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### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 6/6/2017 - 7/20/2017

**Tuesday, 6/13; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago**

Celebrate all things in the Forest Preserve and kick off our summer programming. We are at Daley Plaza until 2 pm with information, giveaways, live animals and fun activities. The Forest Preserves will host the noon time performances as well.

**Daily through Monday, 9/4; 10 am - 5 pm (times may vary due to weather conditions)**

**Butterflies & Blooms; Regenstein Learning Campus; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

This wonderful exhibition, where visitors can immerse themselves in a habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies, has become a Garden favorite. Now at its permanent home on the Regenstein Learning Campus, in a 2,800-square-foot white mesh enclosure, the exhibit is filled with species native to Illinois, South America, Asia, North America and Africa. Fee applies.

**Daily through Sunday, 9/17; 10 am - 5 pm**

**Dinos and Dragons, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's summer Dinos & Dragons exhibit will feature 17 animatronic creatures, including the Stegosaurus, Apatosaurus, Tyrannosaurus rex, and Chinese dragon. Zoogoers can also get up-close views of live reptiles, including a 6-foot-long Komodo dragon. The exhibit will feature hands-on activities, as well as a dinosaur dissection lab, dino dig boxes, and an excavation site.

**Wednesday, 6/7; 10 am - 2 pm**

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

Visitors of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities.

**Saturday, 6/10; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Beaubien Woods Celebration, Chicago**

Enjoy this annual family event held in partnership with Fishin' Buddies and the Calumet Stewardship Initiative. Fish, explore, canoe and more. Canoe slots are limited; groups welcome. Register online at [fishin-buddies.net/beaubiencelebration](http://fishin-buddies.net/beaubiencelebration).

**Sundays, 6/11 & 7/9; 10:30 - 11:45 am**

**Yoga in the Woods, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

A 1-mile hike and yoga set to the sounds of nature will leave you in a relaxed and peaceful state. A yoga instructor will guide you through proper posture focusing on simple breathing, strength, and flexibility. Please wear comfortable clothing and hiking shoes, and bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. *Registration required. Ages 16 & up. Limit 25.*

**Sunday, 6/11; Noon - 3 pm**

**Trailside Museum's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Celebrate 85 years of nature education and programming at Trailside Museum. Enjoy an ice cream social, join in a bluegrass music jam, participate in family-friendly historical activities, meet some of our animals and much more.

**Sunday, 6/11; 1 pm**

**Oil Painting Demonstration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join artist Mort Luby for a demonstration of his painting technique and skill.

**Wednesday, 6/14 & Tuesday, 7/18; 5:30 - 7 pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is required. Perfect for families and novice campers. The programming is from 5 to 7 pm.

**Thursday, 6/15 - Sunday, 10/15**

**Brazil in the Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Come experience the vibrant sights and sounds of Brazil as the Garden celebrates the biodiversity and culture of the country with plants and special offerings inspired by Brazil. There will be Brazilian music on selected evenings, special exhibits in the Joutras gallery and Lenhardt library, classes, family drop-in programs, food in the Café, and Roberto Burle Marx-inspired plantings throughout the Garden. Check the Garden's website for specific dates and activities.

Free, but registration is required for classes.

**Thursday, 6/15; Pre-movie activities start at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.**

**Films in the Forest: "The Angry Birds Movie,"**

**Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Avenue, River Forest**

Find out why the birds are so angry. When an island populated by happy, flightless birds is visited by mysterious green pigs, it's up to three unlikely outcasts to figure out the pig's true motives for coming and save the birds. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

**Friday, 6/16; check in: 5 - 7 pm through Sunday, 6/17**

**Family Campout, Camp Shabbona, Calumet City**

These special overnight events for families are a great intro to camping. Basic skills training, a cookout and outdoor activities are included. As part of the fun, families can take part in the Juneteenth Celebration at nearby Sand Ridge Nature Center. The cost is \$75 for family groups up to 6. Camperships are available for families with financial need. For more information and an application, call 708-386-4042.

**Saturday, 6/17; 10 am - 3 pm**

**Annual "Juneteenth" Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we celebrate freedom, family and country with our historical Underground Railroad program and history displays, including interactive interpretive hikes, traditional music, a wild edibles display, period recipe samples, a craft and more.

**Sunday, 6/18 and Saturdays, 7/1 & 7/15; 10 am**

**Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sagawau Canyon hike highlights the geology of Northeastern Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain, wading through a stream is necessary. Registration in person or by phone, starts the Monday prior to the program date. No groups. Space is limited.

**Sunday, 6/18; 12 pm - 2 pm**

**Father's Day BBQ, The Pavilion Park, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Treat Dad to a fun noontime Father's Day barbecue at Brookfield Zoo featuring an interactive DJ. Enjoy a complete, all-you-can-eat summertime buffet. Reservations are required.

**Sunday, 6/18; 1 pm**

**Father's Day Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Dads and their families can enjoy a guided walk by our pond and through the woods, while learning about wildlife fathers. *Register by 6/17.*

**Tuesday, 6/20; Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm. Concert runs from 6:30 - 8 pm.**

**Forest Jams, Green Lake Aquatic Center, Calumet City**

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov) <<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov>>.

**Wednesdays, 6/21, 6/28, Thursday, 7/13 and Wednesday, 7/19; 9 am - Noon**

**Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join Sagawau's banders to observe this important method of studying birds. *Children must have adult supervision. Weather permitting.*

**Friday, 6/23; 6:30 pm**

**Twilight Canoe Trip, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Explore a local lake in a canoe at twilight. *Adults only.*

**Sunday, 6/25; 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.

**Thursday, 6/29; 7 - 10 pm**

**River Trail at Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Adults are invited to enjoy the nature center at their leisure. Enjoy a casual picnic dinner, hike our trails, sit by the campfire, roast marshmallows or enjoy the exhibits inside. *Adults only. \$10 per person.*

**Wednesday, 7/5; 7:30 pm**

**Fireside Tales, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Enjoy a summer sunset with stories and snacks around a campfire. *\$3 per person.*

**Thursday, 7/6; 11 am - 2 pm**

**Nature Discovery Day, Swallow Cliff Stairs, Palos Hills**

The kids are out of school. Drop in for a fun afternoon of nature discovery and check out what's new at Swallow Cliff Stairs. We'll have stair races, obstacle courses, nature hikes, nature based art making, kite flying and more. Drop-in event, call 312-533-5751 for more information.

**Saturday, 7/8; 10 am**

**Photo Meet-up, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

This monthly series is led by a naturalist and will highlight a natural area with scenic vistas, interesting plants and wildlife. *For all photographer levels and camera types.*

**Saturday, 7/8; 8 - 11 pm**

**Nighty Sky Program: Constellation Mythology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

**Saturday, 7/8; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Kid's Fest, Wampum Lake, I-90 & Thornton-Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing**

Enjoy fishing, hiking, canoeing, archery and other fun activities at this free outdoor extravaganza for kids of all ages. Presented in partnership with Fishin' Buddies and the Youth Conservation Conference. Register online at

**fishin-buddies.net/kidsfest.**

**Tuesday, 7/11; 10 am - Noon**

**Butterfly Lab, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Drop in on Sagawau's Butterfly Lab to learn about the local lepidopterans. See who emerged and learn ways to support conservation efforts.

**Thursday, 7/11; Pre-movie activities start at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.**

**Films in the Forest: "The Incredibles," Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

**Rain Site: Rolling Knolls Pavilion, Elgin**

Follow the adventures of a family of undercover superheroes as they try to save the world in this fun, warm-hearted Pixar film. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

**Wednesday, 7/12; 3:30 - 6 pm**

**Archery 101, Bremen Grove, Grove 1, Tinley Park**

Never tried archery before? Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique.

**Thursday, 7/13; 6 - 8:30 pm**

**Concert on the Cliff, Swallow Cliff Visitors Center, Palos Hills**

In partnership with the Village of Palos Park, enjoy the summer sounds of Pirates Over 40. Bring your chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for a relaxing evening. Call 708-671-3760 or visit [palospark.org](http://palospark.org) for details.

**Thursday, 7/13; Pre-movie activities start at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.**

**Films in the Forest: "The Jungle Book,"**

**Eggers Grove, 111201 S Avenue B, Chicago**

After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self-discovery with the help of panther, Bagheera and free spirited bear, Baloo. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

**Friday, 7/14; 8 pm**

**Animals of the Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we review the habitats of nocturnal animals such as skunks, opossums, raccoons and bats. Then we'll head outside to see what critters are out and about. *Register by 7/12.*

**Saturday, 7/15 and Sunday 7/16; 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Share the Trails**

Look for our staff and volunteers along the trails with info and giveaways throughout the Forest Preserves. June 3<sup>rd</sup> in National Trails Day! Be sure to check out our Share the Trail website at [fpdcc.com/stt](http://fpdcc.com/stt) we will have three more weekends in July, August and October.

**Saturday and Sunday, July 15 & 16; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Summer Market, Esplanade; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

The height of the summer season is the perfect time for grilling and outdoor dining. Get inspired by the fresh offerings at this free market. Vendors will offer seasonal fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, and herbs, along with handmade soap and pottery. Fee applies.

**Saturday, 7/15; Noon - 4 pm**

**Outdoor Block Party, Camp Shabbona Woods, Calumet City**

Join us in this urban preserve for a block party celebration. Enjoy games, hikes and more. Co-hosted by the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors and Alumni. For more information call 312-415-2970.

**Saturday, 7/15; 1 pm**

**Parent/Child Woodland Ramble, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a shady walk in the woods with your kids as we take an interactive look at trees, wildflowers and creatures great and small. *Family program.*

**Sunday, 7/16; 1 pm**

**Poetry Workshop, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

We will explore nature poems about the seasons, plants, water and wildlife as symbols of renewal, strength or loss. Be inspired by Crabtree's flora and fauna to create your own poetry. Led by poet Tamara Table.

**Thursday, 7/20; 11 am - 2 pm**

**Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Come celebrate and learn about insects. Explore how pollinators help us. Build a bug playground. Follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies and learn how to create habitat for them locally. For more information, call 708-386-4042. *All ages.*

**District(s):** Districtwide