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### **PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 5/ 19/2015 - 6/9/2015

**Wednesday, 5/20; 6 - 8 pm**

**Tampier Lake Evening Paddle, Tampier Lake Boat Launch,**

**31st St west of Wolf Rd, Orland Park**

Pack a picnic and enjoy a spring evening canoeing with us. Beginners welcome! Bring your own canoe or use one of ours! We have a limited number of boats available. Canoe instruction provided. Call 708-386-4042 x23 to reserve a spot.

**Thursday, 5/21; 1 - 3 pm**

**Third Thursdays - Creative Reuse 101: Printmaking, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Learn basic printmaking techniques using found materials. Adults & families with children ages 5 & up. Registration encouraged. Call 708-386-4042 x25 for more information and to register.

**Daily, 5/23 -9/7; 10 am - 5 pm daily, weather permitting**

**Butterflies & Blooms, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Hundreds of colorful butterflies from around the world - including South America, Asia, and Africa, as well as butterflies that are native to Illinois - flutter around visitors in the lepidopteran habitat of Butterflies & Blooms, which relocates this year to a new site near McDonald Woods. Fee applies.

**Saturdays and Sundays; May 23 - October 4; 1:30 and 2:30 pm**

**Great Chef Series, Fruit and Vegetable Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Noted chefs prepare recipes in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden's open-air amphitheater. Free.

**Saturday, 5/23; 1 pm**

**Spring Prairie Tour, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a guided walk to learn how our restored tall grass prairie took root in the 1960s.

**Saturday, 5/23; 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Dip In the Pond, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Drop in and dip Trailside's nets into our pond to discover what interesting creatures lurk in the depths. Rubber boots available or bring your own.

**Wednesday, 5/27; Noon & 6 pm**

**Free Shakespeare presented by Waldorf Theatre Company**

**Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Don't miss an abbreviated version of one of William Shakespeare's best plays! Enjoy outdoor theater on our historic stone stage. Each performance is under an hour. And, we're hosting a special Outdoor Adventures before the 6 pm show. See the listing below for more information.

**Wednesday, 5/27; 5 - 7 pm**

**On Stage and Behind the Scenes, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Celebrate nature and Shakespeare with improv, creative reuse and poetry. Make props and costume pieces, learn iambic pentameter and join in a performance workshop from Waldorf Theatre Company before a 6 pm performance.

**Thursday, May 28; 6 - 8 pm**

**Grapevines & Wines, McGinley Pavilion, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Raise a glass to spring at an intimate lakeside tasting event with over 50 wines from around the world. Registration and fee applies.

**Friday, 5/29; 8 pm**

**Evening Stroll, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Stroll with us as we discover who's awake on a spring night. Ages 7 & up. Limit 20.

**Saturday, 5/30; 1:30 pm**

**Frog Frenzy!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

It's pond dip time at Sand Ridge. Come prepared to wade in our pond, and you may find a tadpole, adult bullfrog or something that will surprise you! Register by 5/28.

**Sunday, 5/31; Noon - 4 pm**

**Explore the Forest: 100 Years and Growing!, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree! Touch a fish! Check out restoration equipment! Try archery! See the many ways to enjoy the forest preserves.

Special Muddy Activities at this "Leave No Child Inside" Event.

**Sunday, 5/31; 1:30 pm**

**River Round Up, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Bring a change of shoes because we'll be jumping in the river to examine what lives below the surface of the water.

**Wednesday, 6/3; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Nature Is Accessible!, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for lots of fun and exploration. Visitors of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities. No registration required.

**Thursday, 6/4; 8 pm**

**Doggy Paddle, Beck Lake Boat Launch 1000 N East River Rd, Des Plaines**

Spend some time with your pup, enjoy refreshments, and then join us for a special paddle with your furry friend. Dogs and their owners are invited to paddle together. Ages 12 & up. Bring your own canoe or use one of ours. We have a limited number of boats available. Canoe instruction provided. All paddles are for ages 5 & up. Call 708-386-4042 x 23 to reserve your spot.

**Friday, 6/5; 8 pm**

**World Environment Day Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us on World Environment Day as we explore our trails in the evening. What animals are stirring in the woods? Come find out! Register by 6/3.

**Saturday, 6/6; 10 am - 7 pm; Grand Entries at Noon and 5 pm**

**Sunday, 6/7; 10 am - 5 pm; Grand Entry at Noon**

**62nd Annual American Indian PowWow,**

**Busse Woods South, Higgins Rd east of I-290, Elk Grove Village**

This event features Native American dance, drumming, food, art wares and fun. Don't miss traditional dance competitors from all over the country! In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago. Admission \$10-15.

**Saturday, 6/6; 2:30 pm**

**What Does the Coyote Say?, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Bark, howl or yip... discover what the coyote really says and visit up close with Trailside's resident coyote. Drop-in family program.

**Sunday, 6/7; 1 pm**

**Down 'n' Dirty, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Get down and look in the dirt - something has to break organic material down!

**Sunday, 6/7; 1 pm**

**Snakes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn about the snakes living in the Sag Valley. We'll discuss how ecological restoration has improved the health of the snakes' habitat in prairies and wetlands.

**Sunday, 6/7; 1:30 pm**

**Trees are Tremendous, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about the trees of the forest preserves, how they grow, and why we need them.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday; 9/20-9/27**

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We're celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 100 activities at locations all over the Forest Preserves in one week. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!

