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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 1/22/2019 - 2/19/2019

When it Snows!

Cross-country skiing is a fun way to stay active during winter. Starting December 15th, as soon as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow). Sagawau Nordic in Lemont is open daily from 9am-4pm. Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. Beginner ski lessons are offered on Saturdays at 9:30 am for a fee; Watch Sagawau's Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions. *Registration required.*

Snowshoes are available at all our Nature Centers

Snowshoes are available when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

Follow us on Facebook to learn about pop-up Snowshoe programs when conditions allow.

Sledding Hills offer winter fun day and night!

Sledding hills are open when the ground is frozen and covered with a minimum of three inches of snow. Dan Ryan, Caldwell Woods, Swallow Cliff, Westchester Woods, Deer Grove, Schiller Woods, Pioneer Woods and Thaddeus S. "Ted" Lechowicz Woods.

Every Day, 11/3 - 1/27; 12pm - 4pm

Chicago Wolves Skating Rink, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Glide through the holidays at the new Chicago Wolves Skating Rink at Brookfield Zoo! Skaters are welcome to bring their own skates, or rent skates on site.

Monday, 1/21; 12pm - 3pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Join us for a day of stewardship. Help remove invasive plants while learning how we maintain healthy habitats. Warm up with a hot drink and brush pile burn while enjoying winter family-fun activities. All ages.

Friday, 1/25; 7pm

Winter Night Hikes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Use your senses on a winter evening while on a guided hike at River Trail. Afterwards, warm up inside with snacks and hot chocolate. *.\$3/person.*

Saturday, 1/26; 11am - 2pm

Snowshoe Trekking, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Enjoy the Forest Preserves on snowshoes. Conditions permitting; 4 inches of hard snow required. *Free.*

Wednesday, 1/30; 6pm - 8pm

All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, then make your own fire! Marshmallows to conclude our evening of fun. *All ages.*

Saturday, 2/2; 6am - 9am

Sunrise Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

An outdoor workshop combining the skills of a naturalist and photographer focusing on amazing winter scenes. *Ages 13 and up.*

Saturday, 2/2; 10am - 1pm

Winter Exploration Day, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Learn to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, art making, track animals, and winter shelter building if snow permits. Snowshoeing and sledding, conditions permitting.

Friday, 2/8; 7pm

Spark in the Dark, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Couples, friends and family members are invited to join us for a candlelit Valentine's-themed evening hike focusing on "love" in the animal kingdom. *Ages 18 and up.*

Friday, 2/8; 6pm - 8pm

Botanical Beverages, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Learn about the history of plant-based beverages, their benefits, and enjoy a tasting. *Registration required, call 708-386-4042.*

Saturday, 2/9; 9am

Bird N' Bagel, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy and learn about birds at the feeder with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon, while sipping hot drinks and noshing on bagels. Optional bird walk to follow.

Saturday, 2/9; 12pm - 3pm

Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, art making, track animals, and winter shelter building if snow permits. Snowshoeing and sledding, conditions permitting.

Sunday, 2/10; 1pm - 3pm

History of Camping in the Forest Preserves, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Join us for a learning session on the connection between camping and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. *Open to all. Refreshments provided.*

Sunday, 2/10; 1pm

Sagawau Science: Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Some insects are active through the winter. We'll go out and search for these cold hearty survivors. *Ages 14 and up.*

Friday, 2/15; 6pm - 7pm

Night Hike in the Snow, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a winter night hike to see what Mother Nature may have in store. Program will take place snow or no snow.

Saturday, 2/16; 10am

Hike the Preserves, St. Mihiel Woods East, Tinley Park

Get some exercise and learn about local forest preserves. Fitness Hike: over 3.1 miles, less interpretation, faster pace. Interpretive Hike-roughly 3 miles.

Saturday, 2/16; 1pm

Birch Leggings and the Birkie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became the “greatest show on snow.” Ski with wood skies or dress like a Viking and win a prize! Event will take place if ski trails are open.

Saturday, 2/16; 10am

Conservation@Home: Winter Pruning, Little Red School House, Willow Springs

Join Illinois Extension Master Gardeners to learn how proper pruning can greatly improve the overall appearance and health of woody plants.

Sunday, 2/17; 1pm

Conservation@Home: Creating Native Pollinator Habitats, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Learn to support native pollinators year-round. A “make-and-take” bug hotel for the first 15 participants.