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FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: 11/17/2014 - 1/4/2015

Friday, 11/21; 7 pm

Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We'll take a hike in the forest in search of local owls. Afterwards, warm up inside with some snacks and hot chocolate; register by Wednesday, 11/19/2014.

Sunday, 11/23; 10 am - 3 pm

42nd Annual Settlers' Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrations, hikes, crafts and an imaginary wagon train adventure! Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday, 11/23; 1 pm

Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Sow the seeds of history during this hands-on program. Hats, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirts recommended.

Wednesday, 11/26; 5 - 7 pm

Afterschool Outdoor Adventures: All About Fire, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Calling all outdoor adventurers, ages 7-12! Discover the benefits of fire and what it can do for our land. Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, and make your own fire! Call 708-771-1010 to reserve a spot.

Friday, 11/28/2014 - Sunday, 1/14/2015

Wonderland Express, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

This annual Garden holiday event includes trains winding passed replicas of famous Chicago buildings and landmarks, beautiful horticultural displays and hundreds of thousands of twinkling LED lights! Ticket fee applies.

Saturday, 11/29; 1 pm

Attracting Birds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Feeding the birds is a great way to attract winter residents to your yard. Learn how to provide a refuge for birds with proper landscaping and placement of bird feeders.

Sunday, 11/30; 10 am - 12 pm

Wellness in the Woods: Post-Thanksgiving Workout, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. These workouts include heart rate monitoring, circuit and interval training, simple stretching tips, dance and more; all ages.

Thursday, 12/4; 5 - 8 pm

Family Night Out: Stars, Stories and S'Mores, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

Sunday, 12/7; 9:30 am - 1 pm

Weekend Family Class: Joyful Gingerbread, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Explore all the different plants needed to make ginger bread. Take home a ginger plant, decorate cookies, and mix-up a batch of gingerbread. Registration and fee required.

Sunday, 12/7; 10 am to 4 pm

Holiday Market, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Holiday Market will feature seasonal produce, herbs, wreaths, handmade pottery, honey and more.

Sunday, 12/7; 11 am - 3 pm

Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate this joyous time of year, in a much simpler way, with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting, and popcorn popping in the open fire. Everyone is invited to make a craft to take home.

Sunday, 12/7; 1 pm

Winter Tree Secrets, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Can you identify trees without their leaves? Learn how to look at bark, buds and other characteristics to help unravel the mysteries of trees in winter!

Saturday, 12/13; 10 am

Ink Fish Printing, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Come learn the ancient art of “Gyotaku” printing. Printing materials provided, but fabrics from home may be used. *Registration required.* Contact us at 708-839-9406 to register. Limit 25.

Thursday, 12/18; 6 - 8 am

Third Thursdays: Solstice Sunrise Celebration, Cummings Square, River Forest

Help us welcome the sunrise on the shortest day of the year with a fire and live music.