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### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 5/21/2019 - 6/25/2019

#### Coming in Spring

##### **Bees & Beyond, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Throughout the year, the Garden is focusing on Bees & Beyond, a program that inspires a genuine appreciation for the vital role pollinators play in our everyday lives and in maintaining a healthy, diverse plant. Look for pollinator-themed display gardens' topiaries' a months-long interactive exhibition. *Pollinator's Perspective*; and more, including After Hours Buzz, a series of cocktail events with scientists. Explore the stunning diversity of pollinators and the ways you can help protect these important creatures. *Learn more at the Chicago Botanic Garden website.*

##### **Fridays and Saturdays, 5/21 - 8/10; 5pm - 9pm**

##### **Summer Nights, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's summertime event is back for a sixth season! Enjoy the zoo in a new light with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining, beer and wine garden, live music, roaming performers, Animal Ambassadors, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature.

##### **Every Day, 5/22 - 9/29; (All day)**

##### **Brick Safari, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brick Safari features more than 40 life-size animal sculptures created from millions of individual colored LEGO bricks! The menagerie of animals will be located along a winding, wooded pathway on the east side of the park, and many of the sculptures are based on some Brookfield Zoo favorites, such as the lion, giraffe, snow leopard, and pangolin. *Open during zoo hours.*

##### **Saturday, 5/25; 10am - 5pm**

##### **Butterflies & Blooms, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Immerse yourself in a garden habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies from around the world, as well as some native to North America. *Tickets are required.*

##### **Saturday, 5/25; 11am - 7pm**

##### **Aquatic Centers - Free Day (all locations)**

Join us for opening day at our three aquatic centers, Cermak Family Aquatic Center, Green Lake Family Center, Whealan Pool Aquatic Center.

##### **Saturday, 5/25; 12pm - 2pm**

##### **Sand Ridge by the Pool, Green Lake Aquatic Center, Calumet City**

Nature Center staff will share animal artifacts and tools for nature exploration.

##### **Sunday, 5/26; 1pm**

##### **Guided Spring Nature Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a naturalist-guided nature hike to discover signs of spring.

**Sunday and Monday, 5/26 and 5/27; 1:30pm**

**Creature Feature, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Stop in and say hello to one of the animals found in our Forest Preserves.

**Saturday, 6/1; 6:30am**

**Plum Creek Forest Preserve Bird Walk, Plum Creek Meadow, Chicago Heights**

Explore this 'under-birded' forest preserve as migration winds down. Targets include local breeding species like Acadian flycatcher, white-eyed vireo and yellow-breasted chat. *Registration required.*

**Saturdays, 6/1 and 6/15; 10am**

**Canyon Tours, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Sagawau Canyon highlights the geology of NE Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain; wading through a stream is necessary. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045. Starts the Monday prior to the program date.*

**Saturday, 6/1; 9:30am - 2:30pm**

**Little Calumet River Day at Kickapoo Woods, Kickapoo Woods Boat Launch, Riverdale**

Canoe and kayak while helping clean the Little Calumet River. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 6/2; 12pm - 4pm**

**Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree, meet a critter, check out the restoration equipment, try archery and get your bike checked over.

**Tuesday, 6/4 thru Monday, 9/2; 10am - 4pm**

**Nature Play Garden Family Drop-In Activities, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Activities provide hands-on activities for families and children daily in the Regenstein Learning Campus.

**Tuesday, 6/4 thru Monday, 9/2**

**Evenings, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Long summer nights are the perfect time to unwind with friends and family during the Garden's extended summer hours (until 9pm). Pack a picnic and enjoy special live music performances for all ages, 4 nights a week.

**Thursday, 6/6; 10am - 1:30pm**

**Kayak the Des Plaines, Maywood Grove, Maywood**

Kayak nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road Meadow. Instruction, equipment and kayaks provided. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 6/8; 11am - 3pm**

**Beaubien Woods Celebration, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Have fun at this annual family event sponsored in partnership with Fishin' Buddies, and the Calumet Stewardship Initiative. Fish, explore, and build with natural materials, hike, and more! Register at

**Thursday, 6/13; 5pm - 7pm**

**Oriole Express, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Enjoy watching the orioles while a naturalist discusses their behavior and how to attract them to your yard.

**Friday, 6/14; 7:30pm**

**Twilight Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about animals and more on a guided walk at night. *Registration required. Call 847-824-8360.*

**Saturday, 6/15; 10am - 3pm**

**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, an interactive interpretive hike, traditional music, wild edibles, crafts and much more.

**Saturday, 6/15; 9am - 12pm**

**Busse Woods Earth, Air, Water & Fire Day, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove**

Comm. Kevin B. Morrison invites everyone to explore Busse Woods. Join a fishing derby and enjoy casting lessons, kids tree climb, local eats and visits from the Shedd Aquarium and Brookfield Zoo. *Free. Info and registration, call 773-485-8006.*

**Friday through Saturday, 6/21 - 6/22**

**Family Campouts, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Overnight intro to camping for families. Includes meals, all camping gear and outdoor fun. \$75/family (of up to 6 people). *Camperships available.*

**Friday, 6/21; 8pm**

**Frogs! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Did you know frogs can be identified by their croak? We will search for and learn to identify the frogs that call Crabtree home. *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592.*

**Saturday, 6/22; 11am - 2pm**

**Pride in the Preserves, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago**

In partnership with the Northwest Side Coalition Against Racism & Hate, join us in celebrating Pride month and commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday, 6/22; 8am - 11am**

**Fishing Derbies, Maple Lake, Willow Springs**

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