



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: **Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 9/13/2016 - 10/25/2016**

Saturday, 9/24; Early morning til late in the evening

Party for the Preserves: A Celebration of Public Lands Day, Five Campgrounds.

The Forest Preserves will celebrate Public Lands Day with a Party for the Preserves. Our five campgrounds, located throughout the county, will be the host sites for all day activities that celebrate and offer a variety of fun, educational environmental and nature based activities that celebrate all the great stuff you can do in the preserves. Look for birding, biking, running, art making, hiking, animal encounters, nature games, camping demos, yoga or other fitness, restoration and stewardship during the day. In the evening each campground will host an admission based party with a unique theme including live music, a movie or other performances. Special camping packages will be available for campers who want to spend the night. For more details, follow the link: <http://fpdcc.com/party>

Wednesday, 9/14; 5 - 7 pm

Archery 101, Thatcher Woods, 8030 W Chicago Ave, River Forest

Never tried archery before? Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique.

Saturday, 9/17 - Sunday, 9/18 &

Saturday, 10/15 - Sunday, 10/16

CLIC Training, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

The Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) Training is an overnight course that provides skills such as camping equipment use and care, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education for leaders of school, community, scouting, or youth groups. Upon completion, groups of up to 30 gain access to camping for an overnight stay at Camp Sullivan. Training is required in order to gain access to gear. For more information, e-mail experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov <<mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov>>.

Saturday and Sunday, 9/17 and 9/18; 11 am - 4 pm

Harvest Weekend; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Don't give up on garden-fresh produce as winter approaches. Learn how to pickle, dry, preserve, and freeze your harvest. The weekend also features hands-on family activities, honey tasting, an heirloom apple display, and a fall garden harvest tour in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden. Bring a gently used cookbook for the cookbook swap and take a "new" one home. Free.

Saturday, 9/17; 7:30 - 9 am

Free Bird Walk; registrants meet in the Visitor Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Enjoy a morning exploring and learning about the birds that frequent the various habitats of the Garden. Free.

Saturday, 9/17; 10 am - 2 pm

20th Anniversary of Bird Banding at Sagawau, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Visit the banding station, observe bird banding and learn how we use the data collected over the last 20 years. Listen to

the stories of breeding and migratory birds and how they use Sagawau.

Saturday, 9/17; 10 am to 3 pm

Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a day of activities to promote appreciation of Native American culture. Enjoy local archaeology displays, guided hikes, activities and crafts.

Saturday, 9/17; 10 am - 7 pm - Grand Entries - Noon and 5 pm

Sunday, 9/18; 10 am - 5 pm - Grand Entry - Noon

63rd Annual American Indian Pow Wow, Busse Woods South, Groves 17 & 18,

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, 9/17; 1 pm

Bird of the Month: Black-capped Chickadee, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about the interesting life history of this tiny but bold bird, and its amazing expanding memory!

Sunday, 9/18; 10 am - 4 pm

Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Watch artists as they paint along our scenic trails. Listen to live music, view additional artwork for sale and vote for your favorite artist. Try your hand at drawing or painting your own watercolor, materials and instruction provided. Children can sculpt with clay, paint or draw.

Wednesday, 9/21; 5 - 7 pm

Animal Olympics, Rolling Knolls, 11N260 Rohrssen Road, Elgin

See how your abilities compare with those of native animals. This unique challenge teaches how animals move, collect food and make homes. All ages.

Friday, 9/23; 9 am

Bird Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us for a morning stroll to look for resident and migrating birds. Beginners welcome! Limited binoculars available. Registration required at least two days prior. Call 847-824-8360 to register.

Saturday, 10/1; 1-4 pm

Fall Paddle Festival, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Enjoy the fall outdoor fun at Bullfrog Lake with activities on and off the water. We will have canoe trips, guided hikes, pumpkin painting and more. All paddle programs are for ages 5 and up. Want to stay overnight?

Saturday, 10/1; check-in 1 pm or 3 pm to Saturday, 10/2; check-out 11 am

Family Campout, Camp Bullfrog, 9600 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

This special overnight event for families is a great intro to camping. Basic skills training, a cookout and outdoor activities are included. Check-in at 1 pm to join us for the Fall Paddle - for camping only, check in at 3 pm. The cost is \$75 for family groups up to 6. Camperships are available for families with financial need. For more information and to register, email experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov.

Sunday, 10/2; 9 am - 3 pm

Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

We're celebrating our 51st Annual Arts and Craft Fair! Art, of all styles, will be sold by artists inspired by nature.

Friday, 10/7; 5 - 8 pm

An Evening at Trailside, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Get up close and personal with your neighborhood Nature Center. Enjoy children's crafts, mini-nature programs, storytelling and snacks around a campfire, and much more.

Saturday, 10/8 - Sunday, 10/9

GITy UP!: A Trails for Illinois Event, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

GITy Up! is a bite-sized, overnight bike camping and trail running adventure along the Forest Preserves' Palos trail system, which was described as "one of the finest trail systems in the country" by Runners World in 2011. Cost is \$85. Register at <http://trailsforillinois.org/gityup>.

Saturday, 10/8; 8 to 11:30 am

Fall Fishing Derby with the Village of Palos Park, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park

Bring your fishing rod or we will have ones to borrow for a fun day of fishing. Prizes awarded in different age groups for the largest fish caught. Fishing license exempt for this date and location. Call 708-671-3760 for more information. In cooperation with the Village of Palos Park and sponsored by BassPro Shop Bolingbrook.

Sunday, 10/9; 1 pm

Knock, Knock, Who's There?, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

The red-bellied woodpecker, October's bird of the month! Learn about this bird's adaptations, make your own feeder and go on a binocular hunt.

Thursday 10/13; 6 - 8 pm

Autumn Brews; McGinley Pavilion, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Enjoy seasonal beer tasting on the beautiful McGinley Pavilion with a spectacular view of Evening Island. Registration required and fee applies.

Saturday, 10/15; 1 - 4 pm

Fall Paddle Festival at Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Launch, Tower Rd east of I-94, Northfield

Enjoy the fall season with activities on and off the water. We will have canoe trips, guided hikes, archery, pumpkin painting and more.

Saturday, 10/15; 7 - 10 pm

Night Sky Program, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

Sunday, 10/16; 10 am - 4 pm

Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us as we celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun. Storytelling, beekeeping demonstrations, pumpkin painting, honey, hay rides and more! Admission is free; there are small fees for some activities or bring non-perishable food items to donate to The Greater Chicago Food Depository in exchange for activity tickets. 1 item=1 ticket

Wednesday, 10/19; 4:30 - 7 pm

Canoe and Archery Skills Class, Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard, Burnham

We will be showcasing two of our most popular outdoor activities in the same night. First, Forest Preserves instructors will lead a paddling class-teaching proper paddling strokes and parts of a canoe. We will end the evening with an archery workshop where participants will get the opportunity to learn first-hand how to correctly shoot a bow and arrow. Ages 10 & up.

Friday, 10/21; 5 - 8 pm

Stars, Stories and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest

Bring your family and friends for an opportunity to enjoy an evening in the Forest Preserves. Come join us for a cozy fire,

s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and other nature-based activities. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov
<<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov>>

Saturday, 10/22; 11 am - 2 pm

Leave No Child Inside: Family Fun Day!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Bring the kids to spend some time outside and have fun with our naturalist staff. We will have games, a nature scavenger hunt and more.

Sunday, 10/23; 9 am - 1 pm

Red Gate Woods: Beginning of the Atomic Age, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

What happened in a southwestern forest preserve that changed the world? Meet at Sagawau for a presentation, then drive to Red Gate Woods and hike to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. Adults and interested teens. Registration required. Participants will drive their own vehicles. Bring a lunch.

Sunday, 10/23; 1:30 pm

The Un-Haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Come in costume for a magical hike through the forest and a Halloween treat. Registration required. \$1 per child.

Tuesday, 10/25; 4 - 6 pm

Archery 101, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago

Never tried archery before? Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique.