



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 2/7/2017 - 3/11/2017

Wednesday; 2/8; 2:30 - 6 pm

Snowy Scavenger Hunt, Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin

Let's go on a scavenger hunt! Make some interesting winter observations as you hike through the woods. Record your findings as you go. Dress for the weather. Come any time between 2:30 pm and 6 pm.

Saturday - Sunday, 2/11-2/12; 6:30pm & 11:00am

Valentine's Dinner & Brunch, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique way with a cocktail reception and dinner or champagne brunch at Brookfield Zoo. For reservations, visit <https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Events/Upcoming-Events>.

Saturday, 2/11 - Sunday, 3/26; 10 am - 4 pm

The Orchid Show; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

More than 10,000 orchids will fill the Galleries and Greenhouses of the Regenstein Center, interspersed with displays that provide little-known facts about this fascinating plant. This year's Show, "Orchids in Vogue" looks at the influence orchids have had on popular culture - in fashion, media, connoisseurship, design, and more. Fee applies.

Saturday, 2/11; Noon - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Days, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 W Chicago, Ave, River Forest

Get out to your local Forest Preserve and explore the natural beauty of winter! Each special event offers activities to prepare you for a delightful winter time experience. Learn how to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, create snowshoes and backpacks from natural materials and track animals that make the Preserves their home during winter. Snowshoeing and sledding will be available, should weather conditions permit. Please join us for one or all events! For further details call 708-386-4042.

Saturday, 2/11; 1 - 3 pm

Conservation@Home: Building a Bird Garden, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists will share their experience of designing, planting and caring for two gardens built for the birds.

Sunday, 2/12; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Freeze Day, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Enjoy free admission to the Zoo and join the Green Valley Dog Drivers for dogsled demonstrations, sled runs, and other winter animal fun.

Sunday, 2/12; 1 pm

Warm Hearts Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for an adults-only winter nature walk through Thatcher Woods, as we discuss love in the animal world! Adult program. Register by 2/11.

Sunday, 2/12; 2 pm

Winter Walk in the McDonald Woods, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Get outside and take a free, guided, 40-minute winter nature walk in the McDonald Woods. Meet at the McDonald Woods Shelter, and warm up by a roaring fire afterwards. Dress for the weather. Check the Garden's webpage for any last-minute weather updates. Free.

Sunday, 2/19; 1 pm

Winter Survival and Spring Arrival, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join a naturalist to learn how animals survive our harsh winters and prepare for the spring season.

Saturday, 2/25; Noon - 4 pm

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Friday, 2/17; 5 - 6 pm

Winter Sunset Stroll, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a leisurely walk to see what surprises Mother Nature may have in store. Dress for the weather and be prepared for a one-hour hike. Register by 2/15.

Saturday, 2/18; 9 am - 3 pm

Birch Leggings and the Birkie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

How did an infant prince from the 12th century inspire the world's most famous Nordic ski race? Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became "the greatest show on the snow." Ski with wood skis and wool knickers or dress like a Viking and win a prize! Event will take place if ski trails are open.

Sunday, 2/19; 1:30 pm

Snowshoe Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn how to use snowshoes as we explore the wonderful winter world outside. Requires a minimum 4" snow base. Registration required. Ages 8 & up. Limit 15.

Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 - 3/5; 1:30 pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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

Saturday, 3/4; 10 am - Noon

Art in Your Garden, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Hypertufa will be our medium to create unique pieces of art for your garden.

Registration Required. Adults Only. Limit 15. \$10 per person

Saturday, 3/4; 10:30 am

Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners for a program on incorporating native plants in your home landscape. As a result, you will achieve beauty and provide habitat for native pollinators and wildlife.

Sunday, 3/5; 1 pm

Sun Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Stop on by and learn about our nearest star, and take a look with our filtered telescope.

Sunday, 3/5; 1 pm

“Bone Appétit”, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor resident animals. *Family program.*

Now Through Monday, 3/6/2017; 9 am - 4 pm

Cross-Country Ski Trails Open, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Sagawau Nordic is open daily, 9 am - 4 pm. Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include an early start or late finish. Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.

Wednesday and Friday, 3/8 and 3/10; 9 - 11 am

Screen Break Family Drop-in Program; Learning Center, Classroom 10, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Stop by for hands-on, nature-themed fun. Activities are geared toward children ages 2 to 5 with a caregiver. This program is offered in collaboration with the Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood’s ScreenBreak. Free; no registration is required. Parking is free for those families with a ScreenBreak button, wristband, or card.

Saturday, 3/11; 11 am

One Earth Film Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film “Chicago’s *True Nature*” at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030, Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards. *For festival details, visit*

www.oneearthfilmfest.org <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>