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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves Calendar 7/22/2014 through 9/8/2014

Saturday, 7/26; 1:30 pm

Nature's Table, Little Red School House, 9800 South 104th Avenue, Willow Springs

With a little imagination, you can turn common plants into something tasty. Sample a beverage, appetizer, main dish and dessert. We'll take a hike afterwards. Ages 13 & up. Registration required.

Sunday, 7/27; 1:30 pm

Bike the Trails, River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook

Bring your off-road bike for a leisurely trek through the forest preserves with one of our naturalists. Helmet required, water bottle recommended.

Thursday, 7/31; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City

"The Hunger Games" Rated PG-13

Katniss Everdeen voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in the Hunger Games, a televised fight to the death in which two teenagers from each of the twelve Districts of Panem are chosen at random to compete.

Sunday, 8/3; noon - 4 pm

Bugapalooza!, Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington

Explore insects with activities and crafts. Who will you catch (and release) on your insect safari?

Tuesday, 8/5; 5:30 pm pre activities; Concert runs from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Forest Jams with Ghannta, a West African dance band, Dan Ryan Pavilion, Grove 5, 87th and Western, Chicago

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians.

Wednesday, 8/6; 12 - 4 pm

Teen Exploration Day, Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S. Brainard Ave, Burnham

The Youth Outdoor Ambassadors invite other teens to join them for a day of outdoor adventure. Enjoy canoeing, hiking, archery, art making and more.

Thursday, 8/7; 10:30 - 11:30 am

Readers Are Leaders, Cummings Square, 536 N. Harlem, River Forest

WTTW Kids brings Readers Are Leaders performances featuring Miss Lori's CAMPUS to the Forest Preserves. Families with children ages 3-9 years can sing, dance and celebrate all things reading.

Saturday, 8/9 and Sunday, 8/10; 10 am to 3 pm

Kite Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The sky is the limit at our tenth annual showcase of stunt-kite performances set to music. Kids learn to make kites at workshops throughout the day, and may participate in the Kids' Mad Dash. Bring and fly your own kite in a designated area.

Thursday, 8/14; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Cermak Aquatic Center, 7600 W. Ogden Ave, Lyons

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Friday, 8/15; 12 - 6 pm

Teens Outside: The Summit, Green Lake, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City

Share with your peers what it means for you to be outdoors! Enjoy some great conversation, engage in fun, interactive breakout groups, try your hand at writing green poetry, archery and more.

Saturday, 8/16; 8:30 am - 3 pm

Hummingbird Festival, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont

Celebrate the beauty of these amazing birds, and join us for games, viewing and demonstrations of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

Tuesday, 8/19; 5:30 pm pre activities; Concert runs from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Forest Jams with Merit School of Music, Whealan Pool, 6200 W. Devon Ave, Chicago

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians.

Thursday, 8/21; 1 pm - 4 pm

Monarchs and More, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest

Celebrate all things monarch! We'll explore their migratory patterns, learn about plants that help and attract them and more. Create your own memory to take home.

Wednesday, 8/20; 7:30 pm

Bats: Night Stalkers, Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest

Learn about these mysterious flying mammals, and see live bats outside using special equipment. Adults & children ages 8 & up; register by 8/17.

Saturday, 8/23; 12 - 4 pm

Family Fish Fest, Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S. Brainard Ave, Burnham

Celebrate all things "fish" in partnership with the Chicago Park District. The whole family can enjoy fishing, canoeing, archery, learning about native fishes, crafts and more.

Saturday, 8/23 and Sunday, 8/24; 11 am to 4 pm

Heirloom Tomato Weekend, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Slice into late-summer flavor with displays, tours, seed saving demonstrations, and family-friendly activities focused on heirloom tomatoes. Hear from Garden staff and volunteers, trace the history of tomatoes, gather tips on growing tomatoes, and purchase related products from select vendors.

Wednesday, 8/27; 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Afterschool Archery & Hike, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest

Explore the trails of Thatcher Woods on a hike led by Forest Preserve staff, followed by a hands-on archery workshop. Pack a picnic and stay for dinner! Ages 10 & up. Archery equipment provided. Call 708-771-1010 to reserve your spot.

Thursday, 8/28; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Deer Grove, Grove 1, Quentin & Dundee Roads, Palatine

"Jens Jensen: The Living Green" (Not rated)

A century ago, a rebellious Dane, Jens Jensen rose from street sweeper to "dean of landscape architects" to pioneering conservationist. His story dramatizes an environmental battle that lasted five decades, culminating in the creation of the nation's first urban national park.

Saturday, 8/30; 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Ecosystem Exploration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland

What exactly is an ecosystem? This two-hour hike will explore Sand Ridge's eight different ecosystems. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes and dress for the weather. Register by 8/28.

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 5/31 - 8/31; 10 am to 4 pm

Kleinman Family Cove Drop-in Activities, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Enjoy fun, hands-on activities for families and children by exploring the plants and animals in aquatic habitats. Use scientific tools to look at tiny critters living under the water, find out what makes water plants different from land plants, and more.

Saturday, 9/6, 10 am to 5 pm & Sunday, 9/7, 10 am to 4 pm

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

Look back 200 years to frontier life and enjoy food, music, crafts, reenactments, canoe races, games and more. Park at UPS parking lot at Willow Springs Road and 75th Street and take shuttle bus.

Admission between \$5 and \$10. Go to www.aRiverThruHistory.com <<http://www.aRiverThruHistory.com>> for more information.