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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 11/17/2020- 12/15/2020

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Wednesdays in November; 10:30am- 11:30am

Open Nature Play Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Register your play group, day care, or homeschool for this hour-long open nature play time. Enjoy the new Dan Ryan Woods Nature Play space while helping your children connect with nature. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 11/17; 10am

Fitness Hike: Deer Grove, Deer Grove West, Palatine

Celebrate National Take A Hike Day in this fast-paced, fitness hike through Deer Grove. This hike will be just over 5 miles of mixed terrain, so be prepared for a workout with sturdy shoes and long pants. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 11/17; 11am

National Take a Hike Day: History & Photography Walk, Chicago Portage National Historic Site, Chicago

In celebration of National Take a Hike Day, grab your camera and get ready to learn the history of this unique site within the Forest Preserves! Expect a guided walk with stopping points along the way to discuss the history of the site and to snap some pictures. Advanced cameras and camera phones both work just fine. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday, 11/19; 10:00am (Via Facebook Live)

"I Am a Scientist," Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join a Naturalist as we conduct an experiment that demonstrates how plants reach the light they love, also known as phototropism.

Friday, 11/20; 7pm

River Trail Nightlife: Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A guided walk on our trail to search for local owls. *Registration and facemasks required. Fee: \$3/person.*

Saturday, 11/21; 10am - 12pm

Fire Building 101, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Learn the basics of fire building using a mix of primitive and modern techniques. Once perfected, try constructing your own! *Please bring gloves. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/21; 1pm

What Good Is Dead Wood? Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Dead trees and fallen logs are part of the woodland. Hike with a naturalist to see what is thriving after a tree dies.

Registration and facemasks required.

Sunday, 11/22; 1pm

Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Help sow native plant seeds to enhance our restored prairie. *Bring your work gloves. Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 11/24; 2pm - 5pm

Fall Crafternoon, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Let nature inspire your creativity. Enjoy different kinds of art suitable for all ages. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 11/24; 3pm (Via Facebook Live)

Kid's Turkey Craft, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Kids, join us virtually to learn all about turkeys, and make a simple turkey craft. Bags containing the craft supplies will be available for pickup at Trailside Nature Museum from Nov. 21 through Nov. 25th.

Tuesday, 11/24; 10:30am (Via Facebook Live)

Let's Talk Turkey, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Everything you do not know about our favorite main dish for Thanksgiving. Join us for a discussion and project to celebrate the season.

Friday, 11/27; 1pm

Annual Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Walk off that turkey dinner with a Naturalist, as we take a special post-holiday hike on the scenic trails surrounding Trailside Museum. *Family program, no strollers. Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 11/27; 10am

Holiday Hustle, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Work off the stuffing with a brisk 3-mile walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/28; 10am

Creative Reuse: Gratitude Jars, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Create unique jars to collect notes that recognize the goodness in our lives. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/28; 6pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the moon be our guide as we hike the one-mile White Oak trail followed by a warm-up by a bonfire under the night sky. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/28; 1:30pm

Sand Hill Crane Migration Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy our beautiful trails while looking for Sand Hill Cranes and other birds during migration. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/28; 6:30am -8am

Early Risers, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Nature center grounds will be open early for hiking, bird watching and photographers looking to explore and capture nature in the early morning light. *Bathroom doors will open from the outside at 7am. Adults only. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 11/29; 10:30am or 1:30pm

Changing Seasons, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how plants and animals prepare for winter while on a guided walk. *Limited space available. Registration and facemasks required.*

Monday, 11/30; 7pm

Beaver Moon - Full Moon Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Take a guided hike under a full moon. Choose either a 1.4 or 2 mile walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 12/2; 10:30 am (via Facebook Live)

The Reason We Have Seasons, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us as we explain and do a demonstration that shows how and why we have the seasons. If you have a globe and a flashlight you can follow along with us.

Saturday, 12/5; 10 am

Beaubien Woods Community Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Join the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Field Museum to enjoy a day at Beaubien Woods. Explore nature, help with restoration and enjoy an art making activity. *Facemasks required.* Call or email to register at 312-415-2970.

Saturday, 12/5; 11 am

Explore: Horsetail Lake, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park

Adults and families, come explore with us at Horsetail Lake! You can do so by grabbing a self-guided exploration activity, or join our staff on one of our guided hikes. We will have a litter pickup if you would like to help in cleaning up the preserve, a fire to warm up by, and a take-home nature activity for you to continue your adventure at home. *Facemasks required.*

Friday, 12/11; 7 pm

Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for an informative talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we'll look for these unique predators on a .5-mile hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 12/13; 1:30 pm

Winter Wildlife Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how plants & animals handle winter weather while on a guided walk.

Limited space available. Families/All ages welcome. *Registration and facemasks required.*