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Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 12/17/2019 - 1/21/2020

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Ski Equipment Rental

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Saturdays and Sundays, 12/21 - 12/22, Thursday through Tuesday 12/26 - 12/31; All day

Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

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Friday, 12/20; 7pm

Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join us for a talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we will look for these unique predators on a .5-mile hike.

Saturday, 12/21; 10am

Hike the Preserves-Fitness Hike, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves with this new program out on the trails. Fitness Hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster pace with little to no stopping or interpretation.

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Saturday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Winter Solstice Bonfire, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs
Short hikes, hot cocoa, s'mores, music and stories around the bonfire. Plus, other entertainment and activities. \$5/person. All ages.

Saturday, 12/21 through Sunday, 1/5
Winter Break Nature Fun, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland
When kids are out of school, drop in for free, family-friendly indoor and outdoor nature activities. See schedule and watch our Facebook page for special offerings.

Monday, 12/23; 11am - 2pm
Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest
Come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Friday, 12/27; 11am - 2pm
Winter Break-Out Adventure, Rolling Knolls, Elgin
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Friday, 12/27; 10am
Wild Wind, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland
Learn the science and patterns behind wind followed by a wind-themed artmaking activity.

Saturday, 12/28; 11am - 2pm
Winter Break-Out Adventure, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest
Come for fun and adventure during winter break! Climbing wall, snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Monday, 12/30; 1pm
Raptor Rendezvous, Trailside Museum, River Forest
Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more.

Thursday, 1/2; 11am - 2pm
Winter Break-Out Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago
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Saturday, 1/4; 10am
New Year Nature Bath, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs
Indoor talk, then a hike to awaken our senses to the sights, sounds and smells of nature in winter. Ages 18 and up.

Saturday, 1/4; 10am - 1pm
Winter Exploration Day: Stewardship and Winter Recreation, Beaubien Woods, Chicago
Help restore this unique ecosystem then enjoy a hike to explore winter animals. In partnership with the Field Museum.

Sunday, 1/5; 1pm
Survival Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills
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Remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Enjoy sledding (weather permitting) and winter activities. Groups of 10 or more, register at 708-386-4042 Ext. 19.

Saturday, 1/18; 10am

Frozen Science, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore our frozen season by experimenting with freezing points of various items.

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