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### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 11/15/2022- 12/13/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

**Friday, 11/11/22 through Sunday, 1/8/23; 4:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Our acclaimed holiday event returns, with a new path and new light-filled installations created just for the Chicago Botanic Garden. Explore the whimsy of nature in winter through music, light, fire, and color. Tickets can be purchased at the Chicago Botanic Garden website for specific dates.

**Thursday, 11/17; 1pm**

**National Take a Hike Day, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs**

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day by hitting the trail with a naturalist on a 5-mile hike *Registration required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Saturday, 11/19**

**Reindeer Run, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Grab your glow sticks and running shoes and join us for the annual Reindeer Run! With a 2-mile course entirely within Brookfield Zoo, you and your family can "fun run" under the lights and be the first to see the lights of Holiday Magic!

**Saturday, 11/19; 10am - 2pm**

**Sand Ridge Heritage Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Explore the rich heritage and cultural history of the Calumet Region and people's interaction with the land through living history, interactive displays, demonstrations, and guided walks.

**Sunday, 11/20; 1:30pm**

**Nocturnal Hunters - Owls, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about the different attributes that make owls unique and fascinating. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 11/20; 1pm**

**Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring our World, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Watch a screening on how five Native American tribes use their traditional land management practices to restore deserts, coastlines, forests, and prairies. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 11/20; 10am**

**Thanksgiving Forest Bath, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Open the senses to sights, smells, and sounds of nature before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season begins.

**Friday, 11/25; 1:30pm**

**Annual Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Walk off that extra helping of turkey and stuffing on this annual post-holiday hike. *Family program. Registration required.*

**Friday, 11/25; 6pm - 8pm**

**Thankful for the Dark, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn about the importance of dark skies, then enjoy a leisurely night walk.

**Friday, 11/25; 1pm - 2pm**

**Walk off that Turkey, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Rustle through the fallen leaves on a guided 1-mile fitness walk.

**Friday through Sunday, 11/25 - 11/27**

**Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Now in its 41st year, get ready to visit Chicagoland's longest-running lights festival. With over two million twinkling LED lights, it is a magical time for the entire family. *Advanced tickets may be required.*

**Sunday, 11/27; 10am - 1pm**

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

Paint and enjoy the last scenes of fall before winter begins.

**Sunday, 11/27; 1pm**

**Thankful for Mother Nature Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Take a leisurely guided walk to focus on the wonders of our local ecosystems.

**Sunday, 11/27; 11am**

**Conservation @ Home: Feed the Birds, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the best bird foods, feeders, and landscape elements to benefit our resident winter birds. You will even make a simple bird feeder to take home! *Registration required.*

**Wednesday, 11/30**

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**Wednesday, 11/30; 1pm - 3pm**

**Archery 101, Brookfield Woods, Brookfield**

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

**Wednesday, 11/30; 10am**

**Native Folklore, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, walk with us as we discuss native animals' folklore. *Registration required.*

**Wednesday through Sunday 12/1 - 12/4, 12/7 - 12/11, 12/14 - 12/18**

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**Saturday, 12/3; 4pm - 8pm**

**Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Celebrate the start of the winter season with a giant bonfire under the night sky. Enjoy storytelling, outdoor games, and star gazing (weather permitting). Food will be available for purchase onsite. Timed entry tickets are required to attend. *All event attendees will park at Potawatomi Woods and will take a shuttle to and from the event.*

**Saturday, 12/3; 1pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience.

**Saturdays, 12/3; 10am - 12pm**

**Volunteer Winter Workdays, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Put on some gloves and join us to remove invasive species. *Registration required. Tools and eye protection provided. Children 8 and up welcome with adult.*

**Saturday, 12/3; 7:30pm**

**Silent Night Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Get inspired at the bonfire and enjoy hot chocolate before heading out in the quiet winter on a silent walk. *Bring your own mug.*

**Sunday, 12/4; 11am - 3pm**

**Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate winter holiday traditions. Play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what is cooking on the open fire.

**Sunday, 12/4; 11am - 2pm**

**Bird Feeding Drop In, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn the basics about winter bird feeding and pick up a do-it-yourself pinecone bird feeder craft.

**Thursday, 12/8; 6pm - 8pm**

**Winter Workshop-Holiday Gift Making, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago**

Need a last-minute holiday gift? Join us to make ornaments, window hangers, wooden houses, and dolls. *Registration required. All tools and supplies provided. Ages 10 and up.*

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

**DIY Holiday Bird Feeder Wreath, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Make a festive birdseed wreath to help our feathered friends this winter! *Free. Registration required. Materials provided.*

*Ages 13 and up.*

**Saturday, 12/10; 10am - 1pm**

**Stairs, Stories & S'mores, Swallow Cliff Woods Pavilion, Palos Park**

Join us for stair climbing, story trail, sledding, snowshoeing, s'more making and more. Sledding and snowshoeing available (weather permitting). *Drop-in.*

**Sunday, 12/11; 1pm**

**Our Canine Neighbors, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for an outdoor program on some of our local canine species with whom we share the land.

**Sunday, 12/11; 1pm**

**Animal Homes Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Take a guided hike to discover where our local animals will spend the winter. *Family program. Registration required.*

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