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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 7/23/2019 - 9/24/2019

Through September (All day)

Bees and Beyond, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

This Garden-wide program reveals the vital role pollinators play in our everyday lives and in a healthy, diverse plant. Discover pollinator-themed gardens, bold topiaries and floral carpets, an interactive exhibition, and more.

Through September 2; 10am - 5pm

Butterflies and Blooms, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Immerse yourself in a garden habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies from around the world, as well as some native to North America. Tickets are required.

Through September 2; 10am - 4pm

Nature Play Garden Family Drop-In Activities, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Activities provide hands-on activities for families and children daily on the Regenstein Learning Campus.

Through September 2 (All day)

Evenings, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Long summer nights are the perfect time to unwind with friends and family during the Garden's extended summer hours. Pack a picnic and enjoy special live music performances for all ages.

Every Day, 7/23 - 9/29; 9:30am - 6pm

Brick Safari, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brick Safari features more than 40 life-size animal sculptures created from millions of individual colored LEGO bricks! The menagerie of animals will be located along a winding, wooded pathway on the east side of the park, and many of the sculptures are based on some Brookfield Zoo favorites, such as the lion, giraffe, snow leopard, and pangolin. Open during zoo hours.

Wednesday, 7/24; 6:30pm

Movies in the Park: Films from the Forest, Willye B. White Park, Chicago

In partnership with the Chicago Park District forest fun comes to the city. Family friendly activities start at 6:30 pm, film starts at dusk. **Film:** Aquaman.

Fridays and Saturdays, 7/26 - 8/10; 5pm - 9pm

Summer Nights, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brookfield Zoo's summertime event is back for a sixth season! Enjoy the zoo in a new light with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining, beer and wine garden, live music, roaming performers, Animal Ambassadors, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature.

Friday, 7/26; 10am - 12pm

Wellness in the Woods Walk, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Led by UIE Master Naturalist Roberta Janssen. *Registration required.*

Friday, 7/26; 8:30pm - 10pm

They Fly By Night-Moths, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a short presentation, then we will go outside to discover live moths visiting our black lights and other attractants. *Adults and children ages 10 and up.*

Saturday, 7/27; 1:30pm

Beekeeping 101, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn about bees, how they make honey, and how to cultivate it. Then take a tour of an active beehive.

Sunday, 7/28; 1pm

Wild Edibles, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Many native plants have edible parts or medicinal uses. Take a hike and learn how to add some of these plants to gardens and dinner plates! Bring water, a hat and your favorite mosquito repellent.

Tuesday, 7/30; 6:30pm

Movies in the Park: Films from the Forest, Fuller Park, Chicago

In partnership with the Chicago Park District forest fun comes to the city. Family friendly activities start at 6:30 pm, film starts at dusk. **Film:** Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Saturday, 8/3; 10am - 1pm

Little Calumet River Paddle, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Riverdale

Explore the Little Calumet River by canoe. *Canoes and other equipment provided.*

Saturday, 8/3; 3pm - 7pm

Peace in the Preserves: A Community Call to Celebrate Diversity, Labagh Woods, Chicago

Northwest Side Coalition Against Racism & Hate invites everyone for an afternoon of music, activities, raffles, food vendors, special guests and more. *For questions, donations, or to become a vendor, email the Northside Coalition.*

Sunday, 8/4; 9am - 5pm

CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs

The CAMBr Meltdown is Chicagoland's premiere mountain biking event, with racing for all ages and abilities. *Free for spectators.*

Friday - Saturday, 8/9 - 8/10; 5pm - 12pm

Family Campouts, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

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

Friday, 8/9; 3pm - 7pm

Branch Out and Read Fest, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Enjoy fun nature activities with a literary connection. Call 708-366-6530 to learn which libraries are participating and how to earn a free ticket to attend. *Registration required.*

Friday, 8/9; 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Follow the Drinking Gourd, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn about this African American folk song, its connection to the Underground Railroad, and explore the night sky with telescopes.

Saturday, 8/10; 8am - 12pm

All about Fishing, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City

Join us for a fun day of fishing and learn about plants and animals that call Green Lake home. *All ages. Fishing license required for ages 16 and up.*

Wednesday, 8/14; 6:30pm

Movies in the Park: Films from the Forest, Hayes Park, Chicago

In partnership with the Chicago Park District forest fun comes to the city. Family friendly activities start at 6:30 pm, film starts at dusk. **Film:** Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse.

Thursday, 8/15; 7pm

Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join in a lively discussion of Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Kimmerer.

Friday, 8/16; 7pm - 9pm

Paddling under the Planets, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Enjoy a summer twilight paddle on our slough while enjoying a peek at the heavens. *Tandem canoes provided. Ages 18 and up.*

Friday, 8/16; 6pm - 8pm

Campfire Cooking Workshop, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Learn to make meals over a fire using cast-iron and basic camp cooking techniques. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*

Friday, 8/16; 8pm

Going Batty Over Bats! Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

We'll use the latest technology to listen for the sounds of bats. Discover cool facts about these misunderstood creatures of the night.

Saturday, 8/17; 10am - 1pm

Back-to-School Community Adventure Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Say goodbye to summer with a day of adventure. Paddling, archery and more! In partnership with Hilltop Elementary School and other organizations. *Instruction and gear provided. All ages.*

Saturday, 8/17; 9am - 2pm

Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for activities, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

Saturday, 8/17; 10am

Hike the Preserves: Interpretive Hike, St. Mihiel Woods, Tinley Park

Take a hike and enjoy the natural beauty around you. *More details on the Forest Preserves website.*

Wednesday, 8/21; 4pm - 7pm

Archery101, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Learn proper technique and bow basics from one-on-one instruction with our certified staff. *All equipment provided. Ages 10 and up.*

Saturday, 8/24; 6:30pm - 10pm

Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate summer with a giant bonfire, nature play, artmaking, s'mores and evening hikes. We will also

have a food vendor on site.

Sunday, 8/25; 11am - 2pm

Family Fish School, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Have fun with your family learning about fish and fishing with Forest Preserves' fish biologists. *Some equipment available. Registration required.*

Sunday, 8/25; 1pm

Sunflower Stroll, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Enjoy the sunflowers, sights, sounds and sunshine of late summer on a leisurely guided walk. Bring water, a hat and your favorite mosquito repellent.

Wednesday, 8/28; 3pm - 6pm

Play Date with the Preserves, Rubio Woods, Midlothian

Enjoy playing and exploring with natural materials.

Thursday, 8/29; 7pm - 9pm

Singing Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Who is singing tonight? Enjoy the chorus of insects as the sun sets, learn about crickets, katydids, cicadas and grasshoppers. *Ages 12 and up. Registration required.*

Thursday, 9/5; 10:30am - 12:30pm

Nature Play Date, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Enjoy playing and exploring with natural materials in a new nature play space.

Saturday, 9/7; 10am - 5pm & Sunday, 9/8; 10 am - 4 pm

A River Thru History: Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous, Columbia Woods, Willow Springs

Look back 200 years to frontier life. Enjoy food, music, crafts, reenactments, canoe races, games and more. Parking and shuttle bus from the UPS parking lot at 75th St and Willow Springs Road.

Sunday, 9/8; 12pm - 3pm

Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Journey with the monarch butterflies as they begin their migration to Mexico. Watch live monarch butterflies being tagged and released, enjoy music, crafts, and activities. Get gardening information and learn how you can help save this butterfly. *Food available for purchase.*

Sunday, 9/8; 8:30am - 11am

ZooRunRun for the Animal Care and Conservation Fund, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Join us for this fun race located entirely within Brookfield Zoo! The Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund is dedicated to making a difference for species across the globe and with each race entry, we will raise both awareness and funds for this great cause.

Friday, 9/13; 4pm - 7pm

Faire at the Square, Cummings Square, River Forest

Enjoy this "creative re-use carnival" with carnival-themed games made from repurposed materials! Win prizes, learn about local plants and animals and more. *All Ages.*

Saturday, 9/14; 12pm - 3pm

Fall Nature Fest, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Casting lessons, hiking, a nature scavenger hunt, crafts, water experiments, and special guests from Brookfield Zoo, local outdoor retailers and food trucks. Hosted by Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen. *Free. All ages. Info and to*

register: 773-283-7873.

Saturday, 9/14; 10am - 3pm

Archeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities promoting better understanding and appreciation of historic Native American culture. Enjoy guided hikes, archaeology displays, traditional crafts and more.

Sunday, 9/15; 11am - 3pm

Art in Nature: Color the Preserves! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Celebrate creativity and color. Everyone can try to sculpt, paint, draw, weave and other art forms to translate the preserves through art.

Saturday, 9/21; 3pm - 9pm

Party for the Preserves, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Join us for a fun afternoon of hiking, biking and paddling for our official kick-off to public lands week in the Forest Preserves!