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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 9/24/2019 - 10/22/2019

Every Day, 9/24 - 9/29; 9:30am - 6pm

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.*

Tuesday, 9/24; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Information Open House: Tinley Creek Ravines Project, Orland Park Civic Center, Orland Park

The Forest Preserves is performing a comprehensive restoration of the 528-acre Tinley Creek Ravines starting in fall 2019. The goal of the restoration is to create a mix of healthy oak woodland and restored prairie that can be sustainably enjoyed by the public.

Friday, 9/27; 6:30pm

Pioneer Living: Candle Making and Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how pioneers made candles to light their homes and then walk our trails by candlelight. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 9/28; 2pm - 9pm

Party for the Preserves, Deer Grove East, Palatine

Celebrate National Public Lands Day at the County's first forest preserve! Try various activities and enjoy food and drinks throughout afternoon and evening.

Sunday, 9/29; 1pm

Bees, Wasps & Hornets, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn all about these insects that can be plentiful, and at times "pesky," this time of the year.

Wednesday, 10/2; 10am

Wellness in the Woods: Mindful Walk, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join Roberta Janssen for a mindful forest walk. *Registration required.*

Thursday, 10/3; 10:30am - 12:30pm

Nature Play Date, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Enjoy playing and exploring with natural materials in a new nature play space.

Sunday, 10/3; 1pm - 3pm

Conservation@Home: Composting for a Sustainable Lifestyle, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join University of Illinois Extension staff and volunteers for a composting workshop and learn how to recycle food scraps

and yard waste to create compost both in indoor and outdoor spaces. *Registration required at University of Illinois Extension website.*

Saturday, 10/5; 1pm

“Oaktober” Oak Tree Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join a naturalist-guided walk exploring the interesting world of oak trees as we view and discuss the woodland ecosystems, animals and insects that depend on them.

Sunday, 10/6; 9am - 3pm

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

We're celebrating our 54th Annual Arts and Craft Fair! Art of all styles will be sold by artists inspired by nature.

Sunday, 10/6; 1:30pm

Creatures of the Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Experience some creepy, spooky and nocturnal animals of the forest preserves.

Sundays, 10/6 and 10/13; 10am

Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Wednesday, 10/9; 5pm - 6pm

Priority Species of the Chicago Wilderness Library Program, Chicago Public Library - Altgeld Branch, Chicago

Learn about species of concern around Cook County through reading and activities.

Wednesday, 10/9; 4pm - 6pm

Archery 101, National Grove-South, North Riverside

Learn proper techniques and bow basics from one-on-one instruction. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, there will be a certified Spanish-speaking Archery instructor who will be delivering techniques for our Spanish-speaking audience. *All levels. Ages 10 and up.*

Friday, 10/11; 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Halloween Hoot n' Howl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join our partners, the River Forest Public Library and the River Forest Park District, at Trailside Museum for an evening of slightly spooky family fun featuring live music, pumpkin painting, native animals, marshmallows around a campfire and much more.

Saturday, 10/12; 1pm - 4pm

Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. We will have canoe trips, guided hikes, archery, pumpkin painting, nature play and more.

Saturdays and Sundays, 10/12 - 10/27; 10am - 4pm

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, including candy stations, a pumpkin smasher, crafts, a hayride, specialty food and drink, and tons of themed activities.

Saturday, 10/12; 11am - 2pm

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

Bring the kids to spend time outside and have fun with activities including games, a nature scavenger hunt and more.

Saturday, 10/12; 7pm - 10pm

Night Sky Programs-Constellation Mythology, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Peek at the universe through telescopes. Guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

Monday, 10/14; 12pm - 4pm

Serpent Mound Ribbon Cutting & Celebration, Schiller Woods, Schiller Park

Through funds provided by the Our Great Rivers program, this installation marks one spot of the Northwest Portage Walking Museum. Remarks, a drum and dance performance, and outdoor activities included in celebration. *Free shuttles throughout event to mound site at Irving Park Road Canoe Landing.*

Wednesday and Thursday, 10/16 - 10/17; 5pm

Haunted History Hike, Oak Forest Heritage Preserve, Oak Forest

Discover the uncommon history beneath the surface of this iconic preserve of 13,000 years. *All ages; recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration required.*

Thursday, 10/17; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Campfire Cooking Workshop, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Learn to make meals over a fire using cast-iron and basic camping cooking techniques. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*

Friday, 10/18; 5:30pm

Stars, Stories and S'mores, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, a night hike, and other nature-based activities.

Friday, 10/19; 7pm

The Sky's the Limit, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

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

Sunday, 10/20; 1pm

Fall Color Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a naturalist-led hike to take in the reds and golds of autumn.

Sunday, 10/20; 10am - 4pm

Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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