



# Calendar of Events – Summer 2013

## June 2013

**June 1 • 8:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Calumet Outdoor Series - Little Calumet River In-Water Clean Up Day**  
Gouwens Park, 16170 Seton Drive  
South Holland, Illinois

Come help the Illinois Water Trailkeepers clean up the Little Calumet River! Meet at Gouwens Park in South Holland and paddle to the Little Calumet Boat Launch Preserve in Blue Island. Bring your own boat. We have a limited number of loaner boats available, you can register through <http://www.calumetwaterwaystewards.com/> to request one. Please register through the Calumet Waterway Stewards website even if you're bringing your own boat. For more information or to RSVP for the event, please contact Scott Hewitt of the Illinois Water Trailkeepers by email at [scott@newsalemcaneo.com](mailto:scott@newsalemcaneo.com).

Illinois Water Trailkeepers



**June 1 • 9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Fishin' Buddies 1st Annual Hike-A-THON**  
Sand Ridge Nature Center  
15890 South Paxton Avenue  
South Holland, Illinois

Gather your friends, family and co-workers, and join us for the Fishin' Buddies! Hike-A-Thon! The event is a one-of-a-kind fun, recreational and nature-connecting outdoor event. The event is in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. There are over 100 local conservation organizations, schools, businesses and clubs supporting this event as hikers, volunteers and sponsors. The Hike-A-Thon is also the official launch event for the Nature, Technology and Tomorrow Initiative. Cost is \$10. For questions or assistance contact Julian Kidd at (773) 980-9350 or via email at [info@fishin-buddies.net](mailto:info@fishin-buddies.net).

Fishin' Buddies

**June 1 • 1:30pm - 2:30pm**  
**Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike**  
Sand Ridge Nature Center  
15890 South Paxton Avenue  
South Holland, Illinois

Join us for our monthly hiking club lead by a naturalist on a two-mile hike on our trails, providing opportunity for scenic exercise. The hike will take place at the Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 South Paxton Avenue, in South Holland. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at [www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/sand-ridge-nature-center/](http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/sand-ridge-nature-center/).

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 2 • 1:30pm - 2:30pm**  
**Pioneer Living**  
Sand Ridge Nature Center  
15890 South Paxton Avenue  
South Holland, Illinois

Have you ever wondered what life was like two hundred years ago? Come visit our cabins and find out what pioneers experienced when Illinois was first settled. Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and freshwater ponds. This is a free event open to all. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site at [www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/sand-ridge-nature-center/](http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/sand-ridge-nature-center/).

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 4 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Illinois Coastal Grants Program**  
Grants Workshop  
Thompson Center - Room 9040  
100 West Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Learn about the Illinois Coastal Management Program's Summer 2013 Coastal Grants Program. We will be answering your questions about our reimbursement grants program which will be funding environmental education and outreach projects within Illinois Coastal

Zone communities. Workshop participants need to bring a valid photo ID and plan for extra time to get through security. Register at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>. For more information about the event please call us at (312) 814-1405.

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources



**June 8 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Beaubien Woods Volunteer Day**  
Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve  
13400 South Doty Avenue Chicago, Illinois

We invite you to join us as we work to improve and take care of this prairie and woodland. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Depending on the season, workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a water bottle. For more information about the volunteer day or to RSVP, please contact Laura Milkert by email at [lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org) or by phone at (312) 665-7444

Environment, Culture, & Conservation (ECCo) at the Field Museum

**June 8 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Dan Ryan Woods Stewardship Day**  
2198 West 87th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

We hope you will join us to help remove invasive species that threaten to crowd out native plants and the wildlife that need them to thrive. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided.

Depending on the season, workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. All participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear covered shoes (hiking boots or tennis shoes) and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brushpile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Depending on the season, sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday. To learn more or to RSVP (not required) contact Benjamin Cox at (773) 398-1178 or benjamin@fotfp.org.

#### Friends of the Forest Preserves

**June 8 • 10:00am - 11:00pm**  
**Wee Wonders: Butterflies & Caterpillars**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Children in kindergarten and younger are invited to learn what happens when a caterpillar grows up. Join us for a story and an activity. *Parent or guardian must attend.* This is a free event. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

#### Forest Preserve District of Cook County



**June 8 • 10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Eggers Woods Stewardship Day**  
**Eggers Woods, 11200 South Avenue B**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

We hope you will join us to help remove invasive species at Eggers Woods. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Depending on the season, workdays may also include hand pulling of invasive plants such as garlic mustard, native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. All

participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear covered shoes (hiking boots or tennis shoes) and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brush pile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Depending on the season, sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday. For more information or to RSVP please contact John Pastirik of the Calumet Ecological Park Association at (773)-991-0613.

#### Calumet Ecological Park Association

**June 8 • 11:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Get Outdoors Day Picnic**  
**Dunes Learning Ctr - Camp Goodfellow**  
**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**  
**700 Howe Road**  
**Portage, Indiana**

Join us for a day of outdoor family fun including trail hikes, river exploration, kayak demonstrations, camp crafts and lunch on the lawn. An exhibition of multimedia works depicting native perching birds by artist Melissa Washburn will be featured and artist/educator Bonnie Zimmer will guide guests of all ages in the creation of a temporary collaborative sculpture made from recycled and found materials. Save the Tunes will provide live music. Plus, Lakeshore Public Television will be on hand with the "Curiosity Cam. This is a free event. For more information, please contact either Erin Crofton at the Dunes Learning Center at (219) 395-9555 or via email at [ecrofton@duneslearningcenter.org](mailto:ecrofton@duneslearningcenter.org) or contact Gail Cross of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at (219)395-9555.

#### Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

**June 12 • 5:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Calumet Volunteer Enrichment Series:**  
**How to Manage for Bird Habitat**  
**Eggers Woods Forest Preserve**  
**11200 South Avenue B**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

Come learn about what it take to make a good bird habitat. This evening's field-based workshop will focus on how to incorporate the needs of birds into ecological restoration projects. **The class size is limited to 20 participants.** This is a free event. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 26, 2013. For more information, please contact Becky Collings of the Field Museum at (312) 665-7420 or via email at [rcollings@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:rcollings@fieldmuseum.org).

#### Environment, Culture, & Conservation (ECCo) at the Field Museum

**June 15 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Dunes Stewardship & Volunteer Days:**  
**Saving Mount Baldy**  
**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**  
**Mount Baldy, Michigan City, Indiana**

Help remove invasive species in the Mount Baldy area of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Lend a hand to help improve "Your Neighborhood National Park" during this volunteer opportunity at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan City. This is a free event. For information about the event, please contact Ted Winterfeld at (219) 395-1661 or via email at [ted\\_winterfeld@nps.gov](mailto:ted_winterfeld@nps.gov); or call Ryan Koepke at (219) 395-1882 or via email at [ryan\\_koepke@nps.gov](mailto:ryan_koepke@nps.gov). You can also visit the IN Dunes National Lakeshore web site at <http://www.nps.gov/indu/parknews/stewardship-day-at-the-national-lake-shore-attacking-the-invasives.htm>.

#### Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

**June 15 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Calumet Outdoor Series:**  
**Hobart Marsh Complex**  
**Robinson Lake, Hobart, Indiana**

Come explore the Hobart Marsh Complex with Sam Erdelac from Save the Dunes! Meet at the Robinson Lake parking lot in Hobart, IN. Directions: from I-94, take I-65 southbound and then exit onto the U.S. 6/Ridge Road exit. Turn right onto Ridge Road and travel about 1 mile before turning onto Liverpool Road, heading south. Then travel about 2 and 1/4 miles on Liverpool Road and the parking lot will be on the right. For more information about the event, please contact Sam Erdelac of Save the Dunes via email at [sam@savedunes.org](mailto:sam@savedunes.org) or visit our web site at <http://www.savedunes.org/monthly/index.php?uid=65237553ef05>.

#### Save The Dunes



**June 15 • 10:00am - 11:00pm**  
**The Sun: Our Nearest Star**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

View the sun through a properly filtered telescope under the supervision of our staff astronomer. Learn amazing facts and

science about our nearest star, clear skies permitting. A slideshow/lecture program will be presented in the event of inclement weather. **Event registration is required by Thursday, June 13.** This is a free event. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the Sand Ridge Nature Center by visiting our web site <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 16 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Fathers Day Hike**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Get Dad (and the whole family) out for a leisurely nature walk with a naturalist on this special day. Sand Ridge Nature Center features exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the Calumet region. You'll find native wildlife including birds of prey, snakes, turtles, and fish, and a Kid's Corner with hands-on activities. You can watch bird feeders from the classroom, stroll outside through a colorful butterfly garden, and enjoy a number of interpretive gardens. Reproduction log cabins depict the lifestyles of early 19th Century Illinois. This is a free event. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. Learn more about upcoming events at the Sand Ridge Nature Center by visiting our web site <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County



**June 21 • 8:30pm – 9:30pm**  
**Firefly Hike**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Join us for an enchanted evening as a naturalist "enlightens" you about firefly communication. Registration required by Wednesday, June 19, 2013. Sand Ridge Nature Center features exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the Calumet region. You'll find native wildlife including birds of prey, snakes, turtles, and fish, and a Kid's Corner with hands-on activities. You can watch bird feeders from the

classroom, stroll outside through a colorful butterfly garden, and enjoy a number of interpretive gardens. Reproduction log cabins depict the lifestyles of early 19th Century Illinois. This is a free event. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor and indoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 22 • 10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Kickapoo Prairie Stewardship Day**  
**Kickapoo Meadows Forest Preserve**  
**14383 South Halsted Street**  
**Riverdale, Illinois**

We hope you will join us to help remove invasive species that threaten to crowd out native plants and the wildlife that need this beautiful prairie to thrive. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Depending on the season, workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. All participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear covered shoes (hiking boots or tennis shoes) and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brush pile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Depending on the season, sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday. For more information, please contact the forest preserve site steward, Larry Unruh at [laruh@att.net](mailto:laruh@att.net) or call (708) 752-2623.

Friends of the Forest Preserves

**June 22 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**The Great American Campout**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Come learn about camping as we celebrate the National Wildlife Federation's annual camping event. We will show you what you need to have a great outdoor camping experience. **Event registration required by June 20, 2013.** Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about

upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 24 thru 27 • 9:30 am - 12:00pm**  
**Summer Eye-Opener Camp**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Children (7 to 8 year olds) will enjoy four mornings (Monday to Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm) of fun activities and nature exploration at the Sand Ridge Nature Center. **Space is limited. Registration is required by June 17, 2013 and a \$15 fee applies.** Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**June 29 • 10:00am -1:00pm**  
**Tree Care on the Burnham Greenway**  
**Burnham Greenway – Beans Park**  
**108<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue D,**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

Volunteers are needed to water trees, shrubs, perennials, and help with a general clean up along the Burnham Greenway and Chicago Park #499 (Beans Park). Event volunteers will meet up with John Pastirik at 108th Street and Avenue D on Chicago's southeast side. For more information, call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-4773. For more information about our upcoming events being sponsored by the Calumet Ecological Park Association (CEPA), please visit our web site at <http://lincolnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>.

Calumet Ecological Park Association





**June 29 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Wild Edibles**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Join us as we learn how to identify edible wild plants that can be found throughout the woods and prairies of the Midwest. Some tasty samples will be available for you to try. **Registration is required by June 26, 2013.** Sand Ridge Nature Center features exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the Calumet region. You'll find native wildlife including birds of prey, snakes, turtles, and fish, and a Kid's Corner with hands-on activities. This is a free event. Please call us at (708) 868-0606 for more information. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 2013**

**July 6 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Join our monthly hiking club. A trained naturalist will lead a two-mile hike on our trails, providing opportunity for scenic exercise. Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. This is a free event. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 7 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Pioneer Living**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Have you ever wondered what life was like two hundred years ago? Come visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced when Illinois was first being settled. Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including

prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. This is a free event. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 8 thru 11 • 9:30 am - 12:00pm**  
**Summer Eye-Opener Camp**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Children (9 to 10 year olds) will enjoy four mornings (Monday to Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm) of fun activities and nature exploration at the Sand Ridge Nature Center. **Space is limited. Registration is required by July 1, 2013 and a \$15 fee applies.** Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 13 • 9:00am -12:00pm**  
**Dan Ryan Woods Stewardship Day**  
**2198 West 87th Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

We hope you will join us to help remove invasive species that threaten to crowd out native plants and the wildlife that need them to thrive. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. All participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear hiking boots or tennis shoes and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brushpile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday. To learn more (not required) contact Benjamin Cox at (773) 398-1178 or [benjamin@fotfp.org](mailto:benjamin@fotfp.org).

Friends of the Forest Preserves

**July 13 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**What's the Difference?**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Come join us as we explore how reptiles and amphibians are different. We will get an up-close look at some of our exhibit animals before heading out on the trails in search of more. **Please wear closed-toes shoes and bring a water bottle.** Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. This is a free event. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 20 • 8:30am - 11:00am**  
**Calumet Outdoor Series:**  
**DuPont Dune & Swale**  
**DuPont Natural Area**  
**East Chicago, Indiana**

Come explore this fragile yet diverse dune and swale habitat! This trip will be led by Paul Labus, Director of the NW Indiana Region for The Nature Conservancy. Due to the sensitivity of the site, this hike must be limited to the first 20 participants who sign up by sending an email to Susan MiHalo at [smihalo@tnc.org](mailto:smihalo@tnc.org). An **RSVP is REQUIRED** for this event. A designated meet-up location and directions will be provided via email. Event participants will be instructed to meet at 8:30am at the designated location.

Illinois Water Trailkeepers

**July 20 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Dunes Stewardship & Volunteer Days**  
**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**  
**Indiana Dunes Park Headquarters**  
**1100 North Mineral Springs Road**  
**Porter, IN 46304**

Lend a hand at 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. Wear comfortable clothes. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. This is a free event. For information about the event, please contact Ted Winterfeld at (219) 395-1661 or via email at [ted.winterfeld@nps.gov](mailto:ted.winterfeld@nps.gov); or call Ryan Koepke at (219) 395-1882 or via email at [ryan.koepke@nps.gov](mailto:ryan.koepke@nps.gov).

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

**July 20 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Nature Tales: Flower Power**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Inside every flower is the secret for making seeds. We will learn about the different parts of a flower and what role insects play. A story and activity are also planned. *Children in grades 1-4 are invited.* The Sand Ridge Nature Center has over 235 acres of maintained trails for easy hiking. Each of the trails passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. This is a free event. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 22 thru 26 • 9:30 am - 12:00pm**  
**Outdoor Adventures Camp**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Children (11 to 13 year olds) will enjoy five fun and challenging mornings (Monday thru Friday, 9:30am-12:00pm) learning outdoor survival and improving teamwork skills at the Sand Ridge Nature Center. Event activities will require both physical and mental involvement. *Space is limited. Registration is required by July 15, 2013 and a \$15 fee applies.* Sand Ridge Nature Center's 235 acres offer trails for easy hiking. From ¼-mile to 2 miles long, each trail passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**July 27 • 10:00am -12:00pm**  
**Calumet Volunteer Enrichment Series:**  
**Photo Meet-Up**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

An experienced naturalist from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will lead a brief tour of the area, highlighting interesting and unusual plants, scenic vistas, and locations frequented by wildlife. During and after the tour, you can capture images and share tips and

suggestions for getting the best shots with your fellow nature photographers. For more information about the event, please contact Becky Collings at the Field Museum at (312) 665-7420 or via email at [rcollings@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:rcollings@fieldmuseum.org).

Forest Preserve District of Cook County



**July 27 • 10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Kickapoo Volunteer Stewardship Day**  
**Kickapoo Meadows Forest Preserve**  
**14383 South Halsted Street**  
**Riverdale, Illinois**

We hope you will join us to help remove invasive species that threaten to crowd out native plants and the wildlife that need this beautiful prairie to thrive. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Depending on the season, workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve. All participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear covered shoes (hiking boots or tennis shoes) and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brush pile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Depending on the season, sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday. For more information, please contact the forest preserve site steward, Larry Unruh at [laruh@att.net](mailto:laruh@att.net) or call (708) 752-2623.

Friends of the Forest Preserves

**July 20 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Outdoor Survival**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15890 South Paxton Avenue**  
**South Holland, Illinois**

Would you be able to survive if you were alone and lost in the woods? We will discuss the important do's and don'ts of survival. This is a program for the entire family. *Advanced event registration is required by July 25, 2013.* The Sand

Ridge Nature Center has over 235 acres of maintained trails for easy hiking. Each of the trails passes through a number of habitats, including prairies, oak savannas and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. This is a free event. For more information, please call us at (708) 868-0606. You can also learn more about upcoming outdoor events at the nature center by visiting our web site at <http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-center/sand-ridge-nature-center/>.

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