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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 11/14/2018 to 12/11/2018

Every Day, 11/3 - 1/31 (All Day)

Chicago Wolves Skating Rink, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Glide through the holidays at the new Chicago Wolves Skating Rink at Brookfield Zoo! Skaters are welcome to bring their own skates, or rent skates on site.

Friday, 11/16; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Join us for a family-friendly evening in the Forest Preserves. There will be a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, and natural material building.

Saturday, 11/17; 12pm - 2:30pm

Archery 101, Swallow Cliff Woods North, Chicago

Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts, and proper technique. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Saturday, 11/17; 1pm

National Take a Hike Day, Rubio Woods, Chicago

Clear your mind and get some exercise by taking a hike to enjoy the natural beauty around you. .

Saturday, 11/17; 7pm - 8:30pm

Starry, Starry Night, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy an evening stroll under the fall stars followed by a tasty treat at the campfire. *Ages 18 and up. Registration require at least two days prior.*

Sunday, 11/18; 1pm

Ornithology 101: Bird Nests, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Where do birds build their nests? With leaves off the trees, we can find out.

Sunday, 11/18; 1pm

Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Sow the seeds of history in this hands-on program. Hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirt recommended. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 11/18; 10am - 3pm

46th Annual Settlers' Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Experience costumed living-history demonstrators, history hikes, crafts, an imaginary wagon train adventure and more. Admission free; nonperishable food or money donations benefitting a local food depository gratefully accepted.

Friday, 11/23; 1pm

Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike on our trails. *Registration required.*

Friday, 11/23 - 12/21; 10am - 5pm

Wonderland Express, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Wonderland Express, Chicago's favorite seasonal event, is back for the holidays. The exhibition transforms the Regenstein Center into a magical holiday haven, full of trains, lights, and botanical decorations - mini-replicas of beloved Chicago landmarks and sites, all handcrafted from natural materials such as leaves, bark, and moss. This family-friendly tradition includes special events such as caroling and ice sculpting. *Fees apply.*

Saturday, 11/24; 1pm

Green Fire Viewing and Discussion, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

The one-hour documentary traces legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold's personal journey to develop an ethical relationship between people and nature and his lasting impact today. *Registration required.*

Friday, 11/30; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us for s'mores by the fire, storytelling, and astronomy.

Sunday, 12/2; 1pm - 2:45pm

Winter Walks, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A winter hike through the woods with or without snow shoes.

1-2:45 pm if there is a base of 4" snow on snowshoes with a short lesson. *Limited number of snowshoes available; registration required at least 3 days prior to reserve snowshoes.*

Friday, 12/7; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Swallow Cliff North Pavilion, Chicago

Come join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and more.

Saturday, 12/8; 1pm

Wax Clinic, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn how simple it is to care for your skis. We will discuss ski maintenance for waxable and waxless skis.

Saturday, 12/8; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Join us for a celebration of winter and the outdoors with a huge bonfire! Outdoor activities and s'mores provided. Parking at Potawatomi Woods.

Sunday, 12/9; 1pm - 3pm

Buckthorn Bonfire, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Help us open the woodlands by removing this woody threat, then warm up by the fire. Bring work gloves.

Sunday, 12/9; 1:30pm

Sit Down With a Skunk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about skunks' unique adaptations and meet River Trail's resident striped skunk.

Sunday, 12/9; 11am - 3pm

Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer cabins and celebrate this joyous time of year in a simpler way with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting and popcorn popping in the open fire.

Sunday, 12/9; 1pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Make a simple musical instrument with us, or bring your own. Play or just listen - all are welcome!