



Calendar of Events

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

May 7 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Garlic Mustard Mondays at the Eggers Grove Forest Preserve East 112th Street and Avenue E, Chicago, IL

Volunteers should meet near the caretaker's house. Join us for one hour after work in May to pull garlic mustard, an invasive species. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, bring gloves and dress for the weather. For more information, call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy at (773) 646-4773. To learn more about upcoming CEPA events, visit our website at <http://lincolnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association)

May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Dan Ryan Woods Stewardship Workday Meet at the parking lot on the north side of 87th Street two blocks east of South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL

We will cutting brush, collecting seeds, and pulling up invasive plants at this beautiful woods. Tools and gloves will be provided. Contact Benjamin Cox at (773) 398-1178 or email to benjamin@fotfp.org for more information. To learn more about the many upcoming outdoor activities sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Preserves, please visit our website at <http://www.fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

May 12, June 9 (NO WORKDAYS IN JULY or AUGUST) • 10:00am - 1:00pm
Eggers Woods Stewardship Workdays Meet at the Eggers Woods caretaker's house East 112th Street and Avenue E, Chicago, IL

We will be cutting brush, collecting seeds, and pulling invasive plants at this beautiful forest preserve. Tools and gloves will be provided. Contact John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 for more information about the workdays. To learn more about the many outdoor activities sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Preserves, please visit our website @ <http://www.fotfp.org/>.

(The Field Museum, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserve District of Cook County)



May 14 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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May 19 (NO WORKDAYS IN JUNE, JULY or AUGUST) • 9:00am - 11:00am
Powderhorn Prairie Nature Walk Meet in the Powderhorn Lake parking lot on the east side of Brainard Ave. just south of Burnham Ave. on the far south east side of Chicago, IL

We will be walking the site to plan work for the Fall and to enjoy and identify the site's diverse wildflower species. For more information, please contact Alice Brandon at alice@fotfp.org or 312-286-6937 for more information. To learn more about the many outdoor activities sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Preserves, please visit our website at <http://www.fotfp.org/>.

(Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

May 26 (NO WORKDAYS IN JUNE, JULY or AUGUST) • 10:00am - 1:00pm
Kickapoo Prairie Stewardship Workday Riverdale, IL

We will be cutting brush, collecting native seeds and pulling up invasive plants at this unique prairie preserve. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers can park in the Thornton Township Municipal Building (Halsted and 144th Street) and meet at the entrance to the prairie site that is directly west and across the street from the parking lot in Riverdale. For more information about the event, please contact Eileen Klees at (773) 968-3396 or by email at eklees@gmail.com. To learn more about the outdoor activities sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Preserves, please visit our website at <http://www.fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

May 21 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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May 2012

May 4 • Wolf Lake Poster Contest
Poster Contest at the 12th Annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water Festival. Register by Friday, April 27, 2012. Awards presented 12:30pm, Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Hammond Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN

Open to students and members of youth organizations in the Wolf Lake area. Entrants in the poster contest will be asked to depict summer activities at Wolf Lake. Entrants may also wish to include the concept of stewardship that is required to preserve and enhance the watershed. Competition is open to students at Wolf Lake area schools, scout groups and members of other youth organizations. Entries will be judged in three to four age categories by a panel of judges. The first place winner in each category will receive \$25. The second and third place winners will receive \$15 and \$10, respectively. Winners also will receive free family memberships in AWLI for one year. Winning entries, including honorable mentions, will be exhibited at the AWLI's information kiosk and at the Hammond Environmental Education Center. For further information, call (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149.
(Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative)

May 5 • 10:00am - 2:00pm
Work and Play on the Burnham Greenway, 107th Street and Avenue D, Chicago, IL

Volunteers will work mulching trees and general clean up of Bean's Park and the Burnham Greenway in the morning. After refreshments, we will have some fun outdoor activities. For more information, call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-4773. For more information, please visit the CEPA website at <http://lincolnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association and Trees "R" Beautiful)

May 5 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Beaubien Woods Volunteer Day
Beaubien Forest Preserve, Chicago, IL

We invite you to join us as we work to improve and beautify this prairie and woods. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Meet at the preserve's only picnic shelter adjacent to Flatfoot Lake (take the Bishop Ford [I-94] to the Beaubien Woods Exit #69 just south of 130th St. If coming from the south, exit at 130th street and loop back onto the expressway so that you can get off at the Beaubien Woods Exit). For more information and to RSVP, contact

Laura Milkert at (312) 665-7444 or lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org (The Field Museum and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

May 5 • 4:00pm to May 6 - 12:00pm
Save the Dunes 60th Anniversary
Campout, Group Camp Site 1,
Indiana Dunes State Park,
Chesterton, IN

Join Save the Dunes and the Field Museum for a campout on Saturday, May 5th at the Indiana Dunes State Park. We will meet at 4:00 pm at the Group 1 camp site. We will have a night hike led by Laura Milkert of the Field Museum and Erin Crofton of Save the Dunes. There will also be a morning bird hike on May 6th. Both hikes are open to those who may not wish to camp. Please bring your own food and drink. Campsites are limited, so please RSVP to Eric Neagu at (773) 403-5137 or via email at ericneagu@gmail.com. (Save the Dunes)

May 10 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Chicago Southland Green Drinks
Fannings Riverside Tap Room
13351 Aulwurm Drive, Blue Island, IL

Open to all. Join other volunteers, community members and environmental professionals for this evening of socializing, networking, and education. The evening will begin with time for networking followed by a guest speaker and then open social time. For more information about upcoming "green networking" events please contact Erika Hasle at ehasle@fieldmuseum.org. (The Field Museum)

May 12 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Bobolink Meadow Workday in Jackson Park, 6401 S. Stony Island, Chicago, IL

All supplies provided. Meet in the north meadow. Bobolink is located east of the Jackson Park lagoons. There is a large parking lot - exit Lake Shore Drive at 5800 and go left from the lot for the Museum of Science and Industry. After parking, note the Bobolink sign before you get to the lagoon and follow the path south. Please RSVP to parrybell@comcast.net. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Friends of the Parks website at <http://fotp.org/>. (Friends of the Parks)

May 12 • 10:00am - 3:00pm
Tree Planting at Ambler Flatwoods
Nature Preserve, Michigan City, IN

At 350 acres, Ambler Flatwoods is the Shirley Heinze Land Trust's largest nature preserve. On this workday we will be planting trees on a newly acquired 16 acre

tract that was once used for agriculture. Most of the site has reforested naturally. We will be planting trees on two acres of what was once the former home site. Contact Jim Erdelac at (219) 879-4725 or volunteer@heinzetrust.org for more information. To learn more about the preservation work being done by the Shirley Heinze Land Trust in north-western Indiana, please visit our website at <http://www.heinzetrust.org/>. (Shirley Heinze Land Trust)

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May 19 • 9:00am - 2:00pm
Garlic Mustard Fest and Potluck
Luncheon at Trail Creek Fen,
Johnson Road, Michigan City, IN

Come on out and spend the day at Trail Creek Fen on Saturday, May 19th from 9am to 2pm for the Garlic Mustard Fest and Potluck. We will be hand-pulling garlic mustard and dame's rocket, and then do a pot-luck luncheon and a hike around the site afterwards. Please RVSP either with sam@savedunes.org or call the Save the Dunes office at (219) 879-3937. For more information on upcoming events, visit our website at <http://www.savedunes.org/>. (Save the Dunes)



May 20 • 1:00pm
Theodore Stone Woods Tour
Theodore Stone Woods, 67th Street,
east of LaGrange Road, Hodgkins, IL

Theodore Stone Woods features a variety of ecosystems from a rare dolomite prairie, a morainal beach ridge, a hickory oak savanna, to scattered marsh areas. This tour will focus on the natural and human history of the site - how it came to be what it is today, with emphasis on geology, fire, restoration and the vegetation most evident at the time of the tour. Theodore Stone Woods has oak and hickory woodlands, prairie, rare dolomite prairie, and wetland ecology. It is a prime example of what improvements can be made if an area is "managed" and we will be discussing what that means. The tour covers about two miles over 2-3 hours of easy walking but is not suitable for any persons with physical disabilities. Meet up at the Theodore Stone Woods parking lot on 67th Street a couple blocks east of LaGrange Road near Hodgkins. To learn more about ongoing preservation efforts, please visit us at <http://www.fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Forest Preserves)

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May 26 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Wooded Island Workday, Clarence
Darrow Bridge, south of Museum of
Science and Industry, Jackson Park,
Chicago, IL

All supplies will be provided. Meet up at the park east of the bridge, accessed off

Lake Shore Drive at 5800 South. Please RSVP at silevy@jeromelevy.com. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Friends of the Parks (FOTP) website at <http://fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Parks)

May 26-27 • 9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday, 6:00am - 12:00pm on
Sunday, 12th Annual Wolf Lake Bi-
State Wetlands, Wind and Water
Festival, Wolf Lake Park and the
Hammond Environmental Education
Center, 2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond,
IN & the William Powers Conservation
Area, Shelter 2, Chicago, IL

Open to the public with events for the entire family. The event showcases Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas as a resource for recreation, education, and family fun, and helps to foster bi-state cooperation. The festival seeks to instill a stewardship ethic among participants. Events include fishing clinic, kite flying, face painting, canoeing, kayaking, birding, nature walks, wind surfing instruction, and a bike tour of the Wolf Lake watershed as part of the 10th Ward Green Summit, student presentations and many numerous demonstrations, picnic lunch, sunrise service, and tours. For further information, call us at (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149 or visit our website at www.wolflakeinitiative.org. (Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative sponsors this event in collaboration with Hammond Port Authority, Chicago's 10th Ward Office, South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority, Lake County Solid Waste Management District, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Polish Legion of American Veterans, American Legion Illiana Post 220, Hegewisch and Vodak/East Side branches of the Chicago Public Library, and the East Side United Methodist Church.)

June 2012

June 2 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Beaubien Woods Volunteer Day
Beaubien Forest Preserve, Chicago, IL

We invite you to join us as we work to improve and beautify this prairie and woods. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Meet at the preserve's only picnic shelter adjacent to Flatfoot Lake (take the Bishop Ford [I-94] to the Beaubien Woods Exit #69 just south of 130th Street. If you are coming from the south, exit at 130th Street and loop back onto the expressway so that you can get off at the Beaubien Woods Exit). For more information and to RSVP, contact Laura Milkert at (312) 665-7444 or lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org. (The Field Museum and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

June 3 • 1:00pm
Somme Prairie Grove Tour
Intersection of Waukegan and Dundee
Roads, Northbrook, IL

Somme Prairie Grove is an oak savanna that boasts breath-taking scenic displays of grasses and wildflowers. This tour will focus on the natural and human history of the site - how it came to be what it is today, with emphasis on geology, fire, restoration and the vegetation most evident at the time of the tour. Somme Prairie Grove has oak/hickory woodlands and prairie ecology and is a prime example of what improvements can be made if an area is "managed". We will be discussing what that means. The tour is about two miles covered over 2-3 hours of easy walking but is not suitable for persons with physical disabilities. Meet at the Somme Woods parking lot, just east of Somme Prairie Grove near the intersection of Waukegan and Dundee Roads. Follow this link to view a map of the meeting location. To learn more about ongoing preservation efforts, please visit our web site at <http://www.fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Forest Preserves)

June 6 • 9:00am - 3:00pm
Calumet Outdoors Series: Family Fun
Day, Paul H. Douglas Center for
Environmental Education, 100 North
Lake Street, Miller, Gary, IN
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Join us for a variety of family friendly events at the Paul Douglas Center for Environmental Education in the scenic Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Drop in and visit a variety of fun educational stations: Nature Play, Frontier Campfire with Buffalo Soldiers, Camping activities, Art, Games and more! Join us for various guided hikes that will leave on the hour and wander through the Miller Woods Trail. Tentative schedule: 9:00am Birding for Families, 10:00am Healthy Walk, 11:00am Serenity Trail, 12:00pm Underground Railroad historic walk, 1:00pm Sonic Hike, 2:00pm Geology Hike. For more information contact: Alison Paul at (312) 665 7416 or by email at apaul@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the educational programs offered through the Douglas Center, visit us at <http://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/deec.htm> (The Field Museum, ECCo United Urban Network, Inc. Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education)



June 9 • 10:00am – 3:00pm
Increasing Native Species Diversity
Great Marsh Project Site,
Beverly Shores, IN

For the past two seasons we have been controlling invasive plant species in a large portion of the Great Marsh. We will be planting a diversity of wetland species to increase overall diversity of the site and speed up revegetation of the treatment areas. Knee high rubber boots will be required to get into the wet areas. Contact Jim Erdelac at (219) 879-4725 or email us at volunteer@heinzetrust.org for more information. You can also learn more about our preservation efforts in north-western Indiana by visiting our website at <http://www.heinzetrust.org/>. (Shirley Heinze Land Trust)

June 9 • 11:00am – 4:00pm
Beaubien Woods Celebration and
Environmental Day, Beaubien Woods
Forest Preserve, Chicago, IL

This free annual, family-friendly event provides an opportunity to learn about and explore this natural area. Fishing, nature-based activities, guided hikes of the forest preserve, and more. For more information, contact Laura Milkert at (312) 665-7444 or via email at lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org. (The Field Museum, Fishin' Buddies, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Eden Place, Chicago Department of Transportation Greencorps Project)

June 10 • 1:00pm
Spears Woods Forest Preserve Tour
Willow Springs, IL

Spears Woods is a beautiful oak savanna woodland with wetlands, rolling glacial terrain, and prairie knolls. This tour will focus on the natural and human history of the site - how it came to be and what it is today, with emphasis on geology, fire, restoration, and the vegetation most evident at the time of the tour. Spears Woods has an intriguing geological history and oak/hickory woodlands, wetlands, and prairie ecology. The tour is about 2 miles covered over 2 - 3 hours of easy walking but is not suitable for persons with physical disabilities. Meet at Spears Woods parking lot ½ mile south of 87th Street on 96th Avenue near Willow Springs. To learn more about ongoing conservation efforts, please visit our website at <http://www.fotfp.org/>. (Friends of the Forest Preserves)

June 13 • 11:30 am
17th Annual Boat Captain's Luncheon
Union League Club, 65 West Jackson
Boulevard, Chicago, IL

Please join the Canal Corridor Association at our 17th Boat Captain's Luncheon as we honor the United States National Park Service on June 13, 2012. NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis will be our guest of honor. If you received an invitation last year, then an invitation is forthcoming. If not and you would like an invitation, please email your name and address to us at reservations@canalcor.org or call (815) 220-1848 for more event information. You can also learn more about the Canal Corridor Association by visiting our website at <http://www.canalcor.org/>. Canal Corridor Association

June 16 • 9:00am – 12:00pm
Save the Dunes 60th Anniversary Hike
and Beach Cleanup, Indiana Dunes State
Park, Chesterton, IN

Join us for a summer interpretive hike and beach cleanup at the Indiana Dunes State Park. The program will be led by Erin Crofton, Education Program Director, & Mia Goulding, Water Program Specialist, who will highlight the importance of preserving the Indiana Dunes ecosystem. The State Park entrance fee will be waived for those registered for the beach cleanup. Contact Erin at erin@savedunes.org or (219) 879-3564 by June 8th to RSVP for one or both of these activities. For more information on upcoming Save the Dunes events, visit our website at <http://www.savedunes.org/>. (Save the Dunes)

June 16 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Indiana Dunes Stewardship Day -
Mount Baldy on US Highway 12,
near Michigan City, Indiana.

Mount Baldy is moving, and so are the invasive species. There are some really cool native plants in the mature forest on the edge of this smoking dune, but the invasive species are trying to take over. Please join in as we work to remove invasive plant species that are invading the Mount Baldy area. Lend a hand to help improve "Your Neighborhood National Park" during this volunteer opportunity at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. For more information contact Ranger Ted Winterfeld at TedWinterfeld@nps.gov. Come prepared for the weather. Bring some water, sun screen, and insect repellent. For more information about summer events and activities at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, in northwest Indiana, please visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm> (National Park Service)

June 21 • 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Save the Dunes Day Council Ring
and Potluck BBQ, Barker House,
444 Barker Road, Michigan City, IN

On June 21, 1952, a group of passionate women from Ogden Dunes officially formed Save the Dunes. Starting years before that, dunes lovers were known to gather around a Council Ring fire to talk about their connection to this inspiring landscape. In honor of the tradition of getting together around a common cause and enjoying ourselves, we are hosting a barbecue on Thursday, June 21st at Barker House, 444 Barker Road in Michigan City, IN from 5:00-8:00pm. Stop by, bring some food to grill or other grub, and share your dunes stories. It's a perfect way to break up your week. Please email your RSVP to office@savedunes.org or call the office at (219) 879-3564. For more information on upcoming Save the Dunes events, visit our website at <http://www.savedunes.org/>. (Save the Dunes)

June 24 • 4:30pm – 6:00 pm
Save the Dunes 60th Anniversary
Celebration Interactive Presentation
Ogden Dunes Community Church,
116 Hillcrest Road, Ogden Dunes, IN

Come and celebrate Save the Dunes' 60th birthday by attending a presentation about the organization's founding in 1952 in Ogden Dunes by resident Dorothy Buell. Find out how the organization has shaped environmental and natural area stewardship in the Lake Michigan Watershed of Northwest Indiana and learn what to expect from Save the Dunes in the future. Visit www.savedunes.org for more information about upcoming events or call the Save the Dunes office at (219) 879-3564. (Save the Dunes)

July 12 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Chicago Southland Green Drinks
Location: TBD

Open to everyone. Join other volunteers, community members and environmental professionals for this evening of casual socializing, networking, and education. The evening will begin with time for networking followed by a guest speaker and then open social time. For more information about upcoming "green networking" events please contact Erika Hasle at ehasle@fieldmuseum.org. (The Field Museum)



July 14 • 10:00am – 3:00pm
Vegetation Sampling at the Bur Oak Woods Nature Preserve, Hobart, IN

Bur Oak Woods Nature Preserve is an 84 acre bur oak savanna remnant dominated by centuries old, open grown bur oaks. On this workday we will be collecting data on canopy density, woody stem density and herbaceous layer diversity. Contact Jim Erdelac at (219) 879-4725 or email us at volunteer@heinzetrust.org for more information. You can also learn more about our upcoming preservation efforts in northwestern Indiana by visiting our website at <http://www.heinzetrust.org/>. (Shirley Heinze Land Trust)

July 21 • 9:00am – 12:00pm
Indiana Dunes Stewardship Day
Meet at the IN Dunes Visitor Center at 1215 N. State Road 49, Porter, IN

So much to do, we have to wait and see where your talents can best help in the 15,000 acre park. Join a park ranger and lend a hand helping to care for your local national park. Activities may include removing invasive species, planting native flowers, or other work depending on the conditions of the day. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothes. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. For more information, please contact Ted Winterfeld at TedWinterfeld@nps.gov. Come prepared for the weather. Bring some water, sun screen and insect repellent. Come dressed for the weather. For more information about summer events and activities at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, in northwest Indiana, please visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm> (National Park Service)



July 28 • 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tree Care Along the Burnham Greenway, 107th Street & Avenue D, Chicago, IL

Volunteers are needed to water trees and perennials and a general clean up along the Burnham Greenway. Call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-4773 for more information. For more information about upcoming events, visit the Calumet Ecological Park Association website at <http://lincolnnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>.

(Calumet Ecological Park Association and Trees "R" Beautiful)

August 2012

August 1 • 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Field Museum's Ford Environmental Leadership Internship Final Presentation, Location TBA

Come learn about the work of the high school students that participate in the Ford Environmental Leadership Internship. Each summer, these Ford Interns conduct an inventory of social and environmental issues in the Calumet region and work on an intern-led action and research project in their community. For more information internship program or to RSVP, contact Kristie Edwards at kedwards@fieldmuseum.org (The Field Museum)

August 4 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
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August 11 • 10:00am – 3:00pm
Exotic Species Control at the Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve, Michigan City, IN

A 40 acre portion of the Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve is a former blueberry farm. It has revegetated naturally with a large percentage of native species. On this workday we will be controlling species such as Multiflora Rose and Autumn Olive in various areas of the former farm site. Contact Jim Erdelac at (219) 879-4725 or email us at volunteer@heinzetrust.org for more information. You can also learn more about our preservation efforts in northwestern Indiana by visiting our website at <http://www.heinzetrust.org/>. (Shirley Heinze Land Trust)



August 18 • 9:00am – 12:00pm
Indiana Dunes Stewardship Day - Bailly Cemetery Clean-Up. Meet at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center at 1215 N. State Road 49 in Porter, IN and we will car pool to the cleanup site.

Protecting cultural resources is an important part of our job. For this stewardship project join a park ranger in helping to spruce up the grounds of the historic Bailly Cemetery. Meet the ranger at the Flag Pole in front of the park headquarters building on Mineral Springs Road. Work gloves will be provided, but dress for the weather and bring bug repellent. For more information contact Ted Winterfeld at TedWinterfeld@nps.gov or Nathan Pavlovic, Land and Advocacy Specialist at nathan@savedunes.org or at (219) 879-3937. (Save the Dunes)

August 31 • Deadline for entering poster contest at the 9th Annual Active Living Faire.

September 14 • Deadline for submitting posters at the 9th Annual Bi-state Active Living Faire

Winners honored at 9:00am Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Hammond Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN. Talks on a variety of subjects will follow with healthy lunch provided. Open to all students attending Wolf Lake area schools and youth organizations. Poster contest asks participants to depict healthy activities at Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas. Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners. Winning entries will be exhibited at AWLI's Informational Kiosk at the Calumet Environmental Center. Contact AWLI at (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149 for more information or email: AWLI@sbcglobal.net.

(Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative sponsors this event in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, and Healthy Southeast Chicago)