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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - July 21, 2015 - September 8, 2015

TODAY! 7/21; Pre-Activities - 5:30 pm; Concert - 6:30 - 8 pm

Forest Jams, Cermak Aquatic Center, 7600 W Ogden Ave, Lyons

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. For tonight, enjoy the *Las Guitarras de Espana* band presenting "Surabhi" (Indo-Afro-flamenco music and dance)!

Wednesdays - Fridays through 10/4; 11 am - 3 pm

Discovery Programs in the English Walled Garden, Malott Japanese Garden, and Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Discovery Programs enable visitors to explore a variety of gardening topics with volunteers in an informal setting. The programs spark curiosity and increase knowledge through one-on-one conversations, demonstrations, discovery carts, mini tours and activities

Thursday, 7/23; 6:30 pm/movie starts at dusk

Film in the Forest: "The Book of Life," Eggers Woods, 11201 S Avenue B, Chicago

Manolo is a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Before he chooses which path to follow, Manolo must embark on an adventure that spans three whimsical worlds where he must face his greatest fears.

Saturday and Sunday, 7/25 - 7/26; 11 am - 4 pm

Herb Garden Weekend, Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The weekend features displays, demonstrations, and kids' activities on growing and using a variety of kitchen garden herbs. Selected vendors will be on-site selling herbal products.

Sunday, 7/26; 1 pm

Pond Dippin', Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Cool off this summer by net dipping in our pond and seeing what lives there.

Sunday, 7/26; 1 - 2:30 pm

Creature Feature, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about an animal that makes its home within our forest preserves. Drop-in family program.

Sunday, 7/26; 1:30 pm

Bike the Trails, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Bring your off-road bike for a leisurely trek through the forest preserves with one of our naturalists. Helmet and water bottle required.

Thursday, 7/30; 6:30 pm/movie starts at dusk

Films in the Forest: "Frozen," Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Dr, Calumet City

When the newly-crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn the land into an endless winter, her sister Anna teams up with a mountain man, his reindeer and a snowman to set out on a dangerous and mysterious journey to bring her back.

Saturday, 8/1; 10 am

Flora & Folklore, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Plants have inspired folklore throughout history. We'll discuss the stories associated with plants found at the nature center. Ages 12 & up. Limit 25.

Wednesday, 8/5; 12 - 4 pm

3rd Annual Teen Exploration Day

Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainerd Ave, Burnham

This event is teen-focused, with activities highlighting outdoor adventure and education. Try your hand at canoeing, tree climbing, guided hikes and restoration activities. Learn about conservation and engage with other youth. Call 708-386-4042 x 23 for more information.

Saturday, 8/5; 1:30 pm

Outdoor Survival, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Would you be able to survive if you were lost in the woods? We'll discuss the important basics of outdoor survival. Family program. Register by 8/6.

Saturday and Sunday, 8/8 - 8/9; 10 am - 3 pm

Kite Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Watch stunt-kite performances set to music, join a kite-making workshop or bring your own kite to fly in a designated area.

Sunday, 8/9; 9 am - 5 pm

CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, 9800 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

The CAMBr Meltdown is Chicagoland's premiere mountain biking event, with racing for all ages and abilities. Free for spectators.

Sunday, 8/9; 1 pm

Cicadas!, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Lurking below the soil for most of the year, these insects crawl to the surface and make themselves known during the August heat. Learn about their secretive beginnings which later become a part of the summer throng throughout our area.

Tuesday, 8/11; 3 - 6 pm

Archery 101, Lake Avenue East Woods, 4887 W Lake Ave, Northbrook

Never tried archery before? Attend one of these sessions and learn about the history of archery, parts of the bow and arrow and proper technique. Explore River Trail Nature Center before you join in on the archery fun.

Tuesday, 8/13; Pre-Activities - 5:30 pm; Concert - 6:30 to 8 pm

Forest Jams, Whealan Pool, 6200 W Devon, Chicago

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. Enjoy Americana music by *The Giving Tree Band*.

Saturday, 8/15; 8 am - 3 pm

Lower Des Plaines Paddle and Cleanup, Columbia Woods Boat Launch, Archer & Wentworth, Willow Springs

This paddle is good for both you and the environment! Use those paddling muscles while keeping your local waterway healthy. Assist in clean-up and learn different ways to help keep your preserves pristine.

Family Campout, 8/14, 3 pm to 8/15, 1 pm
Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest

This special overnight event for families is a great intro to camping. Basic skills training, a cookout and outdoor activities are included. As part of the fun, we'll even provide a bus to the annual Hummingbird Festival at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center. Bus will leave Camp Sullivan at 8 am for the festival and return to Camp Sullivan at noon. \$75 for family groups up to 6. Camperships are available for families with financial need. Call 708-386-4042 ext 22 or email experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov for more information and to register.

Saturday, 8/15; 8:30 am - 3 pm
Hummingbird Festival, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Celebrate the beauty of these amazing birds, and join us for games, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

Saturday, 8/15; 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Turtles!, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Turtles have roamed the earth since prehistoric times. Walk with us to our ponds to observe and learn more about our aquatic reptiles. Limit 25.

Tuesday, 8/18; 3 - 6 pm
Archery 101, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago

Never tried archery before? Attend one of these sessions and learn about the history of archery, parts of the bow and arrow and proper technique. Hike the Dan Ryan Woods trails before you join in on the archery fun.

Thursday, 8/20; 3:30 - 6:30 pm
A Taste of the Forest Preserves, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest

Discover the variety of offerings available in the forest preserves. Take a wellness class, try your hand at archery, join a guided hike and create art from reclaimed materials. All ages.

Saturday and Sunday, 8/22 - 8/23; 11 am - 4 pm
Heirloom Tomato Weekend, Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Learn how to grow and use heirloom tomatoes, take part in seed-saving demonstrations, displays and more.

Sunday, 8/23; 1 pm
Orienteering, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn to use a compass and map to help stay orientated while hiking in the forest preserves.

Sunday, 8/23; 1:30 pm
People's Choice Awards, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Stop by and vote for your favorite River Trail animal. Immediately following, we will introduce the winner in an educational program for all ages.

Thursday, 8/25; 6:30 pm/movie starts at dusk
Film in the Forest: "How to Train Your Dragon," Cermak Aquatic Center, 7600 W Ogden, Lyons

In his quest to become a dragon warrior, Hiccup, a clumsy but inventive young Viking, finds an unlikely friend in a rare dragon. He bridges the Viking world and the dragon world and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed.

Thursday, 8/27; 6 - 9:30 pm
Full Moon Celebration Paddle, Skokie Lagoons - Tower Road Boat Launch, Winnetka

Join us for this unique paddle as we celebrate the full moon. This is more than a canoe trip - it's an experience full of special surprises.

Friday, 8/28; 11 am - 2 pm

Nature Discovery Days, Swallow Cliff Stairs, 10267 Calumet Sag Rd, Palos Hills

The kids are out of school! Drop in for a fun summer afternoon of nature discovery and check out the improvements we've made at Swallow Cliff. Kids and their parents can enjoy art, nature play, games, kite flying and more. Drop in event; call 708-386-4042 x 23 for more information.

Sunday, 8/30; 11 am - 2 pm

Family Fish School, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Have fun with your family learning about fish and fishing with the Forest Preserve's fisheries biologist. Limited equipment available or bring your own. Registration required. \$2.

Sunday, 8/30; 1 pm

Vermicomposting, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Interested in making rich compost for your garden? Learn how to use worms to make compost by recycling your organic kitchen waste.

Sunday, 8/30; 1 pm

Summer Ramble, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Take a two mile naturalist-led hike through some of Crabtree's prairies, woodlands and wetlands.

Sunday, 8/30; 1 - 2:30 pm

Plants and Their Pals, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us as we explore plants and the symbiotic relationships these organisms have with animals, bacteria and fungi. Drop-in program for adults and families.

Tuesday, 9/1; Pre-Activities - 5:30 pm; Concert - 6:30 to 8 pm

Forest Jams, Dan Ryan Pavilion - Grove 5, 87th and Western, Chicago

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. Come enjoy music by the Grammy nominated blues band, *Mississippi Heat!*

Saturday, 9/5; 1pm

Nature Journaling, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Essays, poetry or sketching - a nature journal helps you capture both what you observe and what you feel. Join us for an exploration of the art, science, and fun of journaling as we walk our trails. *All materials provided - \$3 fee. For teens and adults. Register by 9/3.*

Saturday, 9/5; 1:30 pm

Woolly Bears, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

These fascinating insects emerge in the fall. Join us for a walk and folklore about these curious caterpillars. *Limit 15.*

Monday, 9/7; 1:30 pm

Holiday Program - Skulls and Teeth, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for Labor Day to learn all about animals that are carnivores, herbivores and everything in between by examining skull shapes and teeth.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday - Sunday; 9/20-9/27

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

We're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations all over the Forest Preserves in one week. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!