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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities: 1/23/2024 -2/27/2024.

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Thursday, 1/25; 10am - 12pm

Winter Workshop-Woodworking, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Thursday, 1/25; 7pm

Full Moon Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Discover Crabtree at night by the light of the Wolf Moon. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

Friday, 1/26 through Friday 2/16; 9am - 4pm

Story Trail: "Over and Under the Snow, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Walk a short trail and read the posted story, then pick up a craft and activity bag.

Friday, 1/26; 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Woodburning & Watercolors, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Be inspired by the winter landscape and create pieces of art using woodburning or pyrography techniques and watercolor paints. *Registration required. Ages 21 and up. BYOB. Please call (708)868-0606.*

Saturday, 1/27; 8am

Birds and Bagels, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Start your morning with birds and bagels! Enjoy a treat while observing local birds at our feeders. *Accessible site. Binoculars available to borrow Bagels and light refreshments provided.*

Saturday, 1/27; 10:30am - 1:30pm

All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Drop in to learn safe practices for fire building and containment, make fire-inspired art, build your own fire, and roast a marshmallow. *All ages.*

Saturday, 1/27; 1pm

Snowshoe Walk, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Enjoy the Preserves of snowshoes. Snowshoes provided; 4" of snow required. If no snow is present, we will enjoy a winter walk. *Registration Required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 1/27; 1:30pm

Walk with a Steward, Schiller Woods-West, Schiller Park

Learn about ecological gems and the restoration process with volunteer site steward, Cathy Bloom. *Registration Required. Ages 18 and up. Grove 6. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 1/27; 1:30pm

Feeding Frenzy, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn what, why and how staff feed the great diversity of birds, fishes, reptiles, and amphibians at the nature center.

Sunday, 1/28; 11am - 3pm

Crabtree Hygge, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate the Danish tradition of coziness with hot chocolate and nature books.

Sunday, 1/28; 1:30pm

Insects in Winter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Search our trails for the mighty snow flea and learn about other winter insects.

Wednesday, 1/31; 10am

Accessibility Trail Outing; Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Walk with us on a short, 1.7-mile looped and paved trail with resting points throughout. The walk is designed for people using wheelchairs or with mobility issues and will be held at a slower pace. *Grove 6.*

Thursday, 2/1 through Tuesday 2/27; 8am - 4pm

Black History Month Exhibit, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about African American skiers and challenges faced in winter sports.

Thursday, 2/1; 4pm - 6pm

Prehistoric Play Day, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago

Learn about the amazing world of Ice Age Illinois through a series of family-oriented games and activities. *Ages 5 and up.*

Friday, 2/2; 3pm - 5pm

Life in the Snow, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist and explore the forest. We will investigate animal tracks, identify deciduous trees, and observe the winter birds. *Grove 1.*

Saturday, 2/3; 10am

Winter Whereabouts, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn how different native animals survive during the colder winter months.

Saturday, 2/3; 10am - 12pm

Winter Art Workshop- Phone-tography 101, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Enjoy a morning in the Preserves and learn the basics of photography using a smartphone. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 2/3; 6pm - 9pm

Sweetheart Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Couples and friends are invited to enjoy the nature center grounds at their leisure. Walk our candlelit trails, relax around a campfire, or warm up inside with dinner and drinks. *Ages 21 and up. Cost: \$25 per person. Registration required by 1/30. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Wednesday, 2/7; 10am - 12pm

Poetry Trail: Black History Month; Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

In honor of Black History Month, walk a short, looped trail and read poetry for children written by African American authors along the way. *Grove 7.*

Wednesdays, 2/7 through 2/28; 10am - 3pm

Black History Month Story Trails; Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Join us in celebrating Black History Month with a story trail. Each story will showcase a prominent Black figure.

Thursday, 2/8; 10am - 12pm

Winter Workshop: Knitting, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago

Join us for our themed sessions as we explore knitting. *Ages 13 and up.*

Saturday, 2/10; 9am - 2pm

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

Join the fun as we take a Polynesian spin on winter by skiing the “frozen wave,” relax and enjoy surfing videos and updates from Oahu’s North Shore.

Saturday, 2/10; 9:30am - 12:30pm

BIPOC Faces in Green Spaces, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Shift your focus from daily hassles during an outdoor wellness and journaling session.

Saturday, 2/10; 10am - 1pm

Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

In partnership with the Portage Creek Boy Scouts, join us for an afternoon of winter activities including hikes, broom hockey, orienteering and more.

Saturday 2/10; 1pm

Snowshoe Walk, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Enjoy the Preserves of snowshoes. Snowshoes provided; 4” of snow required. If no snow is present, we will enjoy a winter walk. *Registration Required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 2/10; 1:30pm

Owls of Trailside, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Bring the family and meet one of our ambassador owls. Learn about the fascinating owls that call Trailside home. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 2/10; 6pm - 7:30pm

Super Bowl/Superb Owl, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy a brief introduction to owls and their amazing adaptations and skills followed by a short walk on our trails to see if we can spot any wintering owls!

Sunday, 2/11; 10am

Super Bowl Pregame Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

See what makes Crabtree special on a 3-mile hike before the big game.

Sunday, 2/11; 1:30pm

Superb Owl Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help us celebrate owls and learn what makes them so unique!

Thursday, 2/15; 4pm - 7pm

Conservation@Home: Seed Swap & Plant Exchange, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Plant lovers unite! Native plant presentation followed by seed and plant sharing. *Bring a mug; warm beverage provided. All Ages.*

Thursday, 2/15; 6pm

Winter Fire Building Workshop, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Learn fire building skills and stick around for a story and s'mores around the fire. *Registration Required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 2/17; 6am - 9am

Sunrise Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

An outdoor workshop focusing on amazing winter scenes. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required by 2/15. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 2/17; 9am

Winter Bird Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a casual bird walk to observe our resident birds and their behavior. *Registration required. Binoculars available to borrow. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 2/17; 10am - 12pm

Celebration of Lunar New Year, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Activities to educate and celebrate the Lunar New Year-Year of the Dragon. *All Ages.*

Saturday, 2/17; 1pm

Fossil Lab, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Have you ever wondered how paleontologists study fossils? Visit our lab as we break down features of invertebrate fossils.

Sunday, 2/18; 1pm

CSI: Critter Scene Investigation, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

An interactive adventure to learn about our animal neighbors. Can you guess what animals have been visiting from the clues they've left behind? Learn about tracks, scat and more during this adventure.

Wednesday, 2/21; 9:30am

Photography Walk, Spears Woods, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist for a walk around Spears Woods on a quest to capture some magical winter photos.

Thursday, 2/22; 10am - 12pm

Walk & Talk: Black History Month Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Learn about the importance of Black environmentalists and how the Forest Preserves' trails relate to the Underground Railroad Movement. *Grove 1. Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 2/24; 10am - 12pm

Winter Art Workshop: Pottery, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Join us for our themed sessions as we explore pottery. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 2/24; 10am - 12:30pm

Winter Pop-Up Fun, Cherry Hill Woods, Palos Park

Check out a pair of our snowshoes, help with litter pickup, warm up by a fire, and play in the snow!

Saturday, 2/24 through Sunday 2/25; 10am - 3pm

Underground Railroad Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s.

Saturday, 2/24; 10:30am (Zoom)

Conservation@Home: Go Native & Get Wild, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about gardening using native plants and its benefits to you and to the environment. *Registration required. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 2/24; 12pm - 2pm

Build a Birdhouse, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Welcome back migrating birds by making a birdhouse just in time for spring nesting season. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up or ages 13-17 with an adult. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

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