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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 6/25/2019 - 7/23/2019

Every Day, 6/26 - 9/29; 9:30am - 6pm

Brick Safari, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brick Safari features more than 40 life-size animal sculptures created from millions of individual colored LEGO bricks! The menagerie of animals will be located along a winding, wooded pathway on the east side of the park, and many of the sculptures are based on some Brookfield Zoo favorites, such as the lion, giraffe, snow leopard, and pangolin. Open during zoo hours.

Thursday, 6/27; 7pm - 9pm

Singing Insect Monitor Training, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Author Dr. Carl Strang will introduce commonly heard crickets, katydids and cicadas. Learn monitoring protocol and practice making your own recordings. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Fridays and Saturdays, 6/28 - 8/10; 5pm - 9pm

Summer Nights, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brookfield Zoo's summertime event is back for a sixth season! Enjoy the zoo in a new light with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining, beer and wine garden, live music, roaming performers, Animal Ambassadors, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature.

Saturday, 6/29; 11am - 1pm

Paddle the Northwest, Busse Lake Boating Center, Schaumburg

Join us as we paddle and explore Busse Lake's South Pool. Instruction and gear provided. *Ages 5 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 6/29 and 7/20; 1:30pm

Summer Nature Hikes, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join a naturalist on a hike to see what's going on in nature along our trails. *All ages.*

Sunday, 6/30; 1pm

Smartphone Snapshots, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn tips and tricks to enhance nature photos captured with your smartphone.

Every Thursday in July and August, 10am - 11am

Wellness in the Woods: Yoga, Dan Ryan Woods Central, Chicago

Join Oak Street Health-Ashburn for yoga. Bring your own mat. *Ages 50 and older.*

Saturday, 7/6; 1:30pm

Turtles on the Move, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about the movement patterns and nesting habits of turtles. *Ages 10 and up.*

Saturday, 7/6; 12pm - 4pm

Outdoor Block Party, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Nature play, pop-up adventure play, creative reuse, games, hikes and more. We will also have a food vendor on site.

Sunday, 7/7; 7:30pm

Fireside Tales, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Enjoy a summer sunset with stories and snacks around a campfire. Experience River Trail in the evening. *\$3/person (must register in advance) check in 15 minutes before the program start time.*

Sunday, 7/7; 10am

Portage Hike, Chicago Portage National Historic Site, Lyons

Join us for a nearly 1-mile walk. We will talk about the site's history and enjoy the surrounding landscape.

Thursday, 7/11; 6pm - 8:30pm

Concert at the Cliff, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Hills

In partnership with Village of Palos Park, enjoy a night of free live music from 51 Lincoln Band. Bring a seat and snacks and relax to the tunes. *More details at Palos Park website.*

Friday, 7/12; 6:30pm

Twilight Canoe Trip, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Explore a local lake at Crabtree Nature Center in a canoe at twilight. *Ages 18 and up. Limited space. Registration required.*

Saturday, 7/13; 10am - 3pm

Kids' Fest, Wampum Lake, Thornton

Outdoor extravaganza for the whole family. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 7/13; 10am

Earth Art! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Earth art is a practice that connects us to nature while sparking creativity. Create art using natural materials for future visitors to enjoy.

Sunday, 7/14; 1pm

Sagawau Art: Drawing Birds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Class will focus on gesture sketching and development of a completed drawing of an avian subject. *Ages 12 and up.*

Sunday, 7/14; 1pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Make a simple musical instrument with us, or bring your own guitar, fiddle, banjo, etc.! All are welcome to join the jam or just listen and enjoy.

Wednesday, 7/17; 2pm - 6pm

Kayak the Pond, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn to kayak on Trailside's pond. All materials and instruction are provided. *\$5/person or \$10/family. Please sign up in advance for one session only. No groups.*

Thursday, 7/18; 11am - 2pm

Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Celebrate and learn about insects. Explore how pollinators help us, follow the migratory patterns of butterflies, and make

insect-inspired art. *All ages.*

Thursday, 7/18; 5pm - 7pm

Monarch Lab, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about the monarch's life cycle, migration and how we can conserve its habitat. *Registration required.*

Friday, 7/19; 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Dan Ryan VIP Play, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Dan Ryan's newest amenity, the Dan Ryan Tree House, a Vertical Imagination Palace for nature play fun.

Saturday, 7/20; 11am - 2pm

Black Cook County History Re-enactments, Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

Join Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth for a celebration in observance of Chicago Hip-Hop Heritage Month and Cook County Urban Fine Arts Month.

Saturday, 7/20; 9am - 11am

Paddle the North, Beck Lake, Des Plaines

Join us as we paddle and explore Beck Lake. Instruction and gear provided. *Ages 5 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 7/20; 8am - 11am

Fishing Derby, Tampier Lake Boating Center, Orland Park

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

Saturday, 7/20; 10am

Hike the Preserves: Interpretive Hike, Oak Forest Heritage Preserve, Oak Forest

Take a hike and enjoy the natural beauty around you. More details on the Forest Preserves website.

Saturday, 7/20; 1:30pm

Our Country School, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us for a 1.75-mile hike to the original schoolhouse site and follow the journey from schoolhouse to nature center. *Ages 7 and up.*

Sunday, 7/21; 1pm

Navigation Quest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Test your navigation skills and animal trivia to complete an all-ages self-guided course to earn a prize and bragging rights as a nature sleuth.

Sunday, 7/21; 10am - 12pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt: Discover Geocaching, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Use technology to find your way through a scavenger hunt filled with natural fun facts and activities.