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### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming**

**Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 1/14/2020 - 2/25/2020**

**Throughout the winter (when there's snow)**

#### **Snowshoes**

Snowshoes are available at all nature centers when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

#### **Cross-country Skiing and Ski Rental**

Starting December 21, as soon as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow), Sagawau Nordic is open from 9am - 4pm. Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. *Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.*

#### **Ski Equipment Rental**

Rentals available from 9 am-2 pm daily. Equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental package includes skis, bindings, boots and poles. Classic and skate skis available. All children and adult sizes. *Visit Forest Preserves website for rental fees. Groups of 10 or more, Monday through Friday only. Schedule in advance.*

#### **Friday, 1/24; 7pm**

##### **Winter Campfire and Night Hike, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Enjoy a brisk walk through the woods and warm up around the campfire with s'mores and hot coco. *Registration required.*

#### **Saturday, 1/25; 11am - 2pm**

##### **Winter Exploration Day, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Embrace the cold while discovering something new in the Preserves! Find your way using a compass, follow local animal tracks, and more. For an added bonus, warm up by the indoor fire and make s'mores. Snowshoeing and sledding available weather permitting.

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

##### **Owl Investigations, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Learn about owls and their amazing adaptations while dissecting an owl pellet and making an owl craft.

#### **Sunday, 1/26; 10am**

##### **Hike the Preserves-Fitness Hike, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves out on the trails.

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

##### **Green Fire Viewing, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The one-hour documentary traces legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold's personal journey to develop an ethical relationship between people and nature.

**Friday, 1/31; 10am - 12pm**

**Conservation@Home: Native Landscape Design, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

U of I Extension staff and volunteers will teach simple design principles for using native plants in the home garden. *Registration required by 1/24.*

**Saturday, 2/1; 6am - 9am**

**Sunrise Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An outdoor workshop focusing on amazing winter scenes. Adults & teens only. *Registration required by 1/30. Location provided upon registration.*

**Saturday, 2/1; 4:30pm**

**Superbowl, Killdeer Wetlands, Tinley Park**

Enjoy pre-Super Bowl Sunday birding festivities. Bird guides, warm drinks, and snacks provided. Hosted by friends of Bartel Grassland and Audubon Great Lakes. *Visit Audubon website for more details.*

**Saturday, 2/1; 1:30pm - 3:30pm**

**Prairie Wolf Party, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

While winter winds down, the prairie wolves prowl. Complete canine crafts and take a mammal march on our trails to search for signs of coyote. *Ages 4-10 with caregiver. Limit 12 children. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 2/8; 10am - 2pm**

**Tree Cookie Painting, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Take in the last scenes of winter and paint them on take-home tree cookies.

**Saturday, 2/8; 12pm - 3pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Learn to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, make a craft using natural materials, track animals, and learn photography skills. In partnership with the Twin Lakes District Cub Scouts. *Snowshoeing will be offered, conditions permitting.*

**Saturday, 2/15; 1pm**

**Sagawau Art: Painting Nature, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Start your artistic journey here. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 2/15; 1pm**

**Warm Hearts, Cold Noses Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Go for a guided nature walk to learn about love in the animal world. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up.*

**Sunday, 2/16; 10am - 3pm**

**Nature Play Date: Lincoln Logs, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Kids are encouraged to use their imagination and create using these iconic toys and other loose parts.

**Monday, 2/17; 1pm**

**Species Spotlight, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

We are never sure what nature will show us on a day to day basis. We will surprise you with a featured animal encounter!

**Friday, 2/21; 6:30pm**

**Our Transient Nature: A History of the Sand Ridge Campus and Calumet Region, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover the history of the Sand Ridge Campus through the lens of people and wildlife's movement within it.

**Saturday, 2/22; 12pm - 2pm**

**Winter Wellness, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Don't let the cold weather get you down! Tune into nature with a guided meditation for stress-reduction and relaxation lead by Gail Borden Public Library. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 2/22; 9am**

**Bird N' Bagel, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about birds at the feeder with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon, sip hot drinks and nosh on bagels. Afterwards, take a short bird walk. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 2/22; 10am - 12pm**

**Canned Heat the Chicago Way: Hot Giardiniera, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Learn about the history of food canning and how to make Giardiniera. Participants will leave with their own homemade giardiniera. Offered in partnership with Urban Growers Collaborative. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 2/22; Hikes at 11am and 2pm**

**Black History Month: Underground Railroad Hikes, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us on a narrated journey that follows the Underground Railroad route in the Calumet Region during the mid-1800's.

**Saturday, 2/22; 6pm**

**Starry Night, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us along with the Northwest Suburban Astronomers as we scan the skies for celestial objects. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 2/23; 1pm**

**African American Leaders in Conservation: Essay Contest Winners, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn about African Americans leaders in the conservation movement. Youth will read their winning entries in our newest Essay Contest. Get more information of how to participate in the contest at LRSB or at our website.

**Sunday, 2/23; 1pm**

**Sagawau Science: Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Believe it or not, some insects are active through the winter. We will go out and search for these cold-hearty survivors. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*