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District 3

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*From the desk of Linda Painter . . .*

## ***"GO GREEN - April 18th"***

*(FLYER WITH ADDITIONAL INFO ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL)*

*Discover new ways to be eco-friendly and enjoy the outdoors during the "Go Green! A Celebration of Conservation" festival at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center in Oak Brook from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 18.*

*The event is open to all ages, and everyone is encouraged to jump into action — instead of watching from the sidelines — to help change and support our planet. Demonstrate your commitment to conservation by adding a leaf to a pledge tree. Kids, bring in your old crayons to recycle into a new one, and climb into the canopy of a mighty oak with the District's foresters. Germinate a bean seed to grow into a sprout to replant at home. Try eco-friendly crafts like making recycled paper and biodegradable pots, and take a test ride on an energy bike. Find out how native plants can help you conserve resources in your own backyard, and learn how to make compost. Try geocaching during a techno treasure hunt through the woods. Discover how prescription burns improve the health of forest preserve habitats. Check out interactive exhibits from conservation partners, and get moving, thinking and exploring.*

*All "Go Green!" activities are free and do not require registration. In addition, food and beverages will be available for purchase. Fullersburg Woods Nature Educational Center is located at 3609 Spring Road. For more information on "Go Green!" and other programs, call the center at 630-850-8110.*

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, April 19**

**Writing Workshop: Critiquing** — *In this six-part series, receive critiques of your own work, and learn how to critically study the works of others. Class meets 7 – 9 p.m. on Mondays April 19 – May 24 at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook. Adults only. \$110 per person. To register, call 630-206-9566.*

**Tuesday, April 20**

**Babes in the Wdods** — *Give your child an early start in nature exploration. Learn about outdoor safety and basic plant and animal identification. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Willowbrook Wildlife Center, 525 S. Park Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. Ages 10 months – 3 years with an adult. \$4 per parent-child pair. To register, call 630-942-6200.*

### **Wednesday, April 21**

**Ropes for Scouts** — Scouts, work toward merit badges by learning about different types of rope, how to whip and fuse it, and how to tie basic knots. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville on Butterfield Road one mile east of Route 59. Scouts ages 8 – 12. Free. To register, call 630-933-7248.

### **Thursday, April 22**

**Birding at Willowbrook** — Learn the basics of birding, and search for feathered friends during a leisurely stroll in the "Back 40." Bring binoculars. 8 – 9:30 a.m. at Willowbrook Wildlife Center, 525 S. Park Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. Ages 10 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Donation requested. Registration not required. Call 630-942-6200.

**Volunteer Native-Plant-Nursery Workday** — Help the District's Habitat Improvement Program by lending a hand at the nursery. Weed and water plant beds, or collect and clean seed. 8 – 11 a.m. at the Grounds and Resources Complex at Blackwell Forest Preserve, 29W220 Mack Road in West Chicago. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. To register, call 630-933-7681 at least five business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance. Signed waiver required.

### **Friday, April 23**

**Fishing Flowing Waters** — Learn techniques for fishing in rivers and streams at this intermediate-level clinic. 6 – 8 p.m. at the Graue Mill area at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve, 3800 York Road in Oak Brook. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins April 12. Call 630-933-7248.

**Froggin' Under the Stars** — Identify local frog species by their calls while learning about the spring stars and constellations. 8 – 10 p.m. at James "Pate" Philip State Park, 2054 W. Stearns Road in Bartlett. Ages 5 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Registration begins April 9. Call 630-850-8110.

**FullersBird Fridays** — Join this weekly naturalist-led hike, and see how the diversity of birds in a forest preserve changes throughout spring. 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Road in Oak Brook. Adults only. \$6 per person (10-program pass also available for \$40). To register, call 630-850-8110.

### **Saturday, April 24**

**Archery for Teens** — Teens, learn the history and basic techniques of archery. Equipment provided. 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve in Glen Ellyn on the south side of St. Charles Road one-half mile west of Route 53. Ages 15 – 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins April 12. Call 630-933-7248.

**Blacksmithing Demonstrations** — Stop by the wagon shed to see the blacksmith repair equipment and demonstrate the tools and techniques of the trade. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road in West Chicago. Free. Registration not required. Call 630-876-5900.

**Prairie Path Cleanup** — Participate in the annual Illinois Prairie Path trail cleanup by removing litter along the Geneva Spur through West Chicago Prairie Forest Preserve. 9 a.m. – noon at West Chicago Prairie Forest Preserve in West Chicago on Industrial Drive one-half mile south of Hawthorne Lane. Ages 8 and up; under 14 with an adult. Groups of 10 or more must register. Call 630-293-1627.

**Sunday, April 25**

**Cast-Iron Cooking** — Help prepare a hearty meal over an open campfire, and learn tips for cooking with cast iron. 2 – 5 p.m. at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton on Butterfield Road one mile west of Naperville Road. \$10 per person ages 16 and up; \$5 ages 15 and under. Registration begins April 12. Call 630-933-7248.

**Volunteer Nature Workday** — Help restore a natural area by removing nonnative vegetation or collecting seed. 1 – 4 p.m. at Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve in Naperville on Plainfield-Naperville Road one-half mile south of 75th Street. Ages 8 and up; under 14 with an adult. To register, call 630-933-7681 at least five business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance. Signed waiver required.

With over 25,000 acres, 145 miles of trails, 60 forest preserves and five education facilities, there are many programs and activities that explore the wild places that are right at your feet in the DuPage County forest preserves. For more information, call 630-933-7200, or visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org).

As always, thank you for your time and interest in the DuPage County Forest Preserves.

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