



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 12/17/2019 - 1/21/2020

Throughout the winter (when there is snow)

Snowshoes

Snowshoes are available at 5 nature centers when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

Cross-country Skiing and Ski Rental

Starting December 21, as soon as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow), Sagawau Nordic is open from 9am - 4pm. Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. *Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.*

Ski Equipment Rental

Rentals available from 9 am-2 pm daily. Equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental package includes skis, bindings, boots and poles. Classic and skate skis available. All children and adult sizes. *Visit Forest Preserve website for rental fees. Groups of 10 or more, Monday through Friday only. Schedule in advance.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 12/21 - 12/22, Thursday through Tuesday 12/26 - 12/31; All day Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Now in its 38th year, celebrate Chicagoland's largest and longest running lights festival. With over one million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot talking tree, a skating rink, carolers, ice carvers and much more, it's a magical time for the entire family.

Friday, 12/20; 7pm

Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join us for a talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we will look for these unique predators on a .5-mile hike.

Saturday, 12/21; 10am

Hike the Preserves-Fitness Hike, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves with this new program out on the trails. *Fitness Hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster pace with little to no stopping or interpretation.*

Saturday, 12/21; 10am

Hike the Preserves-Walk and Talk, Midlothian Meadows, Midlothian

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves with this new program out on the trails. *Walk and Talk hikes are for the curious mind who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation.*

Saturday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Winter Solstice Bonfire, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Short hikes, hot cocoa, s'mores, music and stories around the bonfire. Plus, other entertainment and activities. *\$5/person. All ages.*

Saturday, 12/21 through Sunday, 1/5

Winter Break Nature Fun, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

When kids are out of school, drop in for free, family-friendly indoor and outdoor nature activities. *See schedule and watch our Facebook page for special offerings.*

Monday, 12/23; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Friday, 12/27; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Friday, 12/27; 10am

Wild Wind, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn the science and patterns behind wind followed by a wind-themed artmaking activity.

Saturday, 12/28; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Come for fun and adventure during winter break! Climbing wall, snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Monday, 12/30; 1pm

Raptor Rendezvous, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more.

Thursday, 1/2; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Come for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Saturday, 1/4; 10am

New Year Nature Bath, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Indoor talk, then a hike to awaken our senses to the sights, sounds and smells of nature in winter. *Ages 18 and up.*

Saturday, 1/4; 10am - 1pm

Winter Exploration Day: Stewardship and Winter Recreation, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Help restore this unique ecosystem then enjoy a hike to explore winter animals. In partnership with the Field Museum.

Sunday, 1/5; 1pm

Survival Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Let's survive a 2.9-mile hike while discussing and learning different methods used by animals to survive. *Ages 18 and up.*

Sunday, 1/5; 1:30pm

Wonderful Winter Wildlife, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how local wildlife must sleep, move or adapt in order to survive Chicago winters.

Friday, 1/10; 5pm - 7pm

Winter Watercolors, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. *Materials provided. Ages 21 and older. BYOB (no glass). Registration required.*

Saturday, 1/11; 1pm - 3pm

All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, then make your own fire and toast a marshmallow. *All ages.*

Saturday, 1/11; 9am

Fireside Yoga at Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Bring your mat and join us for an indoor yoga class surrounded by nature. *Ages 12 and up.*

Monday, 1/20; 12pm - 3pm

M.L.K. Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

“Life’s most persistent and urgent questions is: What are you doing for others?”-Martin Luther King Jr

Remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Enjoy sledding (weather permitting) and winter activities. *Groups of 10 or more, register at 708-386-4042 Ext. 19.*

Saturday, 1/18; 10am

Frozen Science, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore our frozen season by experimenting with freezing points of various items.