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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 5/10/2022 - 6/14/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events), for updates and changes.

**Every Day, 5/10 - 10/30**

**Ice Age Giants, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

During the last major ice age, our human ancestors lived alongside enormous animals that made Earth their home for millions of years. This summer, Brookfield Zoo is unleashing more than 20 life-sized, animatronic re-creations of these giants that roamed North America and Eurasia before disappearing in a mass extinction about 10,000 years ago. *Viewing is free with general admission.*

**Tuesday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm**

**World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve your mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. *In partnership with Advocate Aurora.*

**Friday, 5/13; 7pm**

**Sunset Hike, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page**

Take time to unwind in nature during Mental Health Awareness Month. Join a naturalist for a relaxing 1.4-mile hike, learn about the flora and fauna on the trail, and enjoy the beauty of the setting sun. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Friday, 5/13; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Painting by the Pond, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest**

Explore nature through painting in this instructor-led workshop. *Materials provided. Ages 21 and up. BYOB(no glass). Call 312-533-5751 to register.*

**Saturday, 5/14; 7am - 8:30am**

**World Migratory Bird Day Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Take an early morning walk in search of birds making their way north. Bring binoculars, limited pairs to lend. *Registration and required.*

**Saturday, 5/14; 9am - 2pm**

**World Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Learn how light pollution effects bird migration and how turning off lights can help conserve birds.

**Saturday, 5/14; 10am - 2pm**

**World Migratory Bird Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Come see what birds are visiting on this worldwide day of celebrating birds! Enjoy artmaking projects, bird walks and more.

**Saturday, 5/14 to Sunday 5/15**

**Camping Leadership Immersion Course**

CLIC is an overnight training at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest designed to give participants the skills and experience to plan and lead camping trips at Camp Sullivan. The overnight training course covers camping safety, day-hiking, tent and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills, and educational offerings and will help familiarize you with the reservation process. By completing the CLIC training, leaders gain access to the CLIC gear library (onsite) and designated group site at Camp Sullivan. Must be at least 18 years old and be affiliated with an organization to participate. Fee is \$25/person and includes food and camping gear for the night. *Registration required. For more info visit [Camping Leadership Immersion Course \(CLIC\) on the Forest Preserves website.](#)*

**Saturday, 5/14; 10am - 12pm**

**Let's Play! Wilderness Exploration Day, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

Engage in shelter building activities and explore using a map and newly learned navigational skills. *Ages 5 and up. To register, visit [theallianceforec.org](#).*

**Saturday 5/14; 9am - 12pm**

**Chicago River Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Chicago River Day. Help clean and restore our waterways and the land around it. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 5/15; 10:30am**

**Wildflower Sketching Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join in a short nature walk to sketch blooming wildflowers. *For all skill levels. Materials provided. Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 5/15; 1pm - 3pm**

**Spring Festival, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with various arts, storytelling, and crafts projects.

**Sunday, 5/15; 9:30pm - 12am**

**Lunar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Facebook Page**

A total lunar eclipse will be a sight to see! Join us to watch this celestial phenomenon unfold. Bring a chair and binoculars, limited pairs to lend. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 5/20; 7:30pm**

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

An evening walk to learn about nocturnal animals at River Trail. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 5/18.*

**Saturday, 5/21; 10am**

**Hike the Preserves-Walk and Talk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves on this slower paced walk. 2 miles.

**Saturday, 5/21; 11am - 3pm**

**Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Learn about and try all the fun things you can do outdoors. Explore nature, create art, and discover the wonder of the

outdoors.

**Saturday, 5/21; 1:30pm**

**Pond Dip Discovery, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Below the surface of Trailside's pond there is a magical world waiting to be discovered! We will dip nets into the pond and see what we find! *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 5/22; 10:30am and 1:30pm**

**Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A walk to highlight the signs of spring. *All ages. Registration required.*

**Wednesday, 5/25; 4pm - 6pm**

**Archery, National Grove-South, North Riverside**

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up; equipment provided.*

**Saturday, 5/28 to Sunday 5/29**

**Family Campout, Camp Shabbona, South Holland**

Intro to camping for families. Includes meals, all camping gear and outdoor fun. *\$75 per family (group up to 6). Registration required.*

**Saturday, 5/28; 10am**

**Spring Wildflower Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn how to identify the diverse and short-lived woodland and prairie wildflowers on a naturalist-led hike. *Ages 15 and up. Hiking pace is average to slow. Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Sunday, 5/29; 1pm**

**Pond Dippin', Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Investigate life in water samples you collect from our pond. There is more life than meets the eye below the surface of the water! *Registration required.*

**Wednesday, 6/1; 6pm - 7:30pm**

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

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. All ages.

**Wednesday, 6/1; 5pm**

**Walk in the Woods: LGBT+ Environmentalists, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

To kick-off Pride Month, join us for a walk in nature as we highlight the work of LGBT+ environmentalists locally and abroad. *Ages 8 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 6/4; 9am - 11am**

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

Bird banding is a scientific method used to study birds. Drop in and visit the banders to learn more! *Weather dependent. Table and chairs will be set up outside on paved surface.*

**Saturday, 6/4; 2pm**

**Raptor Tour, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to learn about and take an up-close look at the raptor ambassador animals that live at Trailside Museum. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 6/5; 12pm - 3pm**

**Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Learn about and celebrate the different facets of the Forest Preserves through animal encounters, arts, and crafts and much more!

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

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

The Forest Preserves and its partners come to downtown Chicago to talk over Daley Plaza for the day. Celebrate all things Forest Preserve and learn about the many things happening in the preserves.

**Thursday, 6/9; 11:30am**

**Kayak the Salt Creek River Trail, Bemis Woods, Western Springs**

Join us as we paddle over 8 miles of the Salt Creek River Trail from Bemis Woods to Plank Road Meadow. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks, and shuttle provided. Registration required.*