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### **PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Summary:** Calendar items for the Forest Preserves of Cook County for 1/20/2015 - 2/11/2015.

**Mondays, 1/12 - 5/18 (except 4/20); 10 - 11 am**

**Story Time in the Lenhardt Library, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Stories and activities for children ages 2 to 5, accompanied by a caregiver. Free.

**Tuesday, 1/20; 5 - 7 pm**

**Winter Wellness in the Woods Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. Instructor-led workouts will include a variety of winter-related activities. Learn how to dress for exercise in cold conditions.

Call 708-771-1010 for details and to reserve a spot.

**Saturday, 1/24; 9 am - 3 pm**

**Ski Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Celebrate cross-country skiing at Sagawau's winter wonderland. Experience our groomed trails at this slide-and-glide party for skiers of all levels.

**Saturday, 1/24; 1:30 pm**

**Raptors in Winter, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn about Illinois raptors and how they survive in winter. Ages 12 & up.

Registration required. Limit 30.

**Sunday, 1/25; 1 pm**

**Art in Nature: Big Skies, Crabtree Nature Center**

Learn to paint big skies in oils, taught by artist Sharron Boxenbaum. Ages 16 & up.

Registration required.

**Sunday, 1/25; 1 pm**

**Winter Scavenger Hunt, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy an afternoon outdoors on a hunt for signs of animal activity and winter plant life. Warm up afterwards with snacks by a campfire. Register by 1/23. \$2 per person.

**Sunday, 1/25; 1:30 pm**

**Two Owls & a Naturalist, River Trail, Northbrook**

Get up-close and personal with two of River Trail's resident owls.

**Wednesday, 1/28; 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Afterschool Outdoor Adventures: Winter GPS Hunt,  
Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago**

Calling outdoor adventurers ages 7 - 12! It can be difficult to find your way around a bare winter forest. Learn about the benefits of a field GPS unit and how to use one. Then, test your new skills on a coordinate-based scavenger hunt. Space is limited, so call 708-771-1010 to reserve your spot.

**Saturday, 1/31; 9 - 10 am**

**Knock, Knock: Who's There? - Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Watch woodpeckers at the feeder and learn some cool facts about them!

Registration required. Limit 25.

**Saturday, 1/31; 9:30 - 11 am or 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Weekend Family Class: Winter Explorers, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Plants and animals can survive outside, even in cold weather. Explore how evergreens thrive in the cold, search for animal tracks and make a snow catcher to use at home. Fee applies.

**Saturday, 1/31; 10 am - 3 pm**

**Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Facilitator Training,  
Plant Science Center - Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join staff from the Garden's Windy City Harvest for a day focused on youth development in an urban agriculture or a school garden setting. Fee applies.

**Sunday, 2/1; 1:30 pm**

**Groundhog Day Celebration, River Trail, Northbrook**

Only the shadow knows if winter is over.

Enjoy facts and myths about groundhogs and their shadows.

**Friday, 2/6; 8 pm**

**Prairie by a Winter Moon, Crabtree Nature Center**

Join us on a winter evening as we snowshoe our two-mile Phantom Prairie Trail.

Ages 13 & up. Registration required. Space is limited.

**Sunday, 2/8; 1:30 pm**

**Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced when Illinois was first settled.

**Saturday & Sunday, 2/7 & 8; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Darwin Celebration Days, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate Charles Darwin's birthday! Join us as we explore adaptation, fitness, selection and survival through activities and displays. Drop-in program for all ages.

**Tuesday, 2/10; 7 - 9 pm**

**Front Yard Design, Plant Science Center - Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

This course will teach you the basics of front yard design. A lecture and slides will demonstrate how Plant Science Center proper planting design can change the way you use and view your property. Topics will include proper plant types

and spacing, focusing and screening views, and creating curb appeal. Fee applies.