

SAGAWAU ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

630-257-2045

Sagawau Canyon Hikes: Wade the creek to see flowers, ferns, and rock formations in Cook County's only canyon. Be prepared for wet feet. Saturdays, June 4, 11 & 25, 1:00 p.m.

Nesting Bird Search: Sagawau's diverse habitats are a haven for nesting birds - we'll see what we can find. *Registration required.* Sunday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.

Sagawau Snakes: Be charmed by these shy and hard to observe creatures. *Registration required.* Sunday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.

Gateway to the Preserves - Explore Biodiversity: Begin the day with early bird walks and bird banding demonstrations, and stay or come for canyon tours, prairie treks, reptile and amphibian programs, and more. Saturday, June 18, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Summer Prairie Tour: Experience the prairie in bloom at one of our first restoration sites. *Registration required.* Sunday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Sketching Nature: Learn some easy techniques to enhance your enjoyment of nature. *Registration required.* Sunday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

Terrestrial Biology: An intensive introduction to resources and techniques for investigating our local environment. *CPDU or graduate credit available, call for details.* June 28 - July 1.



CRABTREE NATURE CENTER

847-381-6592

☺ **Budding Naturalist: Crabtree Explorer:** Grab an activity kit and go explore what is happening in nature this month! Every day except Fridays in June, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Late Spring Ramble: We'll take a 90 minute (or more) hike to see what is happening in the natural world as spring turns to summer. Sunday, June 5, 1:00 p.m.

(Don't Call It) Pond Scum: It's dark and smelly, but teeming with life - don't call it scum. Take a look at what is lurking in and around our nature center wetlands. Sunday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.

☺ **Gone Fishin':** The first day is a close look at native fish through activities and investigations, the second for, of course, fishing. *For ages 8-12; limit 10 per program. Registration, and parent participation on the second day, required.*

Program 1: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 14 & 15; Program 2: Thursday & Friday, June 16 & 17; 10:00 a.m. - noon

Viva Vultures: Celebrate our turkey vulture's 30th birthday. We'll see how vultures are specially designed to be nature's clean-up crew. Carrion cake will be served. Sunday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Moon in June: Join the naturalist for an evening sensory hike to see who is active during the night of a full moon. *Registration required.* Wednesday, June 15, 9:00 p.m.

Gateway to the Preserves - Wetlands Exploration Day: Bring the family for a day of wetland explorations. Hikes, pond dipping, amphibian investigation, and indoor activities may be included. Sunday, June 26, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE NATURE CENTER

708-839-6897

White Oak Trail Workday: Grab your gloves! Have fun learning about stewardship and restoration as we tackle invasive plant species. Tools and light refreshments provided. Saturday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.

Gateway to the Preserves - Nature Is Accessible: Join us for hours of fun and exploration! Trail walks, pond exploration and fun, hands-on learning activities will delight visitors of all abilities. Leave no child inside! All activities are kid-friendly and accessible. Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Astronomy Evening: The Chicago Astronomical Society invites enthusiasts to view the night sky. Some telescopes will be set up, or bring your own. *Weather permitting: call to confirm.* Saturday, June 11, 8:30 p.m.

☺ **Mother Nature and Me Camp:** Storytelling, crafts and learning activities will delight *children ages 3 - 4* as they explore the nature center. *Registration IN PERSON begins June 1st. An adult must accompany children; \$15.00 / child.* Tuesday - Thursday, June 14 - 16, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Brown-Eyed Owls: Most, but not all, owls have yellow eyes. Meet our region's only brown-eyed owl. Saturday, June 18, 1:30 p.m.

☺ **Habitat Hunters Day Camp:** Storytelling, crafts and learning activities will delight *children ages 5 - 6* as they explore the nature center. *Registration IN PERSON begins June 1st. An adult must accompany children; \$15.00 / child.* Tuesday - Thursday, June 21 - 23, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

☺ **Young Naturalist Field Camp:** Kids *ages 7 - 11* will work alongside naturalists as they participate in engaging learning activities, hikes and experiments. *Registration IN PERSON begins June 1st; \$15.00 / child.* Tuesday - Thursday, June 28 - 30, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Chicago Portage Walk and Work Day: A walk reveals the historic secrets of this site. Then, help restore biodiversity by removing invasive plants. Bring work gloves if you have them. Groups welcome! This is a great way to fulfill community service requirements. *47th & Harlem, Lyons.* Saturday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. - noon.



RIVER TRAIL NATURE CENTER

847-824-8360

What's on the Menu? Join us at feeding time to learn about our resident display animals and their fascinating habits. Every Saturday & Sunday in June, 3:00 p.m.

☺ **Small Serendipity:** Join us for a story and activity for *children ages 3 - 6, with an adult.* \$1.00 / child. Wednesdays, June 1 & 15, 10:00 a.m.

Gateway to the Preserves - Tails and Trails Explorer Day: Celebrate with nature inspired hands-on activities that will nurture your sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world. Sunday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Which Butterfly Flutters By? Learn how to know some local butterflies, and how you can attract them to your home. Sunday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.

An Un-Buried Treasure Hunt: Steal a treasure map and decode clues along the trails to find the un-buried treasure. Pick up a map anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 19.

Summer Animal Series - Snakes: Learn about the amazing adaptations snakes use to survive. Sunday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.

Nightlife: Fireside Tales: Join us for a summer night's stories and snacks by a campfire. *Registration required; \$2.00 / person. Please call for additional registration details. No groups please!* Thursday, June 30, 6:45 p.m.



TRAILSIDE MUSEUM

708-366-6530

☺ **Nature Story Time:** Nature-inspired stories, crafts and activities for *ages 3 - 5 with an adult.* \$1.00 / child. Thursdays, June 2, 16 & 30, 10:30 a.m.

Early Summer Stroll: We'll take a walk to enjoy the natural beauty of early summer on our scenic trails. *For adults, registration required.* Sunday, June 5, 1:00 p.m.

☺ **Parent/Child Fishing:** Fishing is fun! Join us down by the pond to learn to bait hooks, cast, and fish safely. Equipment provided, or bring your own! *Registration required - sign up for ONE session only.* Saturday, June 11 or Sunday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Fitness Hike: Enjoy a brisk guided hike along the scenic trails around Trailside Museum. *For adults.* Saturday, June 18, 9:00 a.m.

Father's Day Walk: Dads and families are invited for a walk by the pond and through the woods, to enjoy our plants and animals. *Free, registration required.* Sunday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

☺ **Bugland:** Let's take the "UG" out of BUG! *Children in grades K-3, with an adult* are invited to see the world through insect eyes, eat like a bug, and go hunting on an insect safari! Saturday, June 25, 1:00 p.m.



SAND RIDGE NATURE CENTER

708-868-0606

Sand Ridge Audubon Society Meeting: All are invited for a program and socialization. Friday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Live Healthy - Discover Nature Hiking Club: Join us on the first Saturday of each month for a vigorous hike with a naturalist. Saturday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.

☺ **Wee Wonders - Butterflies and Caterpillars:** *Pre-schoolers, with an adult,* are invited for a story and activity about what happens when a caterpillar grows up. Thursday, June 9, 1:30 p.m.

The Sun - Our Nearest Star: Learn amazing science about our sun, as our staff astronomer guides your view of the sun through a properly filtered telescope. A slide program will be substituted if weather is not clear. *Registration by June 9 required.* Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Firefly Hike: Enjoy an enchanted evening as a naturalist enlightens you about firefly communication. *Registration by June 15 required.* Friday, June 17, 8:30 p.m.

Bird and Butterfly Gardens: Birds and butterflies need water, food, and shelter. Learn how you can help them in your yard, and how to apply for National Wildlife Federation certification. Saturday, June 18, 1:30 p.m.



Father's Day Hike: Get Dad and the family out for a nature walk on his special day. Sunday, June 19, 1:30 p.m.

The Great American Back Yard Campout: We'll show you what you need to have fun camping, as we celebrate The National Wildlife Federation's annual camping experience. *Registration by June 23 required.* Saturday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.

☺ **Summer Eye-Opener Camp:** Fun activities and nature explorations *for ages 7 & 8.* *Registration by June 20 is required, \$15.00 / child.* Monday - Thursday, June 27 - 30, 9:30 a.m. - noon.



☺ **families please note children's programs**

GATEWAY to the PRESERVES

This summer the Forest Preserve District invites families to a series of active education events at your nature centers. Each will feature healthy hikes, including tips for trails, and activities that you can do on your own. Each event will have a different focus, all with an emphasis on "Leave No Child Inside" and "Live Healthy, Discover Nature."

Join us for any or all of these events:

Sunday, June 5, River Trail NC

Tails and Trails Day

Saturday, June 11, Little Red Schoolhouse NC

Leave No Child Inside - Nature is Accessible

Saturday, June 18, Sagawau ELC

Explore Summer Biodiversity

Sunday, June 26, Crabtree NC

Explore Wetlands



LIVE HEALTHY - DISCOVER NATURE

Daley Center Plaza

Wednesday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The FPDCC, along with organizations that support local wildlife and outdoor recreation, will showcase a variety of native habitats and activities. Live animals from our nature centers will be on hand for a close-up view.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

at Sagawau E.L.C.

630-257-2045

Field courses for teachers and other leaders. Great for CPDU credit, or graduate level credit is available through Governors State University. *Sagawau fee: \$50.00.* Credit students must also register with GSU and pay GSU tuition. Call for details.

Terrestrial Biology: June 28 - July 1.

Biological Field Science: July 11 - 15.

Earth Science: July 25 - 29.

Crabtree Nature Center
Palatine Rd. one mile west of Barrington Rd.
Barrington, IL 847-381-6592

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 S. Willow Springs Rd.
Willow Springs, IL 708-839-6897

River Trail Nature Center
3120 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Northbrook, IL 847-824-8360

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St.
Lemont, IL 630-257-2045

Sand Ridge Nature Center
15891 Paxton Ave.
South Holland, IL 708-868-0606

The Hal Tyrrell Trailside Museum
Chicago and Thatcher Avenues
River Forest, IL 708-366-6530

The Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center
6100A North Central
Chicago, IL 773-631-1790

Brookfield Zoo
31st St., west of First Ave.
Brookfield, IL 708-485-0263

The Chicago Botanic Garden
Lake Cook Rd. east of Edens Expressway
Glencoe, IL 847-835-5440



Most programs on this calendar are presented by FPDCC Naturalists at the facilities listed. Many programs require registration in advance, and some require fees. Please consult listings under individual sites, and call the host site for details.

For information or special assistance for people with disabilities, please call the host site or the Department of Resource Management, 708-771-1335, at least 48 hours in advance.

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The Forest Preserve District of Cook County

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