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FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FROM 4/8-5/20/2014

Ongoing until 5/26

Birdhouse Building Contest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Build a creative birdhouse this spring! We'll set them up along our trails, and visitors can vote for their favorites all summer. Limited entries. Call or visit fpdcc.com for details and birdhouse specifications. Houses due 5/26.

Tuesday, 4/8, 7:30 pm

Nightlife: Passenger Pigeons with Joel Greenberg, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Author Joel Greenberg will give a one-hour program and sign his new book, *A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction*. Register by 4/1. \$5.00.

Friday, 4/11 - Sunday 4/13, 10 am - 5 pm

Antique and Garden Fair, Chicago Botanic Garden

Develop the unique character of your garden and home with garden furniture, antiques, vintage décor, and botanically themed merchandise offered by more than a hundred dealers from around the world. Ticket fee applies.

Tuesday, 4/15 10 am to 3 pm Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Friday, 4/18, 10 am to 3 pm, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Spring Breakout Adventures

Spring is finally here-time to "break out" and enjoy the outdoors. Youth and families are invited for a day of exploration. Activities include team-building fun, hikes using GPS, animal pelt stations, art making and more. Come for the whole day or just an hour. Call 708-771-1010 for details.

Saturday, 4/19 • 10 am - 2 pm

Earth Day, Little Red School House, Willow Springs

We only have one planet, and most of its surface is water. Fun water activities will show you how important water really is.

Sunday, 4/20, 10:00 am; 11:30 am and 1 pm

Easter Day Brunch, Chicago Botanic Garden

Enjoy a delicious buffet and Easter egg hunt! Registration and fee apply.

Sunday, 4/20 • 1 pm

Snake Migration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

As temperatures rise, snakes leave their burrows, often pausing on pavement to warm up. Learn ways to protect migrating snakes.

Saturday, 4/26, 10 am - 3 pm

Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, a craft and Earth Day Jeopardy!

Saturday, 4/26, 1 pm

Earth Day Walk to McDonald Woods, Chicago Botanic Garden

Meet at the *What's in Bloom* cart in front of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, 4/26, 9 am - 2 pm

Annual Earth Day Parks and Preserves Cleanup

Whistler Woods, 480 Acme Dr., Riverdale

Help clean up the preserves in the morning, and then celebrate with fun activities, recycling, hikes and more. Register at www.earthdaychicago.com <<http://www.earthdaychicago.com>> in partnership with Friends of the Parks.

Sunday, 4/27, noon - 4 pm

Arbor Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, 5400 N. Cicero, Chicago

Enjoy tree plantings, tree ID, tree-caching, scavenger hunts, art projects and more.

Sunday, 5/4, 10 am - 3 pm

Spring Festival, Trail Side Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including guided hikes, dip netting, a meet-and-greet with our newest animal, animal encounters, craft corner and much more.

Saturday, 5/10, noon - 4 pm

International Migratory Bird Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate the return of birds to their breeding range with an afternoon of activities.

Saturday, 5/10, 7:30 am - 3 pm

International Migratory Bird Day Festival, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Spend the day celebrating migratory birds as they travel north to their breeding areas. Learn simple ways to identify and protect these birds by visiting our Tip Stations. Answer the question "Why do birds matter?" by learning about the American robin.

Thursday, 5/15, 6 - 9 pm

Third Thursdays: Papier-Maché Birds with Urban Craft Lab, Cummings Square River Forest

Create a sculpture using newspaper, paste and wire. Birdsong sets the tone and nature provides the inspiration! Best for adults and families with children 12 & up. Space is limited, so call 708-771-1373 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, 5/17, noon - 4 pm

Nature Block Party: A Celebration of Biodiversity, Eggers Grove, 11201 S. Ave B, Chicago

Discover the flora and fauna of the urban preserves with restoration activities, bird hikes, tree hikes, biking and more. Nearby Powers Recreation Area will be open for additional activities. Part of Urban Biodiversity Week, May 11-18. More at www.urbanbioweek.illinois.gov <<http://www.urbanbioweek.illinois.gov>>

Sunday, 5/18, 8 am

Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam #2 in Mount Prospect. Free for spectators. Race starts at 8 am. Activities at Dam #2 start at 11 am. To register, visit www.canoemarathon.com <<http://www.canoemarathon.com>>