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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 12/13/2022 - 1/24/2023

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

Wednesday, 12/14; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Knitting in Nature Workshop, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

With nature as our backdrop, learn how to knit a cowl using natural fibers. *Supplies, instruction provided. Ages 10 and up with adult. Registration required.*

Saturday, 12/17; 3:30pm - 7pm

Winter Bonfire, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, artmaking, nature walks and more.

Saturday, 12/17; 9:30am - 11:30am

Clear the Ski Trail, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Help maintain Sagawau ski trails by cutting and removing brush. *Tools and safety gear are provided. Ages 10 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 12/17; 10:30am

Winter Dog Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

This hike is for the dog walkers! Join a naturalist as you and your (leashed) friend go on a nature walk. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Saturday, 12/17; Workshop 1: 9:30am - 10:30am; Workshop 2: 11am - 12pm

Winter Workshop-Cozy Creatives, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) Chicago

Calling all creatives! Join us we explore nature journaling and watercolors. Register for one or both sessions. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 12/18; 9:30am - 11:30am

Clear the Ski Trail, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Help maintain Sagawau ski trails by cutting and removing brush. *Tools and safety gear are provided. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 12/18; 10am - 11am

Yoga In the Woods; Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class with a certified instructor. Bring a yoga mat/beach towel and water. Afterwards, enjoy a self-guided walk. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 12/18; 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.

Sunday, 12/18; 5:30am

Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Listen for owls on our trails as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count, with John Elliot from Chicago Audubon. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 12/18; 1pm

Frozen Alive, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Cold blooded animals can survive freezing temperatures and then emerge the following spring without any injury! Learn more about the unique processes during this guided walk.

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

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

Take a candlelit walk and enjoy a bonfire with some hot chocolate. *Registration required.*

Thursday, 12/22; 6pm

Winter Fire Building Workshop, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Learn fire building skills and stick around for a story and s'mores around the fire. *All ages. Registration required.*

Thursday, 12/22; 10am - 1pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Schiller Woods, Chicago

In partnership with the American Indian Center, come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes, solstice storytelling and other winter-related activities will be offered. The American Indian Center presents Native Storytelling-Winter Solstice Edition. During the long winter months, families gather, to tell and listen to stories. It is said that stories are told in the winter once the first snow has fallen. These stories are told about the power of our animal relatives, Mother Earth, and our plant people, the stories have been passed on by our Elders and are still being told today. We invite you to join us for a cup of cedar tea and enjoy a piece of our culture being brought to you in a good way.

Thursday, 12/22; 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Loteria (Bingo), Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come play this traditional, fun Mexican game, with a nature twist. *All ages welcome. Bilingual. Registration required.*

Saturday, 12/24; 10am - 12pm

Winter Nature Play, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Drop by for outdoor family-friendly nature activities on the front lawn.

Tuesday, 12/27; 1pm

Snowshoe Walk, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Enjoy the preserves in snowshoes. *Registration required. Snowshoes provided; 4" of snow required. If snowshoeing is not possible, walks and other activities will be offered. All ages.*

Wednesday, 12/28; 10am

Winter Walk (No Snow), Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Enjoy a trail walk with a naturalist.

Wednesday, 12/28; 1:30pm

Winter Secrets Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Winter can appear barren of wildlife, but much is happening above, within, and beneath snow. Join us for a walk to see

what is happening! *Family program. Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Wednesday, 12/28; 11am - 2pm

Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more!

Saturday, 12/31; 10am

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

Kick off your resolution of being more active by taking a hike with a naturalist on New Year's Eve morning!

Saturday, 12/31; 10am

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

Renew, rejuvenate, and restore your mind, body, and spirit. Followed by a bonfire and hot chocolate.

Monday, 1/2; 11am

Resolution Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Take steps towards your health goals during this light 1-mile nature walk.

Monday, 1/2; 10am

New Year's Resolution Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a brisk guided walk. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Thursday, 1/5; 6pm - 8pm

Winter Workshop: Woodworking, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Create a walking stick from buckthorn. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Friday, 1/6; 6pm

Winter Fire Building Workshop, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn fire building skills and stick around for a story and s'mores around the fire. *All ages. Registration required.*

Saturday, 1/7; 10am - 12pm

Pinecone Suet Feeders, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about birds that call Cook County home during winter and leave with a feeder. *Ages 6 and up.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 1/7 through 2/26; 9am

Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons-Snow, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Learn to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. *\$20 per person. Ages 12 and up. Registration required (link on website) beginning the Sunday prior to the lesson week.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 1/7 through 2/26; 9am

Cross-Country Ski Seminar-No Snow, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Learn to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. *\$20 per person. Ages 12 and up. Registration required (link on website) beginning the Sunday prior to the lesson week.*

Sunday, 1/8; 9:30am - 12pm

Cold Weather Crafting, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park

Enjoy a cozy winter morning inside listening to the crackle of a fire while creating nature-themed art.

Thursday, 1/12; 6:30pm - 8pm

Conservation@Home: Native Gardens for Urban Landscapes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Get organized for spring with this intro to native plant landscaping taught by a University of Illinois Extension volunteer and landscape designer. *Registration required by 1/5. Ages 13 and up.*

Saturday, 1/14; 10am - 12pm

Explore: Horsetail Lake, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park

Adults and families, grab a self-guided exploration activity or join a guided hike. Help with litter pickup, warm up by a fire, and enjoy a fun nature craft.

Saturday, 1/14; 10am - 1pm

MLK Service Day Celebration, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Partake in restoration, celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and warm up with hot beverages. *Restoration for ages 10 and up. For group registration, please call 773-758-8899.*

Monday, 1/16; 10am - 3pm

MLK Day of Service, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Stop by the nature center to participate in a self-led litter pick-up. Garbage bags and disposable gloves available.

Monday, 1/16; 10am - 12pm

MLK Day of Service, Miller Meadow-North, Forest Park

Give back this MLK day. Join us for a litter clean up in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Drop-in event.*

Monday, 1/16; 10am - 12pm

MLK Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

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Monday, 1/16; 10am - 12pm

MLK Day of Service, Schubert's Woods, Chicago

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Friday, 1/20; 1pm - 3pm

Bird Painting Workshop Step-by-Step: Black-capped Chickadee, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Sketch and paint a black-capped chickadee. For beginners and experienced artists. *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530. Ages 13 and up. Materials provided. \$5 per person.*

Saturday, 1/21; 10am

Surviving Phantom; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for a fast-paced 3-mile winter hike around Phantom Prairie loop. *Ages 18 and up.*

Saturday, 1/21; 1pm - 3pm

Snow Snake Workshop, Schiller Woods, Chicago

Join the American Indian Center for a workshop on Snow Snake, a Native American winter sport. Enjoy storytelling, stick making and the formation of Snow Snake itself, weather permitting.

Saturday, 1/21; 7pm

A "Winters" Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about nocturnal animals. Afterwards, brave the cold for a guided walk. *Cost: \$3 per person. Registration required by 1/19.*