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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 10/17/2023 - 11/14/2023

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

Tuesday, 10/17 through Saturday, 10/21

Fall Migratory Bird BioBlitz, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Help biologists understand bird populations and species diversity in our area by joining the Fall Migratory Bird BioBlitz! During the BioBlitz, log all the birds you spot at Brookfield Zoo or in the Forest Preserves of Cook County on iNaturalist for a chance to win prizes. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Thursday, 10/19; 6:30pm

Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration required. Please call (312) 415-2970.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Fall Color Walk, Palos Park Woods-North, Palos Park

Look for the changing colors on a 3.4-mile walk. *Color scavenger hunts for the little ones provided.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Forest Therapy Walk, Schiller Woods-West, Schiller Park

Forest therapy opens the gateway for creativity and a deepened relationship between self and the natural world. This walk will be led by a certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Grove 2. Registration required. Please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Hip Hop Olympics, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NPF presents a juried hip-hop sporting event. Medals will be awarded to winners of professionally juried competitive MC'ing, DJ'ing, Dance, Visual Art, Knowledge and Quintathlon categories. *Registration starts at 9am.*

Saturday, 10/21; 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Map and Compass 101: Teen Exploration Day, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Bring your friends to compete in an orienteering competition. *Prizes will be awarded. Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 10/21; 1pm

National Reptile Awareness Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about local reptiles and meet some scaly Animal Ambassadors. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 10/22; 9am

Spooky Shuffle 5k/10k, Swallow Cliff Woods-South, Palos Park

In partnership with the Village of Palos Park, this 5k/10k trail race takes you through the forest preserves. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Sunday, 10/22; 10am

Fall Color Walk, in Polish, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Take a guided walk in the woods in celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 10/22; 10am - 12pm

Fall Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Enjoy a guided walk to view and photograph seasonal nature. *For all levels and camera types. Ages 13 and up. Registration required by 10/19. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/22; 10am - 2pm

Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Find all the hidden pumpkins on our Giants Hollow Trail during this fun scavenger hunt. *Costumes encouraged but not required.*

Thursday, 10/26; 4pm

Pumpkin Carving: Teen Exploration Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Carve a pumpkin while surrounded by the natural beauty within the Forest Preserves. *Supplies provided. Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Friday, 10/27; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Evening at a Nature Center: Teen Exploration Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Observe the ambassador animals, hike a trail, and warm up by a fire with hot chocolate. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Friday, 10/27; 4pm - 7pm

Stars, Spooky Stories, and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. *Costumes encouraged!*

Saturday, 10/28; 6pm - 7:30pm

Who, Who, Who's Afraid of the Woods, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a short walk along some of our trails in search of "not-so-spooky" residents, which includes owls, bats and more. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 10/28; 6:30pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 10/29; 10:30am & 1:30 pm

The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Bring the children for a magical hike through the forest. *Cost: \$3 per child. Registration required by 10/27. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/29; 1pm

Hoarders, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Let's take a stroll through the woods and watch squirrels and chipmunks busily stocking their larders for survival through winter.

Sunday, 10/29; 12pm - 5pm

Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Sponsored by the East Side Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a family-friendly Halloween event, complete with plenty of candy.

Monday, 10/30 through Thursday, 11/2; 9am - 4pm

Dia de los Muertos, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

In celebration of Día de los Muertos, stop inside to learn about Mesoamerican tradition and view our altar dedicated to extinct and endangered animals. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 11/2; 6:30am - 8pm

Dia de Los Muertos Night Hike, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Celebrate the history of Día de los Muertos on a guided hike.

Friday, 11/3; 4pm

National Native American Heritage Month History Walk, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights

Take a stroll and learn the origin of the name Sauk Woods. The walk is on a 3.4-miles paved loop trail.

Saturday, 11/4; 9am - 3pm

ENTICE workshop: Coyote Track, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

In partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this workshop will focus on coyote ecology and behavior related to data collected from radio-collared coyotes. *CDPU's are available. Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 11/4; 11:30am

Day Hiking Leadership Training; Bemis Woods-North, Westchester

This training is for teachers and youth educators! DHLT gives you all the tools to take groups out into the preserves for the day. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Sunday, 11/5; 11am; 12:30 & 2 pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 11/5; 12pm - 2pm

Autumnal Artmaking, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Get inspired by the colors of the season as we paint tree cookies and make art with fallen leaves.

Sunday, 11/5; 1pm

“Monty and Rose 2: The World of Monty and Rose” Film Screening, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

This one-hour documentary is a follow-up to a 2019 documentary short. This film chronicles the lives of Chicago’s beloved pair of piping plovers over five years. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Wednesday, 11/8; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills.

Friday, 11/10; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories and Smores, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us for s’mores by the fire, storytelling, astronomy and more.

Saturday, 11/11; 10am

Book Discussion: Braiding Sweetgrass, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a book discussion about “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 11/11; 1pm

Plants in the Military, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Humans have many uses for plants, and on Veterans Day, we will observe how they were used in the military.

Saturday, 11/11; 1pm - 3pm

Crafternoon, Swallow Cliff Woods Pavilion, Palos Park

Let nature inspire your creativity. Join in on various nature-themed arts and crafts projects.

Sunday, 11/12; 1:30pm

Lunch with the Raptors, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the birds of prey ambassador animals as they enjoy their lunch!
Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.

Monday, 11/13; 6pm - 8pm

Folktale Under the New Moon, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a “scary” folktale recited by a LaGrange Park Library librarian during a walk under the darkest day of the month. Afterwards, enjoy a bonfire. *Ages 9 and up. Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*