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### PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 3/9/2017 - 4/11/2017

**Saturday - Sunday, 3/11 - 3/12; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Illinois Orchid Society Show and Sale; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Artistically arranged orchids, including rare species and cultivated hybrids, will be on display. There will also be a judged exhibition and orchids for sale. Free.

**Saturdays, 3/11 and 4/8; 1:30 pm**

**R.I.P. Workday, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Assist us with Removing Invasive Plants. Individuals and families welcome. Not suitable for ages 9 yrs. and younger. Participants 10-14 yrs. old must be accompanied by an adult.

**Saturday, 3/11; 11 am**

**One Earth Film Festival, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest**

Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film *Chicago's True Nature* at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030, Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards. *For festival details, visit [www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org) <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>.*

**Sunday, 3/12; 9:30 - 11 am or 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Weekend Family Class, "Churn It and Flip 'Em;" Learning Campus, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Your next homemade breakfast won't be the same after you learn how fun and easy it is to make your own butter! What better way to enjoy your butter than by spreading it onto delicious buttermilk pancakes? Participants will learn about the plants used to make breakfast and take home recipes to replicate this delectable feast at home.

Registration required and fee applies.

**Sunday, 3/12; 1 pm**

**One Earth Film Festival, St. James Church, 2907 S Wabash Ave, Chicago**

Join us for a free showing of an excerpt from the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film *Chicago's True Nature* at St. James Church. *For festival details, visit [www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org) <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>.* Will screen with *Nature Play*.

**Thursday, 3/16; 11 am - 2 pm**

**A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem, River Forest**

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made and participate in a variety of family-friendly activities. All ages. No registration required.

**Saturday, 3/18; 1:30 pm**

**Powerwalk the Greenway!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Get out and get active with a naturalist by exploring remnant prairies and savannas along the Burnham Greenway Trail. **Meet outside the Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City.**

**Sunday, 3/19 and Saturday, 3/25; 1 pm**

**Signs of Spring, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Observe how plants and animals respond to longer days as spring invites birds to sing and plants to bloom.

**Sunday, 3/19; 11 - 3 pm**

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping, and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste. Call for more information.

**Wednesday, 3/22; 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Celebrate Spring!, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Come celebrate the start of the spring season with us! Learn how to make a plant press and start your own native plant collection. Make your own compost bin for your kitchen. Create and take home a decorative terrarium in a reusable jar using twigs and other natural materials. In addition, learn about the birds of the Forest Preserves during guided spring-themed hikes and then make your very own birdfeeder.

**Sunday 3/26; 10 am - Noon**

**Ornithology 101: Beginning Bird ID, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Exploration of common avian behaviors such as flocking, migration, territorial and mating displays, followed by observations in the field. Adults and interested teens only. Registration required.

**Sunday, 3/26; 1 pm**

**Go Fly a Kite Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we'll harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites. Ages 6-12 w/adult. \$5 materials fee/ child. Register by 3/24.

**Tuesday, 3/28; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin**

Spring Breakout Adventures offer the chance to practice archery, explore the bountiful wildlife and plant species as well as improve your navigation skills. All ages. No registration required. For general information or available bussing for groups of 25 or more, call 312-415-2970.

**Wednesday - Thursday, 3/29 & 3/30; 9:30 am - Noon**

**Spring Break Camp: Creative Exploration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Explore nature and be inspired to create your own unique artwork. 7-10 years old; \$10/child. Registration required.

**Saturday - Sunday, 4/8 - 4/9**

**CLIC Training, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

The Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) Training is an overnight course that provides skills such as camping equipment use and care, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education for leaders of school, community, scouting or youth groups. After completing this training, you and your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a one-night campout at Camp Sullivan. For more information, e-mail [experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov).

**Saturday, 4/1; 9 am - Noon**

**Navigation Unplugged, Deer Grove, 1650 N Quentin Rd, Palatine**

Learn the basics of orienteering (using a map and compass), then put your skills to the test with orienteering courses on the trail. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.

**Sunday, 4/2; 1:30 pm**

**Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced.

**Sunday, 4/2; 2 pm**

**Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join us for a free lecture on the Lenhardt Library's rare book exhibition *Botanical Charts: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Classroom Posters*. Free.

**Friday, 4/7; 7:30 pm**

**Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, stop inside for refreshments. Register by 4/5. \$2.

**Saturday - Sunday, 4/8-4/9; 10 am - 6 pm**

**Ape Awareness Weekend, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Learn exciting ape facts during Zoo Chats and participate in fun ape-related activities over Ape Awareness Weekend! Volunteers will be stationed throughout Tropic World with information on how to make a difference for apes in the wild through conservation efforts.

**Saturday, 4/8; 9 - 11 am Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam, Willow Rd & N Forest Way Dr, Winnetka**

Bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese by paddling down the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8 am - 2 pm from Linne Woods to Willow Road Dam. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.

**Saturday, 4/8; 10 am**

**Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn where to begin with installing native plants in terms of selection and care. Ages 15 & up. Registration required by 4/5. Minimum 10 people.

**Sunday, 4/9; 1 pm**

**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see the tree swallow compete.

**Saturday, 4/9; 1 - 4 pm**

**Navigation Unplugged, Bemis Woods South, 1100 Ogden Ave, Western Springs**

Learn the basics of orienteering (using a map and compass), then put your skills to the test with orienteering courses on the trail. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.

**Tuesday, 4/11; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Dan Ryan Woods, 87<sup>th</sup> and Western, Chicago**

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**Tuesday, 4/11; 7:30 to 9 pm**

**Full Moon Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Assist a naturalist as we monitor frog activity under the full moon. Registration required. Ages 12 & up.