



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 2/12/2015 - 3/10/2015

Saturday, 2/14 - Sunday, 3/15; 10 am - 4 pm

Orchid Show, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Regenstein Center Greenhouses and Galleries are transformed by trees draped in orange and yellow *Dendrobium*, a hanging hedge of purple *Oncidium*, and vibrant *Vanda* in pink, orange, red, yellow, and even blue orchids. See more than 10,000 orchids in all. Fee applies.

Saturday, 2/14; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sweetheart Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Sweethearts are invited to hike a short trail, roast marshmallows, then warm up inside with chocolate delights and games. Ages 21 & up. Register by 2/11. Limit 40. \$5 per person.

Saturday, 3/7; 1:30 pm

Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join our monthly hiking club. A naturalist will lead a vigorous, two-mile hike on our trails.

Monday, 2/16; 1:30 pm

Holiday Program: Wild Dogs, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

School's out! Come learn about the canine cousins that are found in the forest preserves. We'll have fox, coyote and even wolf skins and skulls for you to see and touch.

Monday, 2/16; 2:30 pm

Nature Fun on President's Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy nature-related educational activities and crafts. Drop-in program.

Tuesday, 2/17; 7 - 9 pm

Winter Wellness in the Woods, Dan Ryan Woods - 87th and Western, Chicago

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 708-386-4042 Ext 26 for details and to reserve a spot.

Thursday, 2/19; 1 - 3 pm

Third Thursdays: DIY Creative Reuse Bird Feeders, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Make DIY bird feeders out of recycled materials. We'll make an assortment of feeders and learn about using different foods to attract a variety of birds.

Friday, 2/20; 7 pm

Winter Night Hike, River Trail, Northbrook

Meet us for a winter night hike to learn about the nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, warm up inside with snacks and hot chocolate.

Register by 2/18. Check-in at 6:45 pm.

Saturday, 2/21; 9 am - 3 pm

Surf the White Winter Wave, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a Polynesian take on winter. After skiing the “frozen wave,” relax and enjoy surfing videos and live updates on surf conditions from Oahu’s North Shore. Dress Hawaiian and win a prize.

Sunday, 2/21; 11 am - 3 pm

Chinese New Year Celebration - Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Bring the whole family to enjoy this special day filled with hands-on, interactive activities and free puppet and shadow puppet performances (at 11:00 and 1:00) celebrating the Year of the Sheep. Free!

Sunday, 2/22; 1 pm

Wolves, Bears and Cougars, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Amazingly, these long-lost predators are beginning to return to our area. Learn the history of these animals and what they’re up to today.

Saturday, 2/28; 1:30 pm

Sap’s Rising, River Trail, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end, and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making.

Sunday, 3/1; 9:30 - 11 am or 1 - 2:30 pm

Weekend Family Class: Homemade Ice Cream, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Get an up-close look at one of the world’s tiniest seeds from the vanilla orchid; make a batch of ice cream; and pot up a plant that can flavor ice cream. Registration fee applies.

Sunday, 3/1; 10 am

Yoga in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Experience an open and wholehearted approach to yoga by practicing outdoors with a Yoga Instructor. Outdoor classes pare yoga down to its original link with nature. *Registration and release form required.*

Saturday, 3/7; 12 - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Days, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Come outside and enjoy the winter in your local Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy some winter fun and activities. Program includes: Snow shoe nature hikes, dog-sled presentation, sledding, (all weather permitting) winter arts and crafts, camp fire and much more. All ages.

Saturday, 3/7; 1 pm

Herb Gardening, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about herbs that thrive in our area and mix your own herbal tea blend to take home. *Adults and teens; registration required by 3/5.*

Saturday, 3/7; 1:30 pm

Nature’s Wake-up Calls!, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Is it time for spring? Find out what seasonal changes alert wildlife that spring is on its way! *This is an indoor/outdoor program; please dress for the weather.*

Sunday, 3/8; 11:00 am

One Earth Film Festival: From Billions to None, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

2014 marked the centennial of the extinction of the passenger pigeon. *From Billions to None: The Passenger Pigeon's*

Flight to Extinction reveals the compelling story of this birds' unlikely extinction and provides an important conservation lesson for today.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday - Sunday; 9/25 - 27

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

On Public Land's Day weekend, we're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations all over the Forest Preserves. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!