



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 11/19/2019 - 12/17/2019

Throughout the winter (when there is snow)

Snowshoes

Snowshoes are available at 5 nature centers when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

Cross-country Skiing and Ski Rental

Starting December 21, as soon as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow), Sagawau Nordic is open from 9am - 4pm. Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. *Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.*

Friday, 11/22; 7pm

Night Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Hike a trail with a naturalist to look for and learn about the nocturnal creatures that call Crabtree home.

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 12pm

Woodworking with Invasives, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Create functional furniture and toys using local natural materials. *Separated by age groups: 18 and up and ages 8-17. Equipment provided.*

Saturday through Sunday, 11/23 - 11/24; 10am - 4:30pm

Community Tree Trim, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Does your community group want to get into the holiday spirit early? Join Brookfield Zoo in gearing up for our Holiday Magic celebration by participating in Community Tree Trim. Sponsoring a tree is a beautiful way to support the zoo and celebrate the 38th annual Holiday Magic! School groups, scout troops, families - all are welcome to participate in Tree Trim!

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 12pm

Wellness in the Woods: Awakening Wonder, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Hills

Come to the woods and step out of day-to-day pressures. Enjoy a tune-up of senses and spirit during this program led by Joy Clough. *Registration required. Call 312-533-5751.*

Saturday, 11/23; 1pm

Feed the Birds, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the best bird foods, feeders and landscape elements to benefit resident winter birds. You'll even make a simple bird feeder to take home!

Saturday, 11/23; 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Starry, Starry Night, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Adults, this one's for you! Enjoy an evening stroll under the fall stars followed by a tasty treat at the campfire. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 11/24; 10am - 3pm

47th Annual Settlers' Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Experience costumed living-history demonstrators, history hikes, crafts, an imaginary wagon train adventure and more. Admission is free, nonperishable food or monetary donations benefiting a local food depository gratefully accepted.

Sunday, 11/24; 1:30pm

Feed the Birds, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about birds and bird feeding for the winter season.

Saturday, 11/30; 1pm

Fall Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy a naturalist-led hike in the crisp fall air.

Saturday, 11/30; 10am - 3pm

Tree Cookie Painting, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Paint and enjoy the last scenes of fall before winter begins!

Saturdays and Sundays, 11/30 - 12/22, Thursday through Tuesday, 12/26 - 12/31; All day

Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Now in its 38th year, celebrate Chicagoland's largest and longest running lights festival. With over one million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot talking tree, a skating rink, carolers, ice carvers and much more, it is a magical time for the entire family.

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

Nature Play Date, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

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

Thursday, 12/5; 3pm - 8pm

Seed Cleaning & Potluck, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

In partnership with The Field Museum, help clean seed from local natural areas. *Call 312- 665-7167 to register.*

Saturday, 12/7; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Join us for a celebration of winter with a huge bonfire! Outdoor activities and s'mores provided. *Parking at Potawatomi Woods.*

Sunday, 12/7; 1pm - 2:30pm

One Ounce Wonders, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Bundle up for this brisk bird walk about the tiny songbirds that spend their winters at the Little Red Schoolhouse. *Binoculars will be provided. Registration required. All ages.*

Sunday, 12/8 and Saturday, 12/14; 1:30pm

Wax Clinic, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Learn how simple it is to care for your skis. We will discuss ski maintenance for wax-able and wax-less skis.

Sunday, 12/8; 11am - 3pm

Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer settlement and celebrate this joyous time of year in a simpler way with homemade toys, chestnuts

roasting and popcorn popping in the open fire.

Sunday, 12/08; 1:30pm

Sit Down With A Skunk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about skunks' unique adaptations and meet River Trail's resident striped skunk.

Wednesday, 12/11; 5pm - 6pm

Priority Species of the Chicago Wilderness Library Program, Altgeld Branch Chicago Public Library, Chicago

Learn about species of concern around Cook County through reading and activities.

Saturday, 12/14; 9am

Fireside Yoga at Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for an indoor yoga class surrounded by nature. Bring your mat and meet us at Thatcher Woods Pavilion. *Ages 12 and up.*

Saturday, 12/14; 12pm - 3pm

Stairs, Stories and S'mores, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Hills

Stair climbing, storytelling, sledding and snowshoeing (weather permitting), s'more making. All your favorite winter activities in one place!

Saturday, 12/14; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

Enjoy the warmth of a bonfire, nature play, artmaking and s'mores.

Saturday, 12/14; 7pm

Owl Prowl, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join Chicago Ornithological Society for an owl prowling through some of the best owling locations. We will be on the lookout for multiple species of owls during high mating and calling season. Dress appropriately for the weather with multiple layers as temperatures can drop rapidly after sunset and owling is frigid business. Flashlights permitted but not required. *Ages 13 years and up. Check our website for registration information.*

Sunday, 12/15; 1pm - 3pm

Creative Invasives, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Help us open the woodlands by removing buckthorn, and then create a holiday gift utilizing this woody invasive. *Ages 16 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 12/15; 5:30am

Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Hike and listen for owls as part of the 120th annual Christmas Bird Count, with John Elliot from the Chicago Audubon. *For adults and ages 10 and older. Call Trailside Museum to register.*