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### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 2/25/2020 - 3/24//2020

**Birdhouse Building Contest, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We will hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. Entries accepted 3/1 through 5/22. Visit [fpdcc.com/birdhouse-contest](http://fpdcc.com/birdhouse-contest) for more details.

**Saturday, 2/29; 10am - 1pm**

**Winter Watercolors, Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago**

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. Materials provided. *All ages.*

**Saturdays and Sundays, 2/29 - 3/14; 1:30pm**

**Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making.

**Thursday, 3/5; 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, 3/7; 1:30pm**

**Biomimicry: Biology to Design, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Biomimicry means to imitate life. Discover how nature inspires innovation and design. Join a naturalist on an observation hike and creative design session. *Ages 15 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 3/7; 1pm**

**Radio Telemetry, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Learn about radio telemetry, how and why it's used to track animals, and try your hand at using our equipment.

**Sunday, 3/8; 1pm**

**Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Make a simple musical instrument, or bring your own. Play or just listen-all are welcome!

**Thursday, 3/12; 10am - 11am**

**S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity each week. *Seniors only. Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/13; 6pm**

**Creatures of the Night, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn about nocturnal animals and go on a night walk to try to see or hear some.

**Saturday, 3/14; 10am - 1pm**

**Conservation@Home: Adding Color to your Garden, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn how to personalize a pollinator garden to have vibrant native colors.

**Saturday, 3/14; 11am - 1pm**

**Kick Start your Garden! Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Learn how to create a sustainable garden using conservation practices and talk to local organizations about native landscaping and gardening. A presentation on Conservation@Home will take place at noon.

**Sunday, 3/15; 11am - 3pm**

**48th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste.

**Wednesday, 3/18; 11am - 2pm**

**Rain date: Thursday, 3/19; 11am - 2pm**

**Celebrate Spring, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Build and play with natural materials. Make a decorative terrarium, paint a bird house, and other activities. *All ages.*

**Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm**

**Woodcock Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Short intro inside, then a walk to observe the male woodcock dance. *Ages 7 and up. Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm - 8pm**

**Spring Equinox Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Welcome the arrival of spring with a sunset stroll, bonfire and s'mores. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/20; 7pm**

**Woodcock Walk, Bartel Grassland, Tinley**

Join Chicago Ornithological Society on an evening hike to observe the mating dance of the timberdoodle (American woodcock). Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 1:30pm**

**Wellness in the Woods, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Improve mental and physical health while being active, restful and playful. *See monthly themes on the Forest Preserves website.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 10am**

**Walk & Talk-Southwest, Orland Grassland, Orland Park**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Walk and Talk Hikes are under 3.1 miles, have a theme and are slower paced.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 10am**

**Fitness Hike-South, Joe Orr Woods, Chicago Heights**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Fitness Hikes are typically over 3.1 miles, offer less information and are at a faster pace.*

**Tuesday, 3/24; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

In conjunction with Activate Elgin's March into Health, thaw from the winter and recreate! Activities include a

biodiversity hike, archery, pond fishing and more.

**Tuesday through Thursday, 3/24 - 3/26; 1pm - 3pm**

**Spring Break Nature Drop-In Days, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

We provide the fun, you bring the kids to explore nature each day.

**Thursday, 3/25; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Youth and families, enjoy time out of school with activities including animal encounters, nature play, crafts, and other fun during this drop-in program.