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### PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 9/8/2015 - 10/6/2015

**Sunday - Sunday; 9/20-9/27 - IT'S HERE!!!!**

**100 YEARS/100 EVENTS: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It's here! Check out the 100 Years/100 Events Activity Guide and website at [fpdcc.com/100events](http://fpdcc.com/100events). There are bird walks, hikes, art projects, restoration work, bike rides, nature play activities, star gazing, campfires and much, much more. Don't forget to come out for Cook County's Largest Tree Hug on Sunday, September 27 at 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, 9/9; 5 - 7 pm**

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

Relax and refocus after school or work. Instruction provided for ages 10 & up. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. Call 312-533-5751 for more information or to reserve a spot.

**Saturday, 9/12; 10 am - 5 pm & Sunday, 9/13; 10 am - 4 pm**

**A River Thru History, Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous, Columbia Woods, Willow Springs**

Look back 200 years to frontier life and enjoy food, music, crafts, reenactments, canoe races, games and more. Park free at UPS parking lot at Willow Springs Rd and 75th St and take the shuttle bus. Adult admission \$10; family pass \$25; senior (over 62) \$5; children (6-17) \$5. Free for kids under 6. Cash only. Check out [aRiverThruHistory.com](http://aRiverThruHistory.com).

**Saturday, 9/12; 8 am - 2 pm**

**Fishin' Buddies Fall Fishing Derby,**

**Wampum Lake, I-90 & Thornton Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing**

This annual family fishing derby is perfect for all skill levels. Register at [fbderby.com](http://fbderby.com).

**Saturday, 9/12; 1 pm**

**Wildflower Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Take a guided walk through the prairie and enjoy the fall flowers. Instructor is Kim Ellson from U of I Extension.

**Thursday, 9/17; 5:30 - 8 pm**

**Forest Jams: Steckman Studio, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Enjoy the sounds of Outloud After-School Performers and Low End Theory. Jam with musicians and make your own instrument.

**Saturday and Sunday, 9/19 and 9/20; 11 am - 4:00 pm**

**Harvest Weekend, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Maximize the season's bounty by learning tips and techniques for harvesting, preserving, and storing produce. Enjoy displays, demonstrations, and kids' activities and shop among vendors.

**Sunday, 9/20; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

At the 100 Years/100 Events Kick Off, 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, 9/23; 2 - 3:30 pm**

**Forest Ecology, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about trees and their roles in our ecosystems, and learn to identify some of our local trees. Ages 8 & up.

**Wednesday, 9/23; 5 - 7 pm**

**Ten Essentials, Eggers Grove, 11201 S Avenue B, Chicago**

Explore the ten essential items to keep on hand during any prolonged period of time outdoors. Learn to navigate challenges in a neat, scenario-based game. All ages. Call 312-533-5751 to reserve your spot.

**Friday - Sunday, 9/25 - 9/27; 10 am - 5:00 pm**

**American Craft Exposition, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

The American Craft Exposition, one of the country's leading fine craft shows, has moved to a new location - the Chicago Botanic Garden! In its 31<sup>st</sup> year, this highly competitive juried show and sale of fine craft features one-of-a-kind, handcrafted artwork and luxury collections from the country's leading craftspeople. Fee applies.

**Friday, 9/25; 10 am and 2 pm**

**Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalists for a hike down the canyon to learn how it was formed and what lives there. Be prepared to wade through the stream; footing is unstable.

**Friday, 9/25; 7 pm**

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

Meet us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals. Registration required. \$2 per person. 6:45 pm check in, 7 pm start. Register by 9/23.

**Friday, 9/25; 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Autumnal Equinox Evening Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Celebrate by hiking the woodlands at night. Ages 7 & up. Limit 20.

**Friday, 9/25; 7 - 9 pm**

**Night at the Nature Center, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Enjoy a "behind the scenes" look at Crabtree. Meet a resident animal and check out artifacts that are usually safely tucked away.

**Saturday, 9/26; 9 am - 2 pm**

**Smorgasbord of Biodiversity, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Visit stations highlighting diverse living organisms. Follow our trails to learn about bird banding, butterfly tagging and how aging ancient oaks helps us understand the trees of our forest.

**Saturday, 9/26; 1 - 3 pm**

**Trailside History Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about our interesting natural history through artifacts and a three-mile hike in the woods. We'll visit Native American sites and a "lost village" along the way. For adults. Register by 9/24.

**Saturday, 9/26; 1 - 4 pm**

**Boat Launch Grand Opening, Kickapoo Woods, 14530 S Halsted, Riverdale**

Learn the history of the Little Calumet and celebrate the grand opening of the new boat launch. Check out a watershed

model, learn about urban impacts and get info on river restoration and recreation.

**Saturday, 9/26; 2 - 5 pm**

**Nature 100 Challenge, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

We're challenging visitors to find 100 nature things along the trails. Stop in at the reception desk to begin your challenge. All ages. No registration required.

**Saturday, 9/26; 3 pm**

**What's On the Menu, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us at feeding time to learn about our display animals and their unique habits.

**Sunday, 9/27; 10 am - 1 pm**

**Drop in Fossil Hunt, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Visit an ancient coral reef! Take a self-guided hike to our fossil reserve quarry, and piece together the habitat of the Silurian Sea while searching for fossils. No groups. No hammers. Long hike over uneven terrain required.

**Sunday, 9/27; 11 am - 2 pm**

**Illinois Mammals, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about some of the furry residents that live in your forest preserves.

**Sunday, 9/27; 1 pm**

**Early Autumn Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Enjoy a naturalist guided walk to learn about our local plants and animals, as summer turns to autumn. Register by 9/25.

**Sunday, 9/27; 1 - 2 pm**

**Leaf Art Fun, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Create a variety of art using leaves. All ages. No registration required.

**Wednesday, 9/30; 5 - 7 pm**

**Archery 101, Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Relax and refocus after school or work. Instruction provided for ages 10 & up. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. Call 312-533-5751 for more information or to reserve a spot.

**Friday - Sunday, 10/2 - 4; 10 am - 4:00 pm**

**Fall Bulb Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Raise a glass of cider to sweater weather, crimson leaves, and family fun at the fall market, festival and bulb sale. Vendors will sell kettle corn, roasted nuts, and other treats at the festival, which features live music, a straw bale maze, and a picture-ready gourd tower.

**Saturday, 10/3; 1 pm**

**Leaf Printing, Trailside Museum of History, River Forest**

We'll take a short walk to view the beauty of nature in early autumn, then design a t-shirt using real tree leaves. Participants must bring their own T-shirts. For adults and children ages 10 & up. Register by 10/1.

**Saturday, 10/3; 1 - 4 pm**

**Fall Paddle at Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard, Burnham**

Enjoy the fall season on the water! We'll have canoe trips, guided hikes, and pumpkin painting.

**Sunday, 10/4; 9 am - 5 pm**

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

We're celebrating our 50th year! Art of all styles will be sold by artists inspired by nature. No registration required

**Sunday, 10/4; 1 pm**

**Fungi, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Fungus acts as a decomposer, but what other roles does it play? Learn about its relationships with plants and animals with an indoor presentation followed by a hike. For adults & teens.

**Sunday, 10/4; 1:30 pm**

**All-A-Buzz About Honey, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Meet River Trail's beekeeper and learn about honeybees and their hives.

**District(s):**