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### PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 11/17/2015 - 12/15/2015

**Tomorrow! Wednesday, 11/18; 4 - 6 pm**

**Archery 101, Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 5, 87<sup>th</sup> and Western, Chicago**

Relax and refocus after school or work. Instruction provided for ages 10 and up. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. Call 312-533-5751 for more information or to reserve a spot.

**Thursday, 11/19; 4 - 7 pm**

**Green Holiday DIY, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Learn to green up your holiday gifting, wrapping and decor. We'll have supplies on hand, but bring any items you'd like to transform into something new. This monthly series explores nature, art and more. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

**Saturdays, 11/21 & 28 and Sundays, 11/22 & 29; 9 am - Noon**

**Ecological Restoration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Invasive shrubs threaten our native plant populations. Help protect the woodlands by helping us remove these invaders. Gloves and tools available for loan. Registration required. Call 708-868-0606.

**Saturday, 11/21; 1:30 pm**

**Fall Constellation Mythology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Ever wonder what constellations are in the fall sky? Their names and mythology will be revealed through an informative discussion. Ages 10 & up. Limit 30.

**Sunday, 11/22: 10 am - 3 pm**

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Settler's Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Check out costumed living-history demonstrators, hikes, crafts and an imaginary wagon train adventure! *Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.*

**Sunday, 11/22; 1 pm**

**Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Sow the seeds of history in this hands-on program. Hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt recommended. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592.

**Tuesday, 11/24; 5 - 7 pm**

**All About Fire, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Discover the benefits of fire and what it can do for our land. Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, and make your own fire. Marshmallows included!

**Friday, 11/27 - Sunday, 1/3/16; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through 12/17 and 10:00 am - 7:00 pm from 12/18 -**

**1/3/16**

**Wonderland Express; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

More than 750,000 LED lights will illuminate the Garden in this family-friendly holiday tradition. Inside the Regenstein Center, enjoy a celebration of artistry, horticulture, engineering and imagination. Miniature trains pass by mini-replicas of beloved Chicago landmarks and sites, all hand-crafted from natural materials such as leaves, bark, and moss. Fee applies.

**Friday, 11/27; 1 pm**

**Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike of our nearby trails. Register by 11/25. Call 708-366-6530.

**Sunday, 11/29; 1:30 pm**

**Fall Changes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Find out how plants and animals of our area adjust to the changing seasons and prepare for winter.

**Thursday, 12/3; 5 - 8 pm**

**Stars, Stories and S'mores, Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening in the woods with a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

**Saturday, 12/5; 1:30 pm**

**What's not to Like About Lichens? Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

We'll take a closer look at lichens as we take a late fall hike on our trails. Ages 13 & up.

**Saturday, 12/5; 1 - 1:30 pm and 2:30 - 3:00 pm and Tuesday, 12/15; 11 am - Noon**

**Wonderland Express Landmark Lecture, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

New to Wonderland Express this year are lectures from Bonnie McDonald, the President and CEO of Landmarks Illinois, who will be providing historical insight on the replicas of Chicago landmarks found throughout Wonderland Express, and doing a visual comparison. The December 5 events will feature a shortened family lecture; a more thorough lecture for adult visitors will be presented on Tuesday, December 15.

**Saturday, 12/5 & Sunday, 12/13; 1 pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Seminars, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn how cross-country ski equipment should fit. We'll cover skis, boots, poles and clothing - including classic, ski skating and telemark equipment - plus winter safety and what to expect from your first cross-country skiing experience.

**Saturday, 12/5; 1 pm**

**Winter Birds at Your Feeder, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about the winter birds and discuss the foods, feeders and landscape elements to attract them. Adults only. Register by 12/4. Call 708-366-6530.

**Sunday, 12/6; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate this joyous time of year in a simpler way with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting and popcorn popping in the open fire. Everyone is invited to make a craft to take home.

**Sundays, 12/6 & 27; 1:30 pm**

**Holiday Hangers, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Stop by and make a bird feeder to take home and decorate your yard.

**Sunday, 12/6; 2 pm**

**Lecture on the Lenhardt Library's Beatrix Potter exhibition, Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago**

**Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Marta McDowell, author of "Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life" presents this free talk on beloved children's author and naturalist Beatrix Potter.

**Wednesday, 12/9; 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Winter GPS Hunt, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th & Western, Chicago**

It can be difficult to find your way around a bare winter forest. Learn the benefits of a field GPS unit and how to use one. Then, test your new skills on a coordinate-based scavenger hunt.

Calling all outdoor adventurers: meet up for outdoor skill building, exploring, hiking, nature-based art making and more. Call 312-533-5751 to reserve your spot. All ages.

**Friday, 12/11; 7 pm**

**Beginner's Star and Galaxy Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

The moon's location in the December sky makes this the best time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592.

**Thursday, 12/17; 6:30 - 8:30 am**

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

Help us welcome the sunrise with a fire and celebration as we approach the shortest day of the year.