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### **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 4/5/2022 - 5/10/2022

Please check the Forest Preserve of Cook County's website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events), for updates and changes.

**Wednesday, 4/6; 5:30pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/8; 7pm - 9pm**

**Nocturnal Nature Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Pop on over for a naturalist-led outdoor activity. Mother Nature will choose what is in store for the day. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/8; 7:30pm**

**Evening Under a Half Moon, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Enjoy a night hike under the light of the moon! *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 4/9; 8am**

**Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park**

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

**Saturday, 4/9; 2pm**

**Conservation@Home: Go Native and Get Wild, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the best plant species and benefits to yourself, pollinators and birds of planting native flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees in your backyard. *Ages 18 and up. Zoom presentation.*

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

**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodation, then stay to see the tree swallows compete. *Registration required.*

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

**Sagawau Art: Drawing Birds, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Class will focus on gesture sketching and development of a completed drawing of an avian subject. *Ages 12 and up.*

**Tuesday, 4/12; 10am - 1pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

**Wednesday, 4/13; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

**Thursday, 4/14; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventure, Beaubien Woods- Boat Launch, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

**Saturday, 4/16; 11am - 2pm**

**Animal Supplies Drop 'n Drive, Miller Meadow, Maywood**

Join in helping animals in need by donating supplies. *This is a drop-off event; donation drop off location is at Miller Meadow Off-Leash Dog Area. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 2pm**

**Earth Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 7:30pm**

**Campfire Stories, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An evening of stories and s'mores around our campfire. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 4/20.*

**Friday, 4/22; 1pm - 3pm**

**Earth Day Cleanup, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm**

**Earth Day Clean-up, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. Litter pick-up supplies for individuals or families available to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 12pm - 2pm**

**Earth Day Cleanup, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm**

**Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

**Friday, 4/22; 3:30pm - 4:45pm**

**Earth Day: After School Earth Day Activities Drop-In, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Help us celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree, making a bird feeder, and creating “recycled” art.

**Friday, 4/22; 3pm - 6pm**

**Earth Day Cleanup, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday through Sunday, 4/22 - 4/24; 9:30am - 11:30am**

**Earth Day: Restoration Weekend - Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Celebrate Earth Day by welcoming back native plants and wildlife by pulling invasive garlic mustard.

**Saturday, 4/23; 11am - 2pm**

**Earth Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Saturday, 4/23; 10am - 3pm**

**Earth Day, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City**

Celebrate Earth Day with the opening of our new pollinator garden, themed games, a self-guided litter cleanup and more. *Call 708-868-0606 to learn more.*

**Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 12pm**

**Earth Day Every Day for Girl Scouts, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Girl Scouts, spend time outside learning conservation activities, Leave No Trace principles, birding, nature art making, orienteering and guided hikes. *Ages 9 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 4/23 to Sunday, 4/24**

**Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

CLIC is an overnight training at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest designed to give participants the skills and experience to plan and lead camping trips at Camp Sullivan. The overnight training course covers camping safety, day-hiking, tent and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills. Educational offerings and will help familiarize you with the reservation process. By completing the CLIC training, leaders gain access to the CLIC gear library (onsite) and designated group site at Camp Sullivan. *Must be at least 18 years old and be affiliated with an organization to participate. Fee is \$25 per person and includes food and camping gear for the night. Register at [experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov). For more info go to visit the Forest Preserves website.*

**Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 10am**

**Earth Day River Cleanup, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to help clean up litter in Thatcher Woods in honor of Earth Day. A great Service Project for students, families, and

Scouts! Held with partner organization the River Forest Park District. Bags and gloves provided; check in and get the supplies in Trailside Museum's lobby.

**Sunday, 4/24; 7:30pm - 9:45pm**

**Night of the Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join a bilingual Spanish walk and use your sense of hearing to identify which frogs are calling. Data is used for the Calling Frog Survey for the Chicago Wilderness Region. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 4/24; 10:30am and 1:30pm**

**Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual walk. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/29; 10am - 12pm**

**Arbor Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Celebrate the grandeur of trees and why they are vital to our community and world. Enjoy tree ID hikes, scavenger hunts, and more.

**Saturday, 4/30; 10am - 3pm**

**Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women Awareness Day, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Join the American Indian Health Service of Chicago, American Indian Center-Chicago, St. Kateri Center, Trickster Cultural Center, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County to bring awareness to the obstacles the native communities have faced historically in seeking justice for these women and their families.

**Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 3pm**

**Spring Festival & Trailside's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate 90 years of nature education and springtime at Trailside Museum! Enjoy an ice cream social and participate in family-friendly historical activities. Enjoy animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, building a bird house to take home, and much more!

**Sunday, 5/1; 1pm**

**April Showers Bring May Flowers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Search for the first blooms of spring emerging along the forest floor.

**Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 12pm**

**Conservation@Home: Homegrown National Park, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let's help the goal of establishing 20 million acres of native gardening on private land. It is easy and we will show you how. Free plants! *Registration required.*

**Thursday, 5/5; 5:30pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs**

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 5/6; 11am - 3pm**

**Sand Ridge Nature Center 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate 60 years of Sand Ridge Nature Center's conservation, recreation, and educational work. *Find more info about*

*daily activities on Sand Ridge Nature Center's Facebook page.*

**Saturday, 5/7; 10am - 12pm**

**World Migratory Bird Day, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate these spring visitors and participate in family-friendly activities.

**Saturday, 5/7; 9am - 12pm Spring Photography Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook** Capture nature through hands-on instruction. *Registration required by 5/5. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Tuesday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve your mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. *In partnership with Advocate Aurora Health.*