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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 3/19/2019 - 4/23/2019

Sunday, 3/24; 1pm

Fly a Kite Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we will harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites! *Ages 6 - 12 with adult. \$5 materials fee per child.*

Monday, 3/25; 10am - 12pm

Spring Breakout Adventure, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Looking for outdoor activities while away from school? Drop on over to the Little Red Schoolhouse and see what exciting activities are planned. *No registration required.*

Tuesday, 3/26; 10am - 1pm

Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

In conjunction with Activate Elgin's March Into Health, thaw from the winter and recreate at this 56-acre nature preserve. Activities include a biodiversity hike, archery, pond fishing, and nature obstacle course.

Thursday, 3/28; 1pm - 3pm

Spring Break Nature Drop-In Days, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We provide the fun, you bring the kids to explore something new each day.

Friday, 3/29; 7pm

Woodcock "Sky Dance" at Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester

Watch the amazing aerial display of the male woodcock bird as he calls, swirls and tumbles in the sky at dusk. For adults, and families with children 8+. *For registration and directions call: (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 3/30; 1pm

Signs of Spring Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a relaxed hike through the woods, while listening to birds and looking for early blooming wildflowers.

Saturday, 3/30; 1:30pm

Nature Kitchen, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Children ages 3-5 years with adult will create mud pies, pond soup and other "natural smorgasbords of delight" using natural objects.

Sunday, 3/31; 1pm

Animal Tricksters, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

With April Fools' Day right around the corner, see how animals play tricks through camouflage, mimicry, feigning death,

deceptive bait and more.

Saturday, 4/6; 10am - 6pm

Zoos Go Blue for Autism, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

In partnership with Autism Speaks, we are happy to welcome the autism community for a complimentary day at Brookfield Zoo in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month. Join us for a fun-filled day of low sensory events around the zoo!

Sunday, 4/7; 12pm - 2pm

Archery 101, Maywood Grove, Maywood

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Sunday, 4/7; 2pm

Raptor Feeding Program, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come take a closer look at our captive birds of prey. We will talk about our display animals and their unique adaptations.

Saturday, 2/9 through Sunday, 3/24; 10am - 4pm

The Orchid Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The tropics are closer than you think. The Orchid Show captures the spirit of islands, beaches, and rainforests in places like the South Pacific and the Amazon. You will get a feel for the radiance of blooms under sunlit palm trees and in forest canopies teeming with color and life. Picture more than 10,000 orchids in bloom, paired with sweeps of bromeliads and birds of paradise-lush, vibrant, intoxicating. Tickets are required and can be purchased from the Chicago Botanic Garden's website.

Friday, 4/12; 10am - 12pm

Conservation @ Home Series: Building Better Soils, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Ever wonder what makes 'good' soil? Or how to create healthy soils in your landscape? Join University of Illinois Extension staff and volunteers to explore soil science in time for this growing season.

Saturday, 4/13; 8am - 11:30am

Spring Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park

In partnership with the Village of Palos Park, join us for spring fishing and fun. Prizes awarded for the largest fish caught in different age groups. *Registration begins at 8am. Fishing from 8:30am - 11am. Catch and release event; fishing license not needed.*

Saturday, 4/13; 1:30pm - 3pm

Fire 101, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how a forest can benefit from fire and fire safety camping basics.

Saturday, 4/13; 2pm

Improv in the Woods, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Let our feet be the metronomes for this musical improv hike as we start with a lesson then find inspiration in nature. All hikable instruments are welcome.

Saturday and Sunday, 4/13 and 4/14; All day

Unearth Science festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Unearth the world of science like you have never seen it before. With a weekend full of activities, the Unearth Science festival celebrates science and nature in ways that will encourage you to see, touch, hear and explore. New: On Friday, 4/12, there is an evening for adults, with drinks and light fare for purchase. The festival includes free programs and hands-on activities; some special events and workshops have fees.

Sunday, 4/14; 10am - 6pm

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 commit to that will truly make a difference for animals across the globe. With special Zoo Chats and green activities and crafts, Party for the Planet will be filled with educational, engaging, and fun activities for the entire family!

Sunday, 4/14; 1pm

Art in Nature: Mixed Media Nature Sketching, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Make a new mark on your sketchbook by utilizing more than just a pencil in this mixed media sketching class, taught by artist Karen Sako.

Sunday, 4/14; 1pm - 3pm

Hike and Bike! Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Join us for fun filled afternoon exploring our trails on foot and on bike. This relaxing adventure will provide a great excuse to get outside. Some bikes available. *Registration and adult supervision required; space is limited. Please go to Experience Camping website to register.*

Wednesday, 4/17; 6:30am - 8am

Sunrise Coffee and Canoe Cruise, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Start your day with a delicious cup of coffee and canoeing! While on the water, experience the sunrise, local wildlife, and learn about coffee sustainability practices from The Coffee & Tea Exchange. *Coffee provided by The Coffee & Tea Exchange. Rain date: Wednesday, Apr 24.*

Wednesday, 4/17; 11am - 2pm

Spring Breakout Adventures, Beaubien Woods - Flatfoot Lake, Chicago

Come out for a full day of activities suitable for all ages including archery, nature exploration, and artmaking. *Registration required for groups of 10 or more.*

Saturday, 4/20; 10am - 3pm

Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet every day. Activities include art-making, puppet shows, hikes and Earth Day Jeopardy!

Saturday, 4/20; 1pm

Sagawau Science: Spring Wildflower Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Take a closer look at these short-lived wildflowers while walking through the woods.