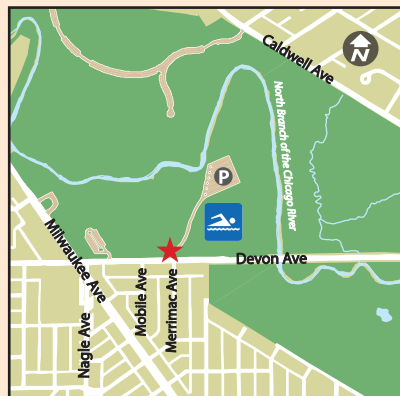
**Cermak Family Aquatic Center**  
7600 W Ogden Avenue,  
west of Harlem Avenue at the  
Des Plaines River, Lyons  
708-447-0715



**Green Lake Family Aquatic Center**  
1100 River Oaks Drive  
Calumet City  
708-862-1927



**Whealan Pool Aquatic Center**  
6200 W Devon Avenue,  
east of Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago  
773-775-1666



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT WHEALAN AQUATIC CENTER

### Children's Swim Lessons

Swim lessons for children ages 3–12. Lessons taught by American Red Cross trained and certified life guards.

Four-week sessions with eight classes each. Classes are held on Mondays and Tuesdays. \$64 per child.

**Session I: June 8 – July 3**

**Session II: July 6 – July 31**

**Times: 9:30 – 10 am • 10:10 – 10:40 am**

Registration begins May 30. Call 773-775-1666 for more information and to register.

### Adult Lap Swim

Start your day with lap swimming! Limited lanes, so early arrival is recommended. \$6 per adult and includes admission to the Aquatic Center for the rest of the day.

June 8 – July 31 • 9:30 – 10:40 am, Monday – Friday

## HAVE YOUR PARTY WITH US

Water fun in a natural setting makes our aquatic centers the perfect place for summer parties! Call your aquatic center directly to make your reservation.

### Rentals include:

Reserved space for your guests

Two 10' x 10' tents

Two tables and 20 chairs

Available daily 11:30 am – 2:30 pm and 3:30 – 6:30 pm

**Semi-private rental: \$174 up to 20 guests**

**Additional guests: \$6 each**

*Maximum number of guests per party is 50.*

\$75 non-refundable reservation fee applies.

Balance is due on the day of your event.

Food for party rentals must be purchased from our on-site concessionaire.

Cake is the only outside food allowed.

Ask for more information when making your reservation.







## FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY CAMPING

Watch the sun set.  
Sleep under the stars.  
Listen to the peaceful sounds of nature.  
Create lasting memories at one of the Forest Preserves of Cook County's five new campgrounds!

Camp in a tent, stay in a cabin or bring your RV.  
We'll even provide weekend activities led by our staff.

Whether you're new to camping or you've enjoyed it for years, we have something for everyone. Families, individuals and groups are all welcome.

**Reserve your spot at [fpdcc.com/camping](http://fpdcc.com/camping) or call 1-855-YES-CAMP**



RATES: APRIL - OCTOBER			COOK COUNTY	
TYPE	CAPACITY	NIGHTS	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Tent/RV Electric	6	Sun - Wed	\$35	\$45
Tent/RV Electric	6	Thu - Sat	\$50	\$60
Tent (Non-Electric)	6	Sun - Wed	\$30	\$40
Tent (Non-Electric)	6	Thu - Sat	\$35	\$45
Small Cabin	8	Sun - Wed	\$50	\$60
Small Cabin	8	Thu - Sat	\$80	\$90
Large Cabin	10	Sun - Wed	\$85	\$95
Large Cabin	10	Thu - Sat	\$100	\$110
Small Bunkhouse	16	Sun - Wed	\$90	\$100
Small Bunkhouse	16	Thu - Sat	\$140	\$150
Large Bunkhouse	36	Sun - Wed	\$100	\$110
Large Bunkhouse	36	Thu - Sat	\$200	\$210
Group Sites	30-60	All Nights	\$20/tent	\$30/tent

• **Camp Bullfrog Lake**  
9600 Wolf Rd  
Willow Springs

• **Camp Dan Beard**  
200 Portwine Rd  
Northbrook

• **Camp Reinberg**  
1801 N Quentin  
Palatine

• **Camp Shabbona Woods**  
15810 Torrence Ave  
Calumet City

• **Camp Sullivan**  
14630 Oak Park Ave  
Oak Forest

### FREE Weekend Campground Activities

- Friday & Saturday night bonfires
- Friday & Saturday evening programs
- Saturday afternoon activities and hikes
- Camping skill demonstrations

Open to all registered campers.

*Camp Bullfrog Lake, Camp Reinberg and Camp Sullivan feature four-season, heated cabins and are open 362 days a year. Campgrounds are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.*



### Family Campout & Hummingbird Festival

#### Camp Sullivan

14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest

This special overnight event for families is a great intro to camping. Basic skills training, a cookout and outdoor activities are included. As part of the fun, we'll even provide a bus to the annual Hummingbird Festival at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center. *Bus will leave Camp Sullivan at 8 am for the festival and return to Camp Sullivan at noon. \$75 for family groups up to 6. Camperships are available for families with financial need. Call 708-386-4042 ext 22 or email [experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov) for more information and to register.*

Friday, August 14, 3 pm, to Saturday, August 15, 1 pm

### Camping Adventure Backpacks

Available at our campgrounds! Check out a pack filled with tools and gear that enhance self-guided nature exploration. Includes binoculars, field guide, compass and more. Available for loan. Supplies are limited. **FREE**



### Camping 101

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire cooking, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Join us on select Wednesday and Thursday evenings throughout the summer. *No registration required. FREE!*



**Camp Reinberg and Camp Shabbona Woods**  
Wednesdays July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
6 - 8 pm August 5, 12, 19, 26

**Camp Dan Beard and Camp Bullfrog Lake**  
Thursdays July 2, 9, 16, 22, 29  
6 - 8 pm August 6, 13, 20, 27

### Camping Leadership Immersion Course

Attention leaders of community and school groups, scouts and youth groups! This overnight training course teaches equipment use and care, campground cooking, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education. After completing this training, you and your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a one-night campout at Camp Sullivan. *Training is required to gain access to gear.*  
Saturday, June 20, 8 am, to Sunday, June 21, 2 pm



**Camp Sullivan**  
14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest

#### Camping Leadership Immersion Campouts

Starting July 6, CLIC trainees can put their new knowledge to use! Gear will be available for check-out for overnight campouts for groups up to 30. Register up to one month prior to your desired date. *Campouts available every Wednesday - Saturday nights, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and*

*New Year's Day. First-come, first-served. Available at Camp Sullivan only, at a specially designated area. Bring your own food and propane. \$100 per group. Call 708-386-4042 ext 22 or email [experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov) for more information and to register.*

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## ABOUT THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is one of the oldest forest preserve system in the nation, maintaining more than 69,000 acres of open land for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public. We strive to protect and restore the county's diverse ecosystems, so all our unique native plants and animals can live and thrive. Each year, millions of people use these lands and facilities to enjoy or study nature, bicycle, hike, fish, cross-country ski, picnic, golf, canoe or simply relax in a large preserve that leaves urban life behind.

### Forest Preserves of Cook County

General Headquarters, 536 N Harlem, River Forest, IL 60305

Toni Preckwinkle, President

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