



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: **Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 1/12/2016 - 2/9/2016**

Now through 3/7; daily, 9 am - 4 pm

Cross-Country Ski Trails Open, Sagawau Nordic,

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit. All skiers must obtain a free trail pass. Rentals available until 2 pm. Rental equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental Rates: Individual-\$15; Senior-\$10; Family-\$40. Must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by parent or guardian to rent skis. Equipment is for use at Sagawau only.

Saturdays and Sundays, until 3/6; 9:30 am

Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn to ski with a professional instructor. Lessons cover the basic skills of flatland skiing and getting up and down easy hills. Ages 12 & up. First come, first served. Limit 12. Reservations not accepted. Please arrive by 9 am for registration and equipment fitting. \$20/person.

Mondays, 1/11 - 5/23; 10 am - 11 am

Story Time; Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Stories and activities for children ages 2 to 4, accompanied by a caregiver. Free.

Saturday, 1/16; 1 pm

Native Seed Starting Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about seed germination and the benefits of native plants in the landscape. Then take home your future plants. Adults and teens. Register by 1/14.

Saturday, 1/16: 1:30 - 3 pm

Life under the Ice, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Discover how fish, amphibians and reptiles survive underneath the frozen water. Indoor/outdoor program. Registration required. Limit 25.

Sunday, 1/17; 1 pm

Winter Survival, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join a naturalist to learn how animals adapt and survive our harsh winters.

Monday, 1/18; Noon - 3 pm

Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago

Join us for a day of stewardship and service. Help staff remove invasive plants that threaten the health of our forest preserves. Also, enjoy a variety of fun, family-friendly wintertime activities.

Thursday, 1/21; 1 - 4 pm

Third Thursday: A Stroll in the Snow, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago, Ave, River Forest

Explore beautiful Thatcher Woods. Learn about plants and animals in winter. Try snow painting. Snowshoeing activities are weather permitting, and equipment is limited. All ages are welcome, but snowshoes are recommended for ages 6 & up.

Saturday, 1/23; 9 am - 3 pm

Surf the White Winter Wave, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a Polynesian take on winter. After skiing the “frozen wave,” relax and enjoy surfing videos and live updates on surf conditions from Oahu’s North Shore. Dress Hawaiian and win a prize.

Saturday, 1/23; 1:30 pm

Winter Tree ID Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn to identify trees in the winter based on shape, bark and twigs. Be prepared to hike outside.

Sunday, 1/24; 1 pm

The Legacy of Conservation in the U.S., Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Explore the inspiring history of conservation philosophy and action in the United States. Adults and older children.

Sunday, 1/24; 1:30 pm

Wonderful Winter Wildlife, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Discover how local wildlife must sleep, move or adapt to survive Chicago winters.

Wednesday, 1/27; 4 - 6 pm

Outdoor Adventures: Twig-Tac-Toe, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago, Ave, River Forest

The forest is full of natural materials you can use to make your own fun. We’ll start with an exploratory hike. Then we’ll use imagination to create games and activities to try next time you’re out in nature.

Wednesday, 1/27; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Glass Jar Terrarium Workshop; Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Learn how to create a glass jar terrarium from start to finish. A glass jar, an assortment of small indoor plants, and all

other materials will be provided to create your own miniature oasis to enjoy this winter and all year long. Fee applies.

Saturday, 1/30; 10 am - 3 pm

Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Facilitator Training; Plant Conservation Science Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join staff from the Garden's Windy City Harvest Youth Farm for a seminar focused on youth development in an urban agriculture or school garden setting - and discover what makes such a program successful. Fee applies.

Saturday, 1/30; 1:30 pm

In Search of Green, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Break out of the winter blues by hunting for pine needles, moss and other plant life. Be prepared to hike outside.

Sunday, 1/31; 1:30 pm

Groundhog Day Celebration, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Only the shadow knows if winter is over. Learn facts and myths about groundhogs and their shadows.

Saturday, 2/6; Noon - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western Ave, Chicago

Get outside and enjoy winter in the preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoe nature hikes, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). We'll also have winter crafts, a campfire and more. *All ages.*

Saturday, 2/6: 1:30 - 3 pm

Clues They Leave Behind, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Investigate how animal tracks and scat can be used to learn about animal behavior during cold months. Indoor/outdoor program.

Registration required. Limit 25.

Sunday, 2/7: 1 pm

Art in Nature: Playing with Knives, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn basic techniques for using a palate knife from artist, Carol Foster. Then create your own small painting. Ages 12 and up. Registration Required.