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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 4/13/2021 - 5/11/2021

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

All Month

Earth Month Spring Cleaning Donation Drive, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Usable goods do not belong in landfills. Drop off your gently used clothing and household items to help others in need. Donation drive supports GiveNKind, an organization connecting goods to non-profits in order to benefit our community and our environment.

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Thursday, 4/15 through 5/18

Native Plant Sale

We are partnering with West Cook Wild Ones again this year for a Spring Native Plant Sale. Sales are open March 16-May 18 at westcook.wildones.org/plantsale. Pick up locations include 2199 1st Ave, Maywood and Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont. *Facemasks required.*

Thursday, 4/15; 8am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for a walk while looking for local birds. Visit aprilbirdwalkeggers.eventbrite.com *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/17; 11am (Facebook Live)

Peak into the Pond, Little Red Schoolhouse Facebook Page

Join us for a virtual Pond dipping experience to discover the wonders beneath the water LIVE from the Pond on Facebook. *Suitable for a general audience.*

Saturday, 4/17; 12pm - 3pm

Explore: Pulaski Woods-South, Pulaski Woods-South, Willow Springs

Adults and families, come explore on your own with one of our self-guided exploration activities or join us on a guided hike! We will also have litter pickup supplies available if you would like to help in cleaning up the preserves, and a take-home activity for you to continue your adventure at home. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/17 and Sunday, 4/18; 11am, 12:30pm, or 2pm

GPS Scavenger hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration and facemasks required. Limited spaces. Call 847-824-8360.*

Sunday, 4/18; 1:30pm

Watercolor Spring, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

A great way to appreciate nature is to paint it! We will go a quick hike to gather inspiration and then spend time in our Story Circle painting the many beautiful Spring flowers we see this time of year. *Paper and watercolors will be available. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Sunday, 4/18 through Sunday, 4/25

Celebrate Earth Week, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a week-long celebration, learning how to protect and clean-up the Forest Preserves. Self-guided wildflower walks and in-person programming including a bird hike and garlic mustard pulls will give you opportunity to enjoy nature throughout the week. *Various walk and hike themes available. Please visit fpdcc.com/celebrate-earth-day-with-the-forest-preserves for more information. Some events require registration and facemasks are required for all in-person activities.*

Monday, 4/19 through Thursday 4/22, and Saturday 4/25; 10am - 12pm

Nature's Pop-up, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist as we discuss conservation, water quality, composting, and invasive species removal and how it ties into Earth Week. *Registration and facemasks required. For a complete schedule of activities, check out Little Red Schoolhouse's Facebook page or the list at the nature center welcome tent.*

Monday, 4/19 through Sunday, 4/25

Earth day SOLO Clean Up

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will be celebrating Earth Week from Monday April 19-April 25. Celebrate with us by doing your part in helping remove litter at Litter Hotspots. Anyone can commit to regularly volunteering in the Preserves through the Select Organized Litter Obliterators, or SOLO, program. SOLO volunteers can choose to go to a Litter Hotspot (specific locations) for litter clean up or any Forest Preserves site of their choosing. Volunteer information can be found on the Forest Preserves' website at fpdcc.com/volunteer. *We will provide bags and gloves for you to give back to the earth on this special day. Please visit fpdcc.com/celebrate-earth-day-with-the-forest-preserves for locations, dates, and times.*

Wednesday, 4/21; 12pm (Facebook Live)

Plug into Nature: Introduction to iNaturalist, Sand Ridge Nature Center Facebook Page

Get prepared for the City Nature Challenge (an international citizen scientist project documenting nature in urban centers) by turning your phone on to iNaturalist; a free program used globally to discover and document wild plants and animals. We will go over the basics of iNaturalist in a Facebook. If you want to test iNaturalist with us in-person, sign up for our 4/25 in-person hike.

Thursday, 4/22, Saturday and Sunday, 4/24 - 4/25; 9:30am - 11:30am

Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Welcome back wildflowers and wildlife by removing the harmful garlic mustard. *All ages. Call Sagawau at 630-257-*

2045. *Registration and Facemasks required.*

Thursday, 4/22; 4pm - 7pm

Earth Day Celebration Drop-In, Maple Lake Boating Center, Willow Springs

Stop by Maple Lake Boating Center to participate in litter cleanup, self-guided activities, and grab a take-home DIY kit to celebrate the week of Earth Day. *Facemask required. For more information, visit experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov.*

Thursday, 4/22; 2pm (Facebook Live)

Earth Day - Nature's Heroes, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page

Join us to learn a little about some the female pioneers in the environmental movement.

Thursday, 4/22; 7pm (Zoom)

Earth Day: Nature Trivia Night! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Grab a beverage of your choice and Zoom into our online Nature Trivia challenge! *Ages 16 and up. Call 847-381-6592 to register for Zoom link.*

Thursday, 4/22; Drop in: 12pm - 5pm, Hikes: 12pm and 4pm

Earth Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Commemorate Earth Day with the Cook County Forest Preserves! Staff-led hikes, on non-paved trails, will take place at noon and 4pm. Participants can also support the county-wide litter cleanup as well as create a project using recycled materials. *Registration required for hikes. Facemasks required. Litter cleanup and other activities are drop in. Contact experience.nature@cookcountyl.gov for more information and visit, www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-celebration-tickets.*

Thursday, 4/22; 7pm (Zoom)

Trailside Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest

We will be discussing the book *Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life* by Lulu Miller. *Please call 708-366-6530 to register, and we will send you the Zoom link so you can join us virtually.*

Friday, 4/23; 8pm

Spring Sensory Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist as we hike along the trail opening our senses to the tunes and wonders of the night. *Ages: 10 and older. Hiking pace is average to slow. Registration and facemasks required. Call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 4/24; 9am - 3pm

Earth Day Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate Earth Day with a self-guided litter cleanup along the Burnham Greenway, take home artmaking project, nature play, and Earth Day-themed games. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/24; 11am

Creative Reuse: Bird Feeders, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Use things you commonly have at home to make unique bird feeders for our feathered friends.

Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in-person or email: sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyl.gov.

Saturday, 4/24; 9am - 10:15am, 10:45am - 12pm

Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Celebrate the 51st anniversary of Earth Day with a morning of service, learning and exploration. Activities include nature play, fishing clinic, guided hike, litter cleanup, monitoring and stewardship exhibits, and a demonstration on how to repurpose buckthorn. *Registration and facemasks required. Contact experience.nature@cookcountyl.gov for more information.*

Saturday, 4/24; 10am (Facebook Live)

Rabbit, Croak, or Chirp: Frogs and their Calls, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page

One of the best ways to identify frogs is through their calls during the spring and early summer mating season. Get ready by learning which frogs are common in our area and learn to identify them through sight and sound.

Saturday, 4/24: 9am - 2pm

Earth Day: A Party for the Planet, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Every day is Earth Day at Brookfield Zoo, but on this very special day we will be showcasing some of the steps you can take that will make a difference for animals across the globe! If you have been storing items in your basement and garage waiting for the perfect time and most Earth-friendly way to dispose of them, you can recycle them at Brookfield Zoo. The zoo will be collecting electronics, textiles, and used books. *For more details, visit the Chicago Zoological Society website.*

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Sunday, 4/25; 10:30am and 1:30pm

Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A walk to highlight the signs of spring. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-824-8360 to register. All ages.*

Sunday, 4/25; 12pm - 3pm

Celebrating Earth Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Create a cute native animal out of recycled materials, learn how to go greener in your cleaning, pick up supplies to clean-up a preserve or neighborhood park and/or start a native plant to take home for your garden in our Mini Earth Day Celebration. *Facemasks required.*

Friday, 4/30; 4pm

City Nature Challenge and Nature Journaling, Killdeer Wetlands, Tinley Park

Join us to document Cook County's biodiversity in the City Nature Challenge. Hundreds of cities worldwide will compete to see who can make the most observations of urban flora and fauna, find the most species, and get the most people participating. We will use iNaturalist.org or the iNaturalist app to take photos that will be added to the challenge on www.chicagowilderness.org/page/citynaturechallenge. We will also be offering a chance to journal. Nature journaling improves observational skills and memory, connecting you to nature in a new way. For artists and non-artists alike, come join us to try this rewarding practice. *Registration required at citynaturechallenge2021.eventbrite.com. Facemasks required.*

Friday, 4/30; 6:30pm

Creative Reuse: Bird Feeders, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Kickstart the 2021 City Nature Challenge weekend with a sunset walk on our trails. We'll work together to find and document the nature around us to help study and protect it. More information can be found at citynaturechallenge.org. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in-person, or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

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