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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 10/22/2019 - 11/19/2019

Wednesday, 10/23; 9am - 1pm

Sand Ridge Senior Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore the nature center and its grounds while learning about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Wednesday, 10/23; 4pm - 6pm

Archery 101, Rubio Woods, Midlothian

Learn proper techniques and bow basics from one-on-one instruction from certified staff. *All levels. Ages 10 and up.*

Saturday and Sunday, 10/26 - 10/27; 10am - 4pm

Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy, including candy stations, a pumpkin smasher, crafts, a hayride, specialty food and drink, and tons of themed activities.

Saturday, 10/26; 1:30pm

Fall Color Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy the colorful leaves of sassafras yellow, black cherry red and black oak orange during a 2-mile walk.

Sunday, 10/27; 2pm - 5pm

Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Enjoy a family-friendly Halloween event, with candy. Sponsored by the Forest Preserves and East Side Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, 10/27; 1pm

Costumes and Camouflage, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Costumes are encouraged for this family-friendly hike through the woods. Learn about the colors and camouflage animals wear and find treats along the way.

Sunday, 10/27; 9am - 1pm

Red Gate Woods: Beginning of the Atomic Age, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

What happened in a southwestern forest preserve that changed the world? Meet at Sagawau for a presentation, then drive to Red Gate Woods and hike to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. *Ages 16 and up. Registration required.*

Tuesday, 10/29; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Free, hands-on workshops for individuals and families, teaching basic camping skills. *All ages. Children 16 and under with adult.*

Friday, 11/1; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, and astronomy.

Saturday, 11/2; 10am - 2pm

Bison Crawl, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us on a bison history hike along our prairie to discuss the importance of these magnificent grazers. Selfies with a life size bison will delight visitors of all ages. Enjoy participating in a bison scavenger hunt, make bison mud pies, and learn more about bison and the significance of their horns through activities.

Sunday, 11/3; 1:30pm

Pioneer Living: Cooking from Scratch, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how to make some staple pioneer meals over a fire and find out how pioneers preserved food without refrigeration. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 11/3; 12pm - 2pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We'll provide you with coordinates of some hidden treasures to find in the forest. Check out one of our GPS units or bring your own. *Supplies are limited.*

Thursday, 11/7; 7pm

Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a lively discussion of the book *Animal Investigators: How the World's First Wildlife Forensics Lab is Solving Crimes and Saving Endangered Species* by Laurel Abrams.

Thursday, 11/7; 10am - 11am

S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Nature will inspire a different activity for seniors each week. *Seniors only.*

Thursday, 11/7; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Free, hands-on workshops for individuals and families, teaching basic camping skills. *All ages. Children 16 and under with adult.*

Saturday, 11/9; 1pm - 3pm

Hike the Freedom Trail, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Learn about the many Freedom Seekers that came through this region prior to the civil war. Presented by The Little Calumet River Underground Railroad Project. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 11/9; 9am

Walk the Sag Valley Trail, McClaughrey Spring Woods, Tinley Park

Join us as we walk and explore a 2-mile stretch of the Sag Valley Trail.

Saturday, 11/9; 10am - 12pm

Conservation@Home: Composting for a Sustainable Lifestyle, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Join University of Illinois Extension staff and volunteers for a composting workshop and learn how to recycle food scraps and yard waste to create compost both in indoor and outdoor spaces. *Registration required at University of Illinois Extension website.*

Sunday, 11/10; 7:30am

Eggers Grove Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join Chicago Ornithological Society to look for fall migrants and waterfowl. Wear waterproof boots. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

Monday, 11/11; 11am - 2pm

Veterans Day Celebration, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

To honor the men and women who have proudly served our nation, the Chicago Zoological Society invites the public to a special Veterans Day ceremony at Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center. On Veterans Day, admission to the zoo is FREE for all guests, and parking is free for veterans.

Friday, 11/15; 8am

Permits Opening Day

2020 Picnic and special event permits go on sale online at fpdcc.com/permits and in person at the Forest Preserves General Headquarters (536 N. Harlem, River Forest) and Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center (87th and Western, Chicago).

Friday, 11/15; 5pm - 8pm

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

Join us for an evening in the Forest Preserves. Enjoy a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, and natural material building.

Friday, 11/15; 7pm

Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A guided hike on our trail to search for local owls. \$3/person.

Saturday, 11/16; 1pm

Predators of the Preserves Canines: Coyotes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about the predators that call Cook County home and their vital role in our ecosystem. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 11/16; 5:30pm

Owl Prowl Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore our woodlands at night for a unique experience as we search for these nocturnal birds of prey. *Registration required.*