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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 11/14/2023 - 12/12/2023

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

Thursday, 11/14 through Tuesday, 12/12; 4:30pm - 9:15pm

Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe

Bask in the glow of thousands of twinkling lights in favorites like the Winter Cathedral and new delights you have never seen before. Lightscape is reinvented each year. *Please check the website for cost.*

Wednesday, 11/15; 5pm - 7pm

Knitting in Nature: Teen Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Learn about the basics of knitting and simple techniques through a tutorial led by staff. *Supplies provided. Ages 13 and up.*

Thursday, 11/16; 5pm

Woodworking with Invasives, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new. *Registration required. Equipment provided. Ages 10 and up. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Friday, 11/17; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Thankful for the Dark, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy a nocturnal walk followed by relaxing time by a fire.

Friday, 11/17; 4pm

National Take a Hike Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day with an evening stroll. Walk is 3.4 miles on a paved loop.

Friday, 11/17; 10am

National Take a Hike Day, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day by hitting the trail with a naturalist on a 5-mile hike.

Saturday, 11/18; 10am - 2pm

Sand Ridge Heritage Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us as we explore the heritage of the Calumet Region with guided walks, regional activities and displays.

Saturday, 11/18; 9am - 1pm

Geology of the Sag Valley, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Come along for a tour of the Sag Valley to observe and interpret its geologic formations. *Registration required. Participants will drive their own vehicles to each location. Ages 16 and up.*

Sunday, 11/19; 1:30pm

Nocturnal Hunters - Owls, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about the different attributes that make owls unique and fascinating.

Sunday, 11/19; 1pm - 3pm

Teen Volunteer Stewardship Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Earn your service hours while helping the environment. *Registration required. Ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Sunday, 11/19; 1pm

The Smokey Bear Effect, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Come learn about America's history of wildfire management and how a little bear influenced the whole nation. *Registration required. Call (630)257-2045.*

Monday, 11/20; 4pm

Deer at Dusk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Find out more about whitetail deer and what unique survival adaptations they have on a guided walk. *Registration required. 8 years and up.*

Tuesday, 11/21; 1pm - 3pm

Archery, Brookfield Woods, Brookfield

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

Friday, 11/24; 1:30pm

Annual Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Walk off that extra helping of turkey and stuffing on this annual post-holiday hike. *Registration required. Call (708) 366-6530.*

Friday, 11/24; 1pm - 2pm

Walk Off That Turkey, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Rustle through the fallen leaves on a guided 1-mile fitness walk. *Registration required.*

Friday, 11/24-26 & 30; continuing 12/1-3, 7-10, 14-17, 21-23, 26-31; 3pm - 9pm

Holiday Magic, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

This holiday season, get ready to visit Chicagoland's longest-running lights festival featuring over two million twinkling LED lights! *Please check the website for cost. Separate fees may apply.*

Saturday, 11/25; 10am

Nature Lens, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Use your camera to observe nature on a guided photography walk. *All levels and camera types. Ages 13 and up*

Sunday, 11/26; 1:30pm

Winter Bird Feeding, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn some basic winter bird feeding tips including which birds will visit your feeders this winter.

Saturday, 12/2; 10am

Winter Wellness Walk, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights

Experience the health benefits that nature provides on a crisp winter walk. 3.4-mile distance with a slow walking pace. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up.*

Saturday, 12/2; 1pm

Fire Basics, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn the basics of starting a fire and explore the different types of campfires. *S'mores and hot cocoa provided. All ages.*

Saturday, 12/2; 1pm

Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience. *Registration required. Call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 12/2; 1:30pm

History Hike: Isabel Bassett Wasson, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Explore Thatcher Woods while learning about the inspiring life of a local pioneering environmental educator. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 12/2; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Celebrate the start of the winter season with a giant bonfire under the night sky. Enjoy S'mores, winter craft, and star gazing (weather permitting). *Food will be available for purchase onsite. All event attendees will park at Potawatomi Woods and will take a shuttle to and from the event.*

Sunday, 12/3; 2pm

Teens Behind the Scenes, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist and learn how we care for our animals at the nature center. *Ages 13-19.*

Sunday, 12/3; 1pm

Conservation@Home: Promoting Pollinators In Your Winter Garden, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

An introduction to some practices that benefit overwintering pollinators in your garden.

Sunday, 12/3; 11am - 3pm

Holiday Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate winter holiday traditions. Play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what's cooking on the open fire.

Sunday, 12/3; 11am - 2pm

Bird Feeding, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Drop in to learn the basics about winter bird feeding and pick up a do-it-yourself pinecone bird feeder craft.

Wednesday, 12/6; 10am - 12pm

Nature Treasure Hunt, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

Kids and families are invited to search for various natural items on a short-looped trail. Find all the treasure and win a prize!

Thursday, 12/7; 1pm - 3pm

Winter Workshop: Phone-tography 101 Walk, Harms Woods, Glenview

Enjoy an afternoon in the Preserves and learn the basics of photography using a smartphone. *Registration required.*

Friday, 12/8; 7pm

Owl Prowl, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for a short presentation to learn about our local owls and observe them on the trail. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up.*

Friday, 12/8; 6pm - 8pm

Candle Lantern Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Walk the trails with a candle lantern as you discover signs of nighttime forest activity.

Saturday, 12/9; 11am - 2pm

Stairs, Stories & S'mores, Swallow Cliff Woods -North, Palos Park

Families, drop in and challenge yourself by climbing to the top of Swallow Cliff stairs. Then, try the story trail, sledding, snowshoeing, s'more making and more. *Sledding/snowshoeing weather permitting.*

Saturday, 12/9; 1pm

DIY Holiday Bird Feeder Wreath, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Make a festive birdseed wreath to help our feathered friends this winter! *Registration required. Materials provided. Ages 13 and up. Call (708) 366-6530.*

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