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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 4/16/2024 - 5/13/2024

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

Wednesday, 4/17; 6pm

International Bat Appreciation Folktale and Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a folktale recited by a librarian from the LaGrange Park Library as we walk and discuss the importance of these misunderstood flying mammals. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Thursday, 4/18; 9:30am - 11:30am

Family Bird Walk, Erickson Woods, Winnetka

Start with a DIY binoculars craft then try it out while on a guided bird walk. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Thursday, 4/18; 5pm - 7pm

Creative Sustainability Workshop, Possum Hollow Woods, Westchester

Make chemical-free cleaning supplies, lavender pouches, and native seed bombs. *Ages 10 and up. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Friday, 4/19; 3pm - 5pm

Earth Day Clean-up, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. *The supplies will be provided for check-out. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 4/20; 11:30am

Day Hiking Leadership Training, Bemis Woods-North, Western Springs

Calling all teachers, group leaders and youth educators! Our Day Hiking Leadership Training program gets youth and groups of all ages outside by empowering teachers and group leaders with the skills and resources that they will need to lead safe and fun outdoor experiences. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please visit the website for registration and more information.*

Saturday, 4/20; 9am - 11am

Poetry in the Forest: A Forest Therapy Walk, Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago

Join us for poetry in motion as we explore the forest through our senses. Participants will receive a journal and poetry by Mary Oliver. We will end the walk with a tea ceremony and poetry reading. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 4/20; 9am - 11am

Earth Day, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove Village

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. *The litter pick-up supplies will be*

available for check-out. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.

Saturday, 4/20; 9am - 11am

Earth Day, Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping to clean up litter in the Preserves. *The litter pick-up supplies will be available for check-out. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 4/20; 10am - 12pm

Celebrate Earth Day Activities, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Plant a tree, make your own bird feeder, pick up litter, and more. Family program. *For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 4/20; 10am - 2pm

Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate Earth Day with themed games, self-guided litter cleanup and more. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 4/20; 11am - 1pm

Earth Day Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Art activities, scavenger hunts, food chain demonstrations, and free plant giveaways will delight visitors. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 4/20; 11am - 2pm

Earth Day Birthday, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights

You can have your cake and eat it too! Celebrate planet Earth, play party games and better the environment. *For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

Saturday, 4/20; 12pm - 2pm

Earth Day Clean-up, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. *Grove 6. The supplies will be provided for check-out. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 4/20; 12pm - 3pm

Earth Day Nature Play, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Play, plant, paint and pretend with family-fun activities. *For more information, please call (847)381-6598.*

Saturday, 4/20; 1pm

Wildflower Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a hike to look for wildflowers while learning how to identify these ephemeral beauties. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Sunday, 4/21; 1pm

Fantastic Ferns, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a discussion and short walk to investigate this fascinating group of vascular plants. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Sunday, 4/21; 1:30pm

Conservation@Home: No Mow May Talk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how delaying your spring clean-up can help backyard conservation. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Tuesday, 4/23; 7:30pm

Full Moon Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Walk under the light of the full moon. *Registration required. Please call (847)381-6598.*

Tuesday, 4/23; 9:15pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Thursday, 4/25; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Night Hike: Stars and Stories, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join in and listen to the story "Under the Drinking Gourd" and learn the significance of why reading the stars was important for survival.

Thursday, 4/25; 7pm

Nature Book Club: "An Immense World" by Ed Yong, Trailside Museum, River Forest

In partnership with Forest Park Public Library, join us for a lively discussion about this book on animal senses. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Friday, 4/26; 7pm - 9pm

Frog Survey Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come be a citizen scientist for an evening as we listen to and document our local frogs. *Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Friday, 4/26; 7:30pm

Nature at Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Explore the world of nature after the sun sets. *Registration and payment required by 4/24. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 4/27; 12pm - 2pm

Wildflower Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come along for a guided walk to explore spring ephemerals in bloom. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606.*

Saturday, 4/27; 1pm

Teen Shelter Building, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Bring your friends and learn all about primitive shelter buildings and then build your own. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please visit the website for registration and more information.*

Friday, 5/3; 7:30pm

Relax and Unwind Sunset Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for a Mental Health Awareness Month walk. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (847)381-6598.*

Saturday, 5/4; 10am - 1pm

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Trivia Walk, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Enjoy a self-guided walk while learning about the role Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders play in conservation.

Saturday, 5/4; 10am - 1pm

Book Swap, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park

Bring in gently used books and leave with some new-to-you books! *Any genre and reading level; nature-themed books encouraged. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.*

Saturday, 5/4; 12pm - 5pm

Community Powwow: Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago

In partnership with the American Indian Health Services Center, St. Kateri Center, Trickster Cultural Center, American Indian Center-Chicago, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Join us to bring awareness to the obstacles the native communities have faced historically in seeking justice for these women and their families. *Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 5/4 through Sunday, 5/5

Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Overnight training course to learn skills needed to plan and lead group camping trips. Covers safety, day-hiking, tent, and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills, as well as educational offerings. After training, you will gain access to the gear library and group site. *Registration required. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes food and camping gear. Ages 18 and up. Please visit the website for registration and more information.*

Sunday, 5/5; 10am - 12pm

Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us at Sagawau for our 27th year of bird banding. You can see the birds up close while learning about this scientific study method.

Sunday, 5/5; 12pm - 3pm

Spring Festival, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy interactive programs, kids' tree-climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, kid's nature crafts, gardening info and much more!

Tuesday, 5/7; 9pm

Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy an evening walk through our woods and get a close-up view of the night sky. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Thursday, 5/9; 3pm - 5pm

Teen Exploration Day: Crafternoon, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Try your hand at a variety of arts and crafts and use nature as inspiration.

Thursday, 5/9; 6pm - 8pm

Adult Game Night, Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago

A night of outdoor games, trivia, and nature play. *Registration required. Ages 21 and up. Bring Your Own Bottle, which cannot be glass. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Friday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm

Printmaking Workshop, Evans Field, River Grove

Bring items you wish to decorate and learn about basic printmaking techniques while using natural materials. *The supplies will be provided. Registration required. Please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 5/11; 8am

World Migratory Bird Day: Bird Walk and Little Sit, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities dedicated to our feathered neighbors! The walk begins at 8am and the little sit portion begins at 10am. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 5/11; 9am - 2pm

World Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Celebrate migratory birds and watch bird banding demonstrations while learning how insects affect bird populations. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 5/11; 10am

Teen Exploration Day: Volunteer Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Help remove invasive garlic mustard. You will earn service-learning hours. *The supplies will be provided. Registration required. Ages 15-17. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Sunday, 5/11; 10am - 12pm

Migratory Bird Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn the basics of bird watching. *Registration required, Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 5/11; 1pm

World Migratory Bird Day: Bird Feeder Craft, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities dedicated to our feathered neighbors! *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 5/11; 7pm - 9pm

Star Party, Deer Grove-East, Palatine

Explore astronomy on this family-friendly night in the Preserves. *Grove 3. Crafts, stargazing, and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Sunday, 5/12; 12pm - 4pm

Mother's Day Art Fair, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come see some amazing art inspired by mother earth and mother figures alike. There will be great conversation and food onsite.

Sunday, 5/12; 1pm

Mother's Day Woodland Wildflower Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for a walk in the woodland. *For more information, please call (847)381-6598.*

Sunday, 5/12; 1pm

Wildflower Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a hike to look for wildflowers while learning how to identify these ephemeral beauties. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Sunday, 5/12; 1:30pm

Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual walk. *Registration required. Please call (847)824-8360.*