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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation & Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 4/24/2018 to 5/16/2018

Wednesday, 4/25; 4 - 7pm

Archery 101; Bremen Grove 1, Tinley Park

Seasoned and new archers, learn proper technique, history and bow basics from certified instructors. *Ages 10 & up. Groups of 10 or more must register; 708-386-4042*

Thursday, 4/26; 5:30 - 7pm

Camping 101: For Outdoor Youth Organizations; Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Hands-on workshop for camping skills and teamwork. Learn basics: tent set-up, campfire building, proper dress, camping etiquette and more. Registration and adult supervision required.
Register: experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov.

Saturday, 4/28; 1:30pm

Zen Garden Relaxation; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy a mindful walk through nature to open up the senses; benefitting the body and the mind. After the walk, we will create a Zen Garden using natural materials to add balance and flow in our lives. *Ages 10 & up. Limit 15.*

Saturday, 4/28; 1pm

Sagawau Science: Spring Wildflower Walk; Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont

Take a closer look at wildflowers while walking through the woods. How are the leaves arranged? Are they hairy or smooth? Join us and gain a greater appreciation for these flowering beauties.

Saturday, 4/28; 1:30pm

Spring Wildflower Walk; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Take a walk to observe and learn about our blooming native ephemeral wildflowers.

Sunday, 4/29; 1:30pm

What's in Bloom?; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Enjoy a walk to observe and learn about some native woodland flowers.

Friday, 5/04; 5 - 7pm

Painting by the Pond - Spring Edition; Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Explore nature through painting. Instructor-led session creating a Georgia O'Keefe-inspired painting of spring ephemeral flowers using a large tree slice as your canvas. All materials provided. *Ages 21 & up. BYOB (no glass). \$20 per person. Payment required upon registration. 708-386-4042*

Saturday, 5/5; 6am - noon

Birding Big Sit; Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont

Sagawau is counting each individual bird as it visits a specific area. Bring your binoculars or borrow ours. Stay all morning or drop in for a few minutes. *All ages.*

Saturday, 5/5; 6am - 1pm

The Big Sit!; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help us count the birds that live here. *Registration preferred at least 2 days prior.*

Saturdays, 5/5 & 12; 7 - 8:30am

Morning Bird Walks; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Take an early morning walk through various habitats in search of migrating birds. Limited binoculars available. Bring binoculars if you have them. *No registration required.*

Saturday, 5/5-Sunday, 05/06

CLIC Training (Camping Leadership Immersion Course); Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Gain the skills you need to confidently lead a camping trip for your group. This overnight course teaches camping equipment use and care, outdoor activities, teamwork, and nature-based education. Complete this course, then bring groups of up to 30 for overnight stays at Camp Sullivan, utilizing camping gear - tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove/cookware - from our gear library. *Registration and information:* experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov.

Sunday, 5/6; 11am - 3pm

Spring Festival at Trailside; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, netting in the pond, seed planting, building a bird house to take home, and much more!

Sunday, 5/6; 1 pm

Springtime Slitherers; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Come learn about some of our local snakes and their busy springtime activities, then go for a short hike to look for them.

Friday, 5/11; 3 - 5pm

River Kayaking 101; Trailside Museum parking lot, River Forest

Introductory class for new river kayakers. Technique and instruction provided prior to a short hands-on paddle along the Des Plaines River to Maywood Grove. Shuttle provided back to Trailside Museum. *Registration required.* 312-533-5751

Saturday, 5/12; 6am - noon

International Migratory Bird Day and #birdthepreserves Big Sit; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join us for a bird walk to see who is winging in and experience the perils of migration in our Migration Obstacle Course.

Saturday, 5/12; 9am - Noon

Chicago River Day Clean-up Paddle; Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

Celebrate the 26th annual Chicago River Day on the Little Calumet River. Join us for river clean-up and land restoration. See chicagoriver.org for more information. *All ages.*

Saturday, 5/12; 1pm - 3pm

Conservation@Home: Gardening to Feed Pollinators; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Master Gardeners will share tips and give recommendations on what to plant in your garden to provide nectar to feed native pollinators from spring to fall. Presented by University of Illinois Extension North Cook Master Gardeners.

Drop-in demonstration.

Saturday, 5/12; 9am - 2pm

International Migratory Bird Day; Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont

Celebrate and learn about one of the most important events in the Americas- bird migration! Join us for bird hikes, special exhibits, and learn how you can support bird conservation. *All ages.*

Saturday, 5/12; 6am -noon

#birdthepreserves Big Sit; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join Forest Preserves staff to watch as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle.

Sunday, 5/13; 1pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us on the second Sunday of every month for Trailside's Bluegrass Jam. Make a simple instrument or bring your basses, fiddles, mandolins, guitars, and banjos. All are welcome to play or just listen. Held indoors if it rains. *All ages.*

Sunday, 5/13; 1pm

The Secret Language of Flowers; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Flowers have been used to convey messages for years, but did you know that flowers "speak" to pollinators as well? Join a naturalist on a hike to learn about the language of flowers.