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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 12/14/2021 - 1/11/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Friday, 12/17; 7pm

River Trail Nightlife: Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A guided walk on our trails to search for local owls. *Registration and facemasks required. Ages 8 and up.*

Friday, 12/17; 7pm

Full Moon Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Enjoy a 1.5-mile guided walk under a full moon along our Burr Edge Trail. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/18; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, artmaking, nature walks, and more. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/18; 4pm

Sunset Hike, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Join us for a stroll in the Forest Preserves and take in the evening sunset. Depending on snow conditions, snowshoes will be available to borrow for the hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/18; 6pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike the 1-mile White Oak Trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. *All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/18; 1:30pm

Winter Solstice Nature Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Explore our trails with a naturalist as winter begins and enjoy hot snacks around a campfire afterwards. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/18; 3pm (Zoom)

Winter Botanical Embroidery

Learn about nature and develop basic embroidery skills. *Registration required. Must have your own supplies. Ages 10 and up. For more information, call 224-456-8602.*

Sunday, 12/19; 1:30pm

Whoooo... are the owls in your neighborhood? River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us and a special guest for a talk about owls. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/19; 1pm

Frozen Feathers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Now that fall migration is mostly over, let us take a short walk to see what winter residents we find. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. *Ages 6 and up. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/19; 5:30am

Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Listen for owls as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count, with John Elliot from Chicago Audubon. *Ages 10 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 12/21; 10am - 1pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods, Maywood

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes, crafts and other winter-related activities will be offered. *Facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 9pm

Winter Solstice Night of Lights Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a relaxing candlelit walk through our woods to celebrate the equinox. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Tuesday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 8pm

Solstice Bonfire, Stories, and Dance, Thatcher Woods, Maywood

Join us around the bonfire for a sampling of stories from many cultures, enjoy a solstice dance by dance troupe "Terrain" with hot chocolate and s'mores. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Wednesday, 12/22; 11am - 2pm

Winter Breakout, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Youth and families, join us for a fun winter day with a number of different outdoor activities such as fire building, snowshoeing and a winter-themed craft. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/26; 10am

Winter Ornithology, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Birdy, it's cold outside! Birds have a variety of adaptations and strategies to survive the winter's cold. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/26; 1:30pm

Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join our staff for an up-close look at one of our animals. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/26; 10am - 2pm

Hot Chocolate and Stories, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Warm yourself by the fire while treating yourself to hot chocolate. Winter-themed books will be available for reading by the fireside. *Space is limited. Facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 12/28; 10am - 1pm

Winter Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Facemasks required.

Wednesday, 12/29; 11am - 2pm

Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 12/29; 10am

Winter Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. *Facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 12/29; 1:30pm

A Secret Winter Ecosystem, Trailside Museum, River Forest

The winter can appear barren of wildlife, but surprisingly so much is happening above, within, and beneath the snow. Join us for a walk to see what is going on! *Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday, 12/30; 11am - 2pm

Winter Exploration Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 1/2; 1pm

Resolution Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Take time to set positive practices this year during this light 1-mile nature walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 1/2; 10:30am

New Year's Wellness Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a hike with a naturalist to kick off the new year! *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 1/2; 10am - 12pm

Renew, Rejuvenate, Restore, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Begin the New Year by renewing, rejuvenating, and restoring habitats as well as your mind, body, and spirit. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and warm up by the fire afterwards. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 1/8; 10am - 1pm

Winter Exploration Day, Schubert's Woods, Chicago Heights

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 1/8; 10am - 1pm

Winter Watercolors, Volunteer Resource Center (VRC), Chicago

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. Materials provided. *All ages. Must register for demos. Drop in available for additional watercolor activities. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 1/9; 10am - 12:30pm

Cold Weather Crafting, Swallow Cliff, Palos Park

Enjoy a cozy winter morning inside, listening to the crackle of a fire while creating nature-themed art. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

Sunday, 1/9; 1pm Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Believe it or not, some insects are active through the winter. Search for these cold-hearty survivors. *Ages 14 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 1/9; 1pm

Winter Tree ID, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Discover tips and clues to help identify trees when there are no leaves on them on this 1-mile adventure. *Registration and facemasks required.*