



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 3/11/2015 - 4/14/2015

Saturday, 3/14 - Sunday, 3/15; 10 am - 4 pm

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

Join the Illinois Orchid society at its spring show and sale, in which individual orchids in 128 classes will vie for ribbons. Free.

Saturday, 3/14; 1 pm

Natural Numbers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Celebrate Pi Day with a look at how mathematics and the natural world are intertwined.

Thursday, 3/19; 11 am - 2 pm

Third Thursdays: A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made, and enjoy lunch from food trucks with maple syrup-focused menus. *All ages.*

Saturday, 3/21 - Sunday, March 22; 11 am - 4 pm

Malott Japanese Garden Spring Weekend; Regenstein Center,

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Celebrate spring by writing a seasonal haiku and making a cherry blossom hanging scroll, plus try other hands-on activities. Free.

Saturday, 3/21; 9 - 11 am

Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods, Morton Grove

Experienced paddlers, bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese. Paddle the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8am to 2pm from Linne Woods (Dempster St and Ferris Ave) to Willow Road Dam. *For more info, call 708-386-4042 x 23.*

Saturday, 3/21; 10 - 11:30 am

Natural Egg Dyeing Made Easy, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Dyeing and decorating eggs is a wonderful way to celebrate spring. Create your own beautiful egg using natural dyes and decorations. *Materials provided. Ages 6 & up. Limit 15.*

Sunday, 3/22; 11 am - 3 pm

Maple Syrup Celebration, River Trail, Northbrook

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history.

Sunday, 3/22; 1 pm

Graminoid Fens, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about the vegetation that thrives with high levels of calcium and magnesium carbonates. The bedrock enriches the soil giving life to many sedges and forbs. *Conditions will be muddy, wear rubber boots.*

Saturday, 3/28; 1 pm

Hints of Spring Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy a guided nature walk to discover the subtle sights, sounds and smells of early spring. *Register by 3/26.*

Saturday, 3/28; 1:30 pm

A Stroll Through Calumet, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Go back in time to when this region was under glaciers, when Sand Ridge was a shoreline and when settlers arrived. Includes log cabin tour.

Saturday, 4/4; 10:30 - 11:30 am

Up, Up & Away, Pioneer Woods (Sponsored by Little Red Schoolhouse), Willow Springs

Wind is more than the breeze on your face. Wind is important for plants and animals. Learn more about the power of wind using kites. *Please bring your own kite. Limit 15. Pioneer Woods, 9966 W 107th St, Willow Springs, IL*

Saturday, 4/4; 11 am - 3 pm

Little Calumet River Trip, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago

Explore the Little Calumet as we paddle from Beaubien Woods to Whistler Woods. We'll provide a free shuttle bus back to Beaubien Woods after we finish the paddle. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Saturday, 4/4; 1 pm

Eggstravagana, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Lots of things start out as eggs! Find out which and create a nest.

Sunday, 4/5; 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 1 pm,

Easter Brunch; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Enjoy brunch and an Easter egg hunt then spend the rest of the day viewing all that spring has to offer at the

Garden. Registration and fee applies.

Sunday, 4/5; 1:30 pm

Cold-blooded Crawl, River Trail, Northbrook

Ever wonder what it is like for our native turtles, snakes and frogs to wake after months of hibernation? Come meet some of our local “herps” and find out.

Saturday, 4/11; 1:30 pm

Wildflower Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

On this walk we’ll observe and learn about some of the amazing native spring ephemeral wild flowers that are blooming in the forest preserves.

Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm

Wildflower Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Observe our wildflowers while hiking through the woods. Many of these low-growing beauties will only bloom for a couple of days.

Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm

Fabulous Frogs, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the life cycle, ecology, and identification of native frogs, then visit our pond to look for frogs. *Adults and children ages 8 and up. Register by 4/10.*

SAVE THE DATES!

September 20st through September 27th

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

On Public Land’s Day weekend, we’re celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations throughout the Forest Preserves. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!