

Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar – June 9, 2015 – July 21, 2015

TODAY! June 9; 10 am to 2 pm

Live Healthy Discover Nature and Camping!

Celebrate all things Forest Preserves and especially camping today at Daley Plaza. Meet staff, some of our birds, turtles and snakes, as well as our partners. We'll all have lots of information about all the great things that are happening in the Forest Preserves. Draw for prizes and learn about our coloring contest for a free camping experience. At noon the Henhouse Prowlers will perform.

Monday – Thursday evenings; 6/8 – 9/7

Evenings at the Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Garden's summer hours extend to 9 p.m. from June 6 to September 7, with Evenings music programs beginning on June 8. The special live music performances for all ages are offered four nights a week. See chicagobotanic.org/evenings or schedule of performances. Free.

Thursday, 6/18; 6:30 pm

Film in the Forest: "Little Shop of Horrors," 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. Pre-movie activities at 6:30 pm. Movie at dusk.

Saturday - Sunday, 6/13 – 6/14; 10 am – 4:30 pm

Ikebana Show, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Ikebana International Society presents an exhibition of traditional Japanese flower arranging. This event features many educational opportunities to learn about the mechanics and techniques of ikebana. Free.

Saturday, 6/13; 11 am – 4 pm

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.

Tuesday, 6/16; 4 – 7 pm

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.

Saturday, 6/20; 10 am – 3 pm

Juneteenth Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

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, 6/20; 1:30 pm

Gardening 101, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn the basics about starting a garden. Ages 16 & up. Registration is required. Limit 25.

Sunday, 6/21; 1 pm

Who's Your Daddy?, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

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, 6/21; 1 pm

Drop-In on Bluebirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Sunday, 6/21; 1 pm

Father's Day Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

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, 6/21; 1:30 pm

The Buzz on Bees, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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

Tuesday, 6/23; Pre-Activities – 5:30 pm; Concert – 6:30 to 8 pm

Forest Jams, Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City

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.

Saturday, 6/27; 11 am – 2 pm

Bow Strings and 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, 6/27; 1:30 pm

Great American Campout, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

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.

Tuesday, 6/30; 6:30 pm

Films in the Forest: "Into the Woods," Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago

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. Pre-movie activities at 6:30 pm. Movie at dusk.

Saturday – Sunday, 7/4 – 7/5; 10 am – 5 pm

Art Festival, Esplanade, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Stroll and shop among 100 juried artists on the Esplanade. This one-of-a-kind art festival brings together botanic-themed and botanic-made photography, paintings, ceramics, cement, metal, fiber, wood, jewelry, and other pieces. Bring budding artists to the Family Activity tent to create their own masterpieces! Free.

Saturday, 7/4; 1 pm

Butterfly Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Sunday, 7/5; 1 pm

Red, White and Blue, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

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

Sunday, 7/5; 1 – 2:30 pm

Bugland, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

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, 7/5; 1:30 pm

American Raptors, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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

Thursday, 7/9; 3 – 5 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.

Saturday, 7/11; 10 am – 4 pm

Kid's 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

Saturday, 7/18; 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Summertime at the Slough, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

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

Monday, 7/20; 11 am – 2 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday – Sunday; 9/20-9/27

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

We're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations all over the Forest Preserves in one week. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!