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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 9/21/2022 - 10/18/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Every Day, 9/21 through 10/30

Ice Age Giants, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

During the last major ice age, our human ancestors lived alongside enormous animals that made Earth their home for millions of years. This summer, Brookfield Zoo is unleashing more than 20 life-sized, animatronic re-creations of these giants that roamed North America and Eurasia before disappearing in a mass extinction about 10,000 years ago. Viewing is free with general admission.

Wednesday, 9/21; 10am

Forest Therapy Walk, Busse Woods-South, Elk Grove Village

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature and the Preserves. A Certified Forest Therapy guide will guide the walk. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Thursday, 9/22; 6pm - 8pm

Autumnal Equinox, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Take in the colors of the season and learn about the cultural and ecological significance of the autumnal equinox. *Light refreshments will be available. Registration required.*

Friday, 9/23; 12pm - 2:45pm

Bird Painting Step-by-Step: Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Sketch and paint a ruby-throated hummingbird. For beginners and experienced artists. *Materials provided. \$5 per person. Registration required.*

Friday, 9/23; 6:30pm

Campfire Stories, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Enjoy a fun, interactive evening of storytelling by the fire with campfire treats. *Bring your own mug and enjoy a warm beverage. Registration required.*

Friday, 9/23; 7pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about nocturnal animals and more on a guided hike. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 9/20. Ages 6 and up.*

Saturday, 9/24; 9:30am - 11:30am

Public Lands Day, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Give back to nature at Sagawau! Help improve the health of our Forest Preserves by removing litter or cutting invasive brush. Litter picking supplies will be available. *Tools and safety gear will be provided for invasive brush removal.*

Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm

Party for the Preserves, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual Party for the Preserves! Enjoy family friendly activities with community partners, music, guided walks, nature activities, a local food truck and more. *Check out FPDCC.com for more information.*

Saturday, 9/24; 12pm - 4pm

Community Powwow, LaBagh Woods, Groves 2-4, W Foster Ave, N Cicero Ave, Chicago

Celebrate Native American culture while recognizing ‘Every Child Matters’ and National Public Lands Day. Enjoy a traditional Powwow, Native food, and listen to stories of culture from the area. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange. *Registration required. Call 773-509-2344.*

Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm

Party for the Preserves, Schubert's Woods- Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights

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Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm

Party for the Preserves, Bunker Hill, Chicago

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Sunday, 9/25; 1pm

Bees, Wasps & Hornets, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

These insects can be plentiful, and at times “pesky”, this time of the year. This presentation will include life histories, local varieties, and some useful tips.

Thursday, 9/29; 4:30pm - 7pm

Archery, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery.

Saturday, 10/1; 12pm - 3pm

Camping Without Limits, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Partnered with Adaptive Adventures, Camping Without Limits is an introductory camping experience that provides a rich and challenging outdoor adventure experience along with adaptive cycling, climbing, and kayaking for individuals with physical disabilities, their friends, and families.

Saturday, 10/1; 1:30pm

Batty about Bats, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn all about our native bats and their interesting behavior. *Ages 10 and up.*

Saturday, 10/1; 12pm - 4pm

Rain date, Sunday, 10/8; 12pm - 4pm

Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. Participate in a canoe trip, guided hike, archery, pumpkin painting, nature play and more.

Saturday, 10/1; 8am

Fishing Derby, Horsetail Lake, Palos

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

Saturday, 10/1; 7pm

Not Your Typical Pumpkin Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Why should the kids have all the fun? An adult only pumpkin carving night. *\$25 per person. Materials provided. Registration and payment required by 9/24. No refunds. Ages 21 and up.*

Saturday, 10/1; 9am - 12pm

Fishing 101, Green Lake, Calumet City

Join us for a fun day of fishing and learn about Green Lake's cultural and natural history. *All ages. Fishing license required for ages 16 and up. In partnership with Get Hooked LLC. Registration required.*

Sunday, 10/2; 9am - 3pm

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

We are celebrating our 57th Annual Arts and Craft Fair! Art, of all styles, will be sold by artists inspired by nature.

Sunday, 10/2; 12pm

Chicago Voyagers Adventure Challenge, Busse Woods-South, Elk Grove Village

Help get Chicago youth outside by participating in an adventure obstacle race for adults and youth of all ability levels. *Optional canoe rides available. Registration required. Visit the Chicago Voyagers website for more information .*

Sunday, 10/6; 1pm

Fall Color Walk, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Enjoy a leisurely nature walk to see the fall colors. *Family program. Registration required.*

Thursday, 10/6; 8:30am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for local birds. *A limited supply of binoculars available for lending.*

Friday, 10/7; 5pm - 7:30pm

Halloween Hoot 'n Howl, Keystone Park, River Forest

In partnership with the River Forest Public Library and the River Forest Park District, join Trailside Museum staff for an evening of slightly spooky family fun featuring live music, pumpkin painting, native animals, marshmallows around a

campfire and more. *Free.*

Friday, 10/7; 5am - 8:30pm; Saturday, 10/8; 10am - 8:30pm; Sunday 10/9; 10am - 5pm

69th Annual Powwow, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago

In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago, join us to celebrate Native American culture and enjoy a traditional Powwow, native food, dancing, vendors, activities and more. *Rain or shine. Visit the American Indian Center website for information and pricing.*

Saturday, 10/8; 10am

Orienteering Part II: Set the Course, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Learn how to use a map and compass, then test your skills on the orienteering course. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 10/8; 10am - 2pm

Family Fun Day! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Bring the whole family to spend time outside and have fun with cooperative games, nature scavenger hunts and more.

Saturdays and Sundays, 10/8 - 10/23

Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy. Check out the creatures, creepy crawlers, and more in your costumes at this Halloween-themed event.

Sunday, 10/9; 1pm

Ah, Nuts! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Look out below! Plentiful tree nuts are falling. Hike to discover what seeds trees produce and why they are vital to the well-being of the woodlands.

Sunday, 10/9; 7:30pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *All ages. Please bring binoculars, limited pairs to lend. Registration required. Programa ofrecido en Español.*

Wednesday, 10/12; 1pm

Senior Fitness Walks in Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join other seniors for a moderately paced, 1-mile fitness walk in beautiful Thatcher Woods. Led by Roberta Janssen, U of I Extension volunteer. *Registration required.*

Thursday, 10/13; 6:30pm

Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 10/15; 10am - 1pm

Under the Canopy, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Explore Miller Meadow this fall with University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists for an offering of hikes, activities, and discovery.

Sunday, 10/16; 10am - 3pm

Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun. Storytelling, beekeeping demonstrations, animal encounters, pumpkin painting, honey sales, activities and more! *Admission is free; there may be small fees for some activities and food. Parking for the event is at a nearby location. Free shuttles will be running throughout the event. Call for more information.*