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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events - 09/12/2018 - 10/16/2018

Friday, 9/14; 4pm - 7pm

Kayak the Des Plaines, Maywood Grove, Maywood

Kayak nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road Meadow. Instruction, equipment and kayaks provided. *Ages 5 and up; prior experience a plus. Registration required, call 312-533-5751*

Saturday, 9/15; 10am - 3pm

Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities promoting a better understanding and appreciation of historic Native American culture. Enjoy archaeology displays, guided hikes, a traditional craft and more.

Monday, 9/17; 10am - 12pm

Bird Painting Adult Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Create a multimedia bird painting-collage, combine vintage elements and realistic painting of your favorite songbird. *\$35/person; Register: thelittlebitsworkshop.com*

Tuesday, 9/18; 4:30pm - 6pm

River Kayaking 101, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Introduction provided prior to a short paddle along the Des Plaines River to Maywood Grove. Perfect for new kayakers. *Ages 5 and up; Registration required, call 312-533-5751*

Fridays, 9/21 and 10/5; 8am

Bird Walks, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join us for a walk to observe resident and migrating birds. Meet in the parking lot.

Saturday, 9/22; 3pm - 9pm

Party for the Preserves, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Join us for outdoor fun, the climbing wall and live music and dancing for our official kick-off to public lands week in the Forest Preserves!

Saturday, 9/22; 12pm-4pm

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Celebrate Hispanic culture at Brookfield Zoo with Latin American music and dance! The celebration will include visits by South American Animal Ambassadors, performances by Latin American music and dance groups, as well as a children's art contest.

Saturday, 9/22; 12pm - 3pm

Tolleston Shoreline Tour, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for this Geology program as we discover the High Tolleston and Lower Tolleston shorelines that run throughout south Cook County. Participants will drive themselves as we tour multiple sites, starting at Sand Ridge Nature Center.

Friday and Saturday, 9/21 - 9/22; 10am - 6pm; Sunday 9/23; 10am - 5pm

American Craft Exposition, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The American Craft Exposition is a highly competitive juried show and sale of fine crafts, featuring one-of-a-kind handcrafted artwork and luxury collections from the country's leading craftspeople. Tickets required for entrance. The Garden trolley to the Glencoe Metra station meets trains between 9:30am and 5:30pm for the three-day event.

Sunday, 9/23; 10am - 12pm

Ornithology 101: Bird Migration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn why birds travel hundreds of miles from their breeding grounds to where they live over winter. *Ages 16 and up*

Sunday, 9/23; 1pm

Landscape Design with Native Plants, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn design principles and plant counsel for home gardens in this U of I Extension Master Gardener/Naturalist workshop. *Register: go.illinois.edu/CatH-design*

Wednesday, 9/26; 5pm

Following Migration, Orland Grassland, Orland Park

Take a hike in search for fall migrants and learn about this diverse and unique preserve.

Saturday, 9/29; 1:30pm

Fall Fungi Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a 1.75-mile hike along our Black Oak Trail as we discover the diversity of fungal fruiting bodies. *Ages 18 and up*

Saturday, 9/29; 1pm - 9pm

Party for the Preserves, Deer Grove East, Palatine

Celebrate National Public Lands Day at the County's first preserve. Restoration activities, outdoor adventures, native plant sale, music and star gazing throughout the day.

Saturday and Sunday, 9/29 - 9/30; 11am - 4pm

Harvest Weekend, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Learn from the experts how to celebrate the bounty of fall at this lively festival. Enjoy demonstrations, a cookbook swap, family activities, harvest displays, and more.

Saturday, 9/29; 7pm - 8:30pm

Night Sky Viewing, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Adler Planetarium's "Scopes in the City" program brings the universe to the Garden. Here is your chance to look through a telescope for an evening sky viewing including Mars and Saturn.

Sunday, 9/30; 1:30pm

All-A-Buzz About Honey, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Meet the River Trail's beekeeper and learn about honeybees and their hives.

Sunday, 9/30; 1pm

Fall Prairie Tour, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join a naturalist to learn about this endangered habitat and walk through the ocean of grass.

Wednesday, 10/3; 5pm - 7:30pm

Sunset Paddle, Wampum Lake, Thornton

Learn the parts of a canoe, paddling techniques, and safety tips before testing your skills on the water. *Canoes will be supplied.*

Saturday, 10/6; 11am - 3pm

Awe of Nature Festival, Midlothian Meadows, Midlothian

Join us for nature walks, games and more, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy. *All ages*

Saturday and Sunday, 10/6 and 10/7; 10am - 4pm.

Fall Bulb Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Buy bulbs in advance from August 17 through September 29. Choose bulbs from the online catalog at cicagobotanic.org/bulb. Pre-order larger quantities and pick up your bulbs at the Fall Bulb Festival.

The festival weekend is also a great destination for families to admire the gourd mountain, explore the hay bale maze, and buy treats at the outdoor marketplace. Expect live music, family drop-in activities, and cider, wine, beer, and light fare available for purchase. There will be a farm-stand filled with produce from Windy City Harvest, the Garden's urban agriculture program, and a marketplace with kettle corn, roasted nuts, fresh jam, honey, and baked goods.

Sunday, 10/7; 9am - 3pm

Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

We are celebrating our 53rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair! Art of all styles will be sold by artists inspired by nature.

Sunday, 10/7; 1pm

Autumn Voyagers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Enjoy a seasonal outing discovering some of our "Autumn Voyagers," including birds, mammals, insects and more.

Sunday, 10/7; 10am

Make your Autumn 'Fall' of Art, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Everyone is invited to make autumn art with natural materials. *Light refreshments served*

Sunday and Monday, 10/7 - 10/8; 1:30pm

Falling Into Autumn Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Spectacular fall colors to view while enjoying a casual walk in the woods.

Wednesday, 10/10; 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Archery 101, Evans Field, River Forest

Learn all things archery; history, bow parts, and proper technique and then try hitting the bullseye. *Ages 10 and up; Equipment provided*

Thursday, 10/11, 6pm - 8pm

Autumn Brews: Seasonal Beer Tasting in the Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Welcome the fall season with a cold glass of beer! Oktoberfest celebrations happen throughout Europe, the Chicago Botanic Garden will celebrate locally.

Friday and Saturday, 10/12 - 10/13; Check in Friday, 5pm - 7pm

Family Campout; Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Intro to camping for families. Includes meals, camping gear and outdoor fun. See the website for registration information. *\$75 for families up to 6; Camperships available.*

Saturday, 10/13; 11am - 3pm

Fall Paddle Festival; Skokie Lagoon, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. We will have canoe trips, guided hikes, archery, pumpkin painting and more.

Saturdays and Sundays, 10/13 - 10/28; All Day

Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Little ghosts and goblins of all ages are sure to have a howlin' good time! Our not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy, including Halloween themed games and activities.