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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 9/22/2020 - 10/20/2020

Please check fpcc.com/events for updates and changes.

Tuesday, 9/22; 1pm (Facebook Live)

Ask a Bird Nerd, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Have you ever had a question about birds? Do you wish you knew how to get started birding? How about how to get more birds to your yard? Program Specialist Jessica Becker is here to help! Catch her live as she answers your most burning questions regarding the birds of Cook County. Questions can be pre-submitted in the discussion section of the event page, otherwise questions can be asked live.

Wednesday, 9/23; 7pm (Via Zoom)

Basic Nature Photography Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn basic composition techniques to improve your skills. *Register by email on River Trail website or call 847-824-8360. Please provide an email address for Zoom invitation.*

Thursday, 9/24; 2pm (Facebook Live)

Whoodunnit?, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help us solve a mystery by examining clues and evidence of some predatory behavior.

Thursday, 9/24; 10 am

S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us for a nature inspired adventure for seniors. *Ages 55 and older. Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday 9/24; 8am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for a walk while looking for local birds. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-415-2970.*

Friday, 9/25; 9:30am -10am; 10:30am - 11am

Meet a Box Turtle, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about turtles and view a resident box turtle up close. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 9/25; 12pm

Comfort, Calmness, and Conservation, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Comfort, Calmness, and Conservation is a program geared towards therapeutic release. The public will engage in activities that help release stress, anxiety, and depression while also bringing entertainment, awareness of self, and exposure to the nature around them. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 9/25; 7pm

River Trail Nightlife: Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn basic composition techniques to improve your skills. *Limited space available. Registration required by calling 847-824-8360. Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 9/26; All Day, various locations

Party for the Preserves: Choose your own adventure. (TBD)

Celebrate National Public Lands Day at the Country's first forest preserve! Stop by one, or all, of our six Nature Centers for self-guided and staff-guided activities & programs throughout the day. Make sure to participate in our **Self Organized Litter Obliterators (SOLO)** stewardship program as a way celebrate National Public Lands Day and give back to the preserves- Litter Obliterator Kits will be available at all locations. Stop by the welcome tables at each site upon arrival. *Facemasks required. Registration may be required for certain programs - see details below.*

Self-guided activities from 2 to 6 pm at Bemis Woods, in Westchester; Forest Way Grove in Skokie and Kickapoo Woods in Riverdale

Activities at the Campgrounds from 6 to 9 pm. Check out the events page for more information.

Saturday, 9/26; 10am- 11am

Hiding in Plain Sight, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Come to our demonstration to see how chromatophores work as an adaptation in amphibians. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 9/26; 1:30pm

Powerwalk the Burnham Greenway, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy a 3.75-mile walk exploring this regional trail and its connections to trail systems across the country. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required. Register by phone (708-868-0606), in person at our nature center (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or via email.*

Saturday, 9/26; 7pm

Earth, Wind and Fire!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy an interactive evening by the fire as we learn more about the key elements of earth, wind and fire. Please bring a chair or blanket. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required. Register by phone (708-868-0606), in person at our nature center (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or via email.*

Sunday, 9/27; 11am (ofrecido en español a las 11:30am/offered in Spanish at 11:30am) (Facebook Live)

Hawk Talk and Feeding, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join in on Facebook Live for lunch with Jasper, our Red-Tailed Hawk Ambassador.

Charla y alimentación de halcón

Únase a Facebook Live para almorzar con Jasper, nuestro embajador del halcón de cola roja.

Sunday, 9/27; 1pm

Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Walk through time as we discuss the early days and creation of the site we know and love as Crabtree Nature Center. Length will be about a mile. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemask required.*

Sunday, 9/27; 7am - 9am

Birding Basics: In person Bird Watching, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Use the information learned during the Birding Basics ZOOM (on 9/21) to increase your birdwatching skills just in time for the fall birding season. *Adults and children ages 10 and up (with adult.) Limited space available. Registration required by calling 847-824-8360. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 9/27; 1:30pm

Fungi Identification Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join a naturalist on a casual hike as we look for examples of the various groups of fungi found in the Preserves. A special emphasis will be on key field characteristics. *Register at 708-366-6530. Adults only. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 9/27; 1pm

Fall Nature Walk - In-Person Program, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a casual stroll with a naturalist along Sagawau's trails. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 9/29; 10am (Facebook Live)

Small Serendipity, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

River Trail's Ranger staff talks with you about nature and provides you with instructions for making a craft at home. Supplies for craft at home are available at River Trail for pick up, if needed starting 9/26.

Wednesday, 9/30; 5pm

Ecology Walk through South Creek Nature Preserve, Bemis Woods- North, Westchester

Discover this high-quality, designated Illinois Nature Preserve during a 2.5-mile guided walk. *Call 312-533-5751 to register. Facemasks required.*

Sunday-Friday, 10/4 - 9, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

55th Annual Virtual Art and Craft Fair

The Little Red Schoolhouse is holding our annual fair virtually this year. Check our Facebook page daily to see vendor listings along with art themed activities and demonstrations. Learn how vendors create their art and watch Facebook Live demonstrations.

Wednesday, 10/7; 4:30

Woodworking with Invasives: Buckthorn Hiking Stick, Crabtree Nature Center

Come out and build with invasive species! Must bring gloves. All other equipment provided. Ages 12 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 10/17; 9 am -- Noon

Heart Your Park Service Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Remove invasive species and help nature thrive during a Day of Service sponsored by CITGO and the partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. Ages 10 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/18; 2 pm

Owls, Bats and Spiders, Oh My! Trailside Museum, River Forest

Owls, bats and spiders are part of Halloween but are they scary? Find out as we take a closer look at these nighttime hunters and take home some crafts. Program is outside and socially distanced. Family program. *Call 708-366-6530 to register; facemasks required.*