



Legislation Text

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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 7/18/2023 - 9/18/2023

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

Tuesday, 7/18 through Thursday, 7/20; 9:30am - 2:30pm

Field Botany - Teacher Workshop, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

In partnership with Illinois Science Teaching Association, attend a 3-day workshop on local field botany. Learn field identification techniques and vegetation survey methods with data that can be brought back to the classroom. *Registration required. 17 ISBE approved PD hours.*

Wednesday, 7/19; 10am - 2pm

Produce in the Preserves , Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join us for a farmers' market with limited free produce and workshops about farming. *Call 206-718-3735 for more information.*

Thursday, 7/20; 12pm - 2pm

Reptile Rendezvous, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Meet our ambassador reptiles. Learn about their unique adaptations and features.

Thursday, 7/20; 1pm - 3pm

Knitting in Nature: An Introduction, Swallow Cliff-North, Palos Park

With nature as our backdrop, learn the basics of knitting and simple techniques. *Supplies provided. Drop in.*

Friday, 7/21; 9:30pm - 11pm

Teen Exploration Night: Bat Monitoring Night Hike , Eggers Grove, Chicago

Search for resident bat activity and learn how cellphone technology is used for research. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

Saturday, 7/22; 10am - 12pm

Dog Days of Summer, Beck Lake, Des Plaines

Enjoy a doggy canoe paddle, nature walk, paw print painting and more! *Dogs must be pet/person friendly and remain on leash. Dog Personal Flotation Devices not provided. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

Saturday, 7/22; 10:30am

High Summer Nature Walk , Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a guided hike to experience summer in the gardens and woods. *Registration required. Family program. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

Saturday, 7/22; 10am - 2pm

Latino Conservation Weekend: Canoe and Cleanup, Powderhorn Lake, Burnham

Learn canoeing basics, try new skills, and help keep Powderhorn Lake clean. *Equipment provided.*

Sunday, 7/23; 12pm

Latino Conservation Weekend: Ecology Walk , Eggers Grove, Chicago

Learn about current restorative conservation efforts and join a community of individuals involved at Eggers Grove.

Sunday, 7/23; 1pm

Cicadas, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Learn about their secretive beginnings which later become a part of the summer throng.

Tuesday, 7/25; 6am

Mingle in the Morning: Senior Walking Club , Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights

Mingle with others interested in health, wellness, and the outdoors.

Friday, 7/28; 7pm - 9pm

Starry Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a guided walk and night sky observations as we admire the stars and learn about astronomy. *Registration required. Call 708-868-0606 for more information.*

Saturday, 7/29 and Sunday, 7/30; 10am - 3pm

Junior Naturalist, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Pick up a Junior Naturalist booklet at the nature center and complete the activities to earn a prize.

Saturday, 7/29; 10:30am

Pond Dip Discovery , Trailside Museum, River Forest

Who lives on and below the water? Let's dip our nets and scoop up our discoveries! *Registration required. Ages 5 to 12 with adult. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

Saturday, 7/29; 2pm - 5pm

Family Game Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Adults and families, enjoy an afternoon full of your favorite backyard games, nature trivia and walks.

Sunday, 7/30; 10am - 12pm

Pedal the Preserves, Carl Hansen Woods, Elgin

In partnership with Ride Illinois, a family-friendly bike ride starts with a safety discussion and practical skills demo. *Registration required. Refreshments and free helmets available. Meet at Grove 1 and ride along the Poplar Creek Trail System. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

Sunday, 7/30; 12pm - 2pm

River Monsters, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Explore the Des Plaines River and learn about the creatures that live under its' surface. *All ages.*

Tuesday, 8/1; 8:15pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/5; 1pm

Songs of Summer, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy the songs of cicadas echoing through the trees. Join a guided walk to find these diurnal singing insects. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045 for more information.*

Thursday, 8/3; 6pm - 7:30pm,

Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Free workshop covering basic camping skills. *All ages.*

Friday, 8/4; 10:30am

Teen Exploration Day: River Kayaking 101, Schuth's Grove, Riverside

Learn how to kayak on moving water during this 3-mile paddle. *Registration required. Instruction, equipment, and shuttle provided. Ages 13 and up. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/5; 10am - 1pm

Back-to-School Community Adventure Day, Bunker Hill, Niles

Pick up a school supplies bag (limited) and enjoy archery, an obstacle course, hikes and more! In partnership with ICNA Relief Center of Chicago and Niles-Main Public Library. *All ages. Meet at Grove 6.*

Saturday, 8/5; 10am - 2pm

Summer Paddling at Wampum Lake , Wampum Lake, Thornton

Summer Paddling at Wampum Lake. *Registration required. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

Sunday, 8/6; 1pm

Bugapalooza, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Explore insects with activities and crafts. Who will you catch, and release on your insect safari?

Monday, 8/7 through Friday, 8/11; 8:30am - 12:30pm

Great Outdoors Camp, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Discover nature and experience the lessons the land teaches through exploration and recreation. The camp is separated into two groups. The first group is for children entering 1st through 3rd grades. The second group is for children entering 4th through 6th grades. *Registration opens April 1st and must be done in person. The cost of the summer camp is \$25 per child. Cash or check are the accepted forms of payment. Forms, waivers, and payment are required to complete registration.*

Thursday, 8/10; 3pm - 5pm

Pond Paddle, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Enjoy an afternoon out paddling. Instruction and equipment provided. Thatcher Glen Pond. *Registration required. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/12; 10:30am

Nature Sketching Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Grow your skills in art and observation. *Registration required. All skill levels. Ages 13 and up. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/12 through Sunday, 8/13; 5:30pm

Camping 101 - Overnight, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Part workshop, part campout! Learn camping skills then spend the night. *Registration required. All Ages. Cost \$50 for a family of six.*

Sunday, 8/13; 11am - 1:30pm

Yoga and Meditation in the Preserves, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Explore your chakras through yoga & meditation. Certified instructor. Yin Yoga: 11am - 12pm. Meditation: 12:30am-1:30pm. *Registration required. Call 773-758-8899 for more information. Bring a yoga mat, towel, and water.*

Sundays, 8/13 through 9/3; 1:30pm - 3pm

Introduction to Capoeira Angola, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Participants will learn the rich history of Capoeira in Brazil, be introduced to basic movements, which includes dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Attendees will also learn how to play several percussive instruments and sing songs in Portuguese. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

Wednesday, 8/16; 8:15pm

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

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month and view the stars and planets. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

Thursday, 8/17; 10am - 12pm

Picnic and Paddle, Beck Lake, Des Plaines

Experience the Des Plaines River watershed by land and water. After paddling, enjoy yard games and lunch cooked over a fire. Equipment and food provided. *Registration required. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

Thursday, 8/17; 12pm - 2pm

Nature Discovery Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Drop in for a fun afternoon of nature discovery including nature games, art making, kite flying and more.

Thursday, 8/17; 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Teen Exploration Day: Fire Building 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn different methods for fire building outdoors. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/19; 9am - 2pm

Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for activities, viewing, and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research.

Saturday, 8/19; 10:30am

Parent/Child Woodland Ramble , Trailside Museum, River Forest

Explore the secrets of the woods as we look for cool plants and creatures great and small! *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

Wednesday, 8/23; 7:30pm - 9pm

Telescope Party, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park

Calling all amateur astronomers and night sky enthusiasts! *Bring your own telescope or use ours for an evening of stargazing. Meet at Grove 2.*

Friday, 8/25; 5pm - 7pm

Teen Exploration Day: Biodiversity Meetup, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn about local species, ecosystems and conservation issues through field investigations, animal encounters, conversations and more. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/26; 9:30am - 12pm

Junior Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how to capture nature through hands-on learning about cameras and photography. *Registration required. All photography levels welcome. Ages 8 to 15. The deadline for registration is 8/23. Call 847-824-8360 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/26; 10am - 12pm

Pedal the Preserves: Salt Creek Greenway, Twenty-Sixth Street Woods, LaGrange Park

In partnership with Ride Illinois, join us for a family-friendly biking event! Safety demonstration, techniques, tips, and guided ride. *Registration required. Helmets and loaner bikes available. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/26; 10am - 3pm

Summer Camp for Adults, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Enjoy a day of fun outdoor activities including survival skills, campfire cooking, hiking, and s'mores! *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592 for more information. Fee \$20.*

Saturday, 8/26; 10:30am

Colors of the Forest - Natural Dyes , Trailside Museum, River Forest

Hands-on class teaching the traditional uses of plants and trees as dyes. In partnership with Trickster Gallery as part of a botanical photography exhibit at Trailside. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

Saturday, 8/26; 6pm - 11pm

Busse Night Ride, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove

Don't miss this unique opportunity to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Tickets include live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *Registration required. Please visit Forest Preserves website for details on registration and possible fees.*

Saturday, 8/26; 6:30pm - 10pm

Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate summer with a bonfire, nature play, artmaking, lawn games, evening walks and more.

Sunday, 8/27: 10 am - 1 pm

Crabtree Nature Center Grand Re-Opening, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate the newly renovated Crabtree Nature Center! Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, visitors can enjoy tours of the updated nature center, guided walks, and nature play activities.

Tuesday, 8/29; 6am

Mingle in the Morning: Senior Walking Club , Eggers Grove, Chicago

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Wednesday, 8/30; 6pm

Twilight Canoe at Crabtree, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Explore natural wonders surrounding a local lake in a canoe at twilight. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Call 847-381-6592 for more information.*

Friday, 9/1; 9am

History & Photography Walk, Chicago Portage National Historic Hike, Lyons

Grab your camera and take a guided walk, stopping along the way to discuss the history of the site and to snap some pictures. *Cameras not required.*

Saturday, 9/2; 10am

International Vulture Awareness Day , Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the important members of nature's clean-up crew! Meet our turkey vulture and make a cute vulture craft.

Saturday, 9/2; 10am - 11:30am

Fire for the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn about the benefits of prescribed burns on a 1-mile walk.

Thursday, 9/7; 4:30pm - 7pm

Archery: Teen Exploration Day , Breman Grove, Tinley Park

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery. *Designed for teens ages 13 to 19. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

Friday, 9/8; 4pm - 7pm

Faire at the Square , Cummings Square, River Forest

Enjoy this "creative-reuse carnival" with themed games made from repurposed materials! Win prizes, learn about nature, and more. *Drop in event.*

Saturday, 9/9; 10am

Dolomite Prairie Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a hike through Sagawau's Dolomite Prairie. *Rough terrain. Ages 14 and up.*

Saturday, 9/9; 10am - 2pm

Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Pay homage to the Calumet Region's Native American cultural history while investigating the artifacts that help tell their stories. Activities include archaeology displays, a mock archaeology dig, and more.

Saturday, 9/9; 10am - 4pm

A River Thru History - Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous, Columbia Woods, Willow Springs

Celebrates the history of when explorers and voyageurs paddled waterways, and trappers and hunters lived near the river systems. *Visit Forest Preserves website for additional information.*

Saturday, 9/9; 12pm - 3pm

Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Learn about and view live monarch butterflies as we raise, tag, and release them so they can journey to Mexico.

Sunday, 9/10; 10am - 5pm

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Sunday, 9/10; 11am - 2pm

Herbal Tea Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk our gardens to learn about native plants then sample different infused teas made from them.

Sunday, 9/10; 11am - 3pm

Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate creativity, music and color as all ages are invited to try different media and techniques to create art. Sculpt, paint, and draw to bring out your inner artist.

Thursday, 9/14; 4:30pm - 7pm

Archery, Dan Ryan Woods-Central, Chicago

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery. *Meet at Grove 5. Ages 10 and up. Junior archery for kids under 10 is available.*

Thursdays, 9/14 through 11/2; 6pm - 8:30pm

Chess Night at Sand Ridge: Teen Exploration Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come learn the game of chess, help construct a board and play a match. *Ages 13 to 18.*

Saturday, 9/16; 9am - 3pm

National Clean Up Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help care for our natural world by joining us and making River Trail and the surrounding preserves cleaner. *Pick up supplies onsite.*

Saturday, 9/16; 10am - 12pm

Prairie Picking, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Help collect native plant seeds for replanting. *Wear a hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants, and long sleeves.*

Saturday, 9/16; 1pm

Sweeping the Prairie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

What kind of invertebrates can we find in the prairie and why is it important to know? Sweep net through the prairie and along the side from an accessible path to find out. *Family program.*

Saturday, 9/16; 5:30pm - 7pm

Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn the different aspects of Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial arts) on a basic level and in a safe environment. We will incorporate movement, music, rituals, and history into this art form.