



Calendar of Events- Fall 2012

September

September 8 • 10:00am
Film Showing - "A Chemical Reaction"
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve
6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond, IN

The film **A Chemical Reaction** tells the story of a group of community residents in Hudson, Quebec who took on the lawn-chemical industry and won. Dr. June Irwin and her research is featured. Free. Contact Joy Bower for more information at (219) 844-3188. You can also learn more about Wild Ones and the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve by visiting us at <http://www.wildones.org/chapters/gibson/> (Wild Ones - Gibson Woods Chapter)

September 8 • 8:30am - 4:30pm
Workshop for Educators, Grades 9-12
Northwestern Indiana Regional
Planning Commission (NIRPC)
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN

Bring the Great Lakes into your classroom with resources from this fun and informative workshop that makes Great Lakes learning relevant for your students. Become trained to use the **Great Lakes in My World 9-12** lesson curriculum and experience hands-on activities with a focus on Great Lakes coastal habitats and methods to integrate new activities and approaches into your classroom. Participants will receive the **Great Lakes in My World 9-12** lesson curriculum set and training on how to use it. For more information or to register, contact Amanda Pollard at aperegrine@nirpc.org Fee: Free if you are in NIRPC's MS4, \$35 if not. (Alliance for the Great Lakes)



September 15 • 9:00am -12:00pm
Alliance for the Great Lakes
September Adopt-a-Beach™

Tired of finding plastic bags, used food wrappers, and other unsightly trash littering your favorite Great Lakes beach? Be part of the solution and join thousands of volunteers in cleaning Great Lakes shorelines during the Alliance's Annual September Adopt-a-Beach™ Event on Saturday, September 15th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. **Adopt-a-Beach™** beaches are located throughout Illinois and Indiana, including: Calumet Beach and Rainbow Beach in Chicago, IL Indiana Dunes State Park, Chesterton, IN, Jeorse Park, East Chicago, IN, Marquette Park Beach, Gary, IN, Wells Street Beach, Gary, IN, and Whihala Beach, Whiting, IN. New and returning volunteers are needed to help clear the shorelines during this year's event in Illinois and Indiana, including several important Calumet Region beaches. The cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup and our Great Lakes volunteers join 400,000 other volunteers from 103 other countries around the world to clean up our shorelines by removing litter and recording what they find. The September Adopt-a-Beach™ Event serves to raise public awareness about public beach pollution and encourages responsible behavior through education and outreach to community members. Volunteers clean beaches in their own neighborhood as well as collect important data that contributes to water quality legislation for watersheds all over the world. For more information or to register for a beach cleanup visit our website at www.greatlakesadopt.org. For questions about volunteering, contact the following Alliance staff members: Katie Larson, (312) 939-0838 x222 or via email at klarson@greatlakes.org, or Erica Burt at (312)-939-0838 or eburt@greatlakes.org. (Alliance for the Great Lakes)

September 22 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Calumet Stewardship Volunteer Potluck Lunch and Prairie Seed Collecting Workshop Kickapoo Forest Preserve

Seed Collecting Workshop will take place from 9am - 12pm. Participants will learn about native prairie seed collection and connect with other regular volunteers in the Calumet region. A tour of the Kickapoo Prairie will also take place. Gloves and beverages provided. Wear work clothes and sturdy work boots that can get dirty, and bring a water bottle. **Potluck & Social 12 pm—1 pm:** please bring a potluck dish. We will celebrate accomplishments and

share what's happening at the natural areas where we all work. Contact Laura Milkert at (312) 665-7444 or via email at lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org for more information about the day's events. (The Field Museum, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserve District of Cook County)



September 22 • 10:00am - 2:30pm
SETF's Off the Beaten Path Energy Tour
Chicago Cultural Center
78 East Washington, Chicago, IL

Join the Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF) for a tour of the many locations where energy is produced on the southeast side of Chicago. As part of this tour, you will visit Waste Management's Gas to Electricity site, Excelon's Urban Solar Farm, the proposed Leucadia Coal Gasification site, and BP Amoco's refinery across the border in northwestern Indiana. Our educational Off the Beaten Path Eco Tours offer participants a unique touring experience of sites normally not visited by tourists. Our tours originate in downtown Chicago at the Cultural Center located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Randolph Street. All tours include lunch at a local neighborhood establishment. For more information, call 773-646-0436 or you can prepay by using our Paypal link at www.setaskforce.blogspot.com/.

September 26 • 8:00am - 3:30pm
Mighty Acorns Teacher Training
Address/Location: TBA

Fourth to sixth grade teachers interested in teaching their students about nature in the Calumet region are invited to join The Field Museum and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff for a day-long Mighty Acorns teacher training workshop. Teachers will receive CPDUs and will be trained on how they can implement the Mighty Acorns year-long curriculum in their classroom. Pre-registration is necessary and space is limited so please

register early. For more information contact: Alison Paul at (312) 665-7416 or via email at apaul@fieldmuseum.org. Visit us at www.fieldmuseum.org/ceep for more program information. (The Calumet Environmental Education Program. Environment, Culture and Conservation (ECCo), The Field Museum)

September 29 • 8:00am - 12:30pm
4th Biennial Native Plant Symposium
"Partners In Nature"
St. John Community Center
1515 W. Lincoln Hwy, Schererville, IN

The theme of the Fourth Biennial Native Plant Symposium is "Partners In Nature". The day's event begins with registration and a continental breakfast and ends with a box lunch. Featured speakers include Marti Brennan of Chicago presenting "Natives on a Small City Lot," Marianne Hahn of Homewood, IL and Friends of the Kankakee will demonstrate "How to Feed Birds Using Only Native Plants," and another local speaker is scheduled to give a brief discussion on "Native Ferns". The cost is only \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers before August 27, 2012. After August 27, 2012, the registration cost will be \$35 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Contact Joy Bower for more information at (219) 844-3188. You can also learn more about Wild Ones and the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve by visiting www.wildones.org/chapters/gibson/ or for a look at our event schedule visit www.lakecountyparks.com/activities/nature_programs/wild_ones.html. (Wild Ones - Gibson Woods Chapter)

September 29 • 9am - 4pm
9th annual Active Living Faire
William Powers Conservation Area,
Wolf Lake, Chicago, IL
Wolf Lake Park/Environmental
Education Center, Hammond, IN

This annual green living festival is open to the public with events for the entire family, including Birding, Nature Walks, Farmers Market, Bi-State Health Walk-a-thon, Health Screenings, Healthy Living and Healthy Nutrition Presentations, Exercises, Bike Tour of Wolf Lake, and Student Poster Contest winners. The event is sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) in collaboration with Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake County Solid Waste Management District, Healthy Southeast Chicago, et al. For more information about the Active Living Faire, please contact Mike Boos at (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149 or send us an email message at AWLI@sbcglobal.net. (Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative)

October

October 6 • 8:30am - 4:30pm
Workshop for Educators, Grades 9-12
Rainbow Beach Park
3111 East. 77th Street, Chicago, IL

Bring the Great Lakes into your classroom with resources from this fun and informative workshop that makes Great Lakes learning relevant for your students. Become trained to use the *Great Lakes in My World 9-12* lesson curriculum and experience hands-on activities with a focus on diverse Great Lakes coastal habitats and methods to integrate new activities and approaches into your classroom. Participants will receive the *Great Lakes in My World 9-12* lesson curriculum and training on how to use it. This is the second day of a two-day workshop, although attendance at both days is not mandatory. Day One will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012. Credit is available to those who attend both days. Contact Katie Larson at (312) 939-0838 or via email at klarson@greatlakes.org for more educators workshop information. (Alliance for the Great Lakes)



October 6 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Beaubien Woods Volunteer Day
Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve,
13400 S. Doty Avenue, Chicago, IL

We invite you to join us as we work to improve and beautify this prairie and woods. Tools, work gloves and snacks will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the forest preserve's only picnic shelter which is 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 about the volunteer day or to RSVP, contact Laura Milkert by email to lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org by phone at (312)665-7444. (The Field Museum and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

October 6 • 10:00am
"Go Native: Soothe Your Soul and Save the World" - presented by Peg Mohar,
Shirley Heinz Land Trust
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve
6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond, IN

Peg Mohar, former executive director for the Shirley Heinz Land Trust, will discuss types of native plants that work well in the public garden and the home garden and will discuss the ideas of Douglas Tallamy's book *Bringing Nature Home*. This is a free presentation. Contact Joy Bower for more information at (219) 844-3188. You can also learn more about Wild Ones and the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve by visiting us at www.wildones.org/chapters/gibson/ (Wild Ones - Gibson Woods Chapter)

October 6 • 11:00 am - 2:00pm
Burnham Greenway Tree Care and
Clean-Up Work Day
108th Street and Avenue D, Chicago, IL

Volunteers are needed to help mulch and prune the trees and clean up debris in the Bean's Park area along the Burnham Greenway on Chicago's southeast side. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Please call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-4773 for more information. To learn more about this and other CEPA/Trees-R-Beautiful sponsored events in the region visit CEPA at <http://lincolnet.net/cepa/home.shtml> or read the article about Trees-R-Beautiful at <http://setaskforce.blogspot.com/2011/11/trees-r-beautiful-receive-volunteer.html>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association and Trees R Beautiful)

October 13-14 • 11:00am - 5:00pm
39th Historic Pullman House Walk
Historic Pullman Visitor Center
11141 South Cottage Grove Avenue
Chicago, IL

One weekend each year, Pullman residents open their homes to the public for the annual Historic Pullman House Tour. These 120-year-old landmark homes range from executive mansions to 14-foot wide worker's cottages to multi-unit apartments -- all with a charm and uniqueness that is part of the Pullman experience. Tour homes are chosen to present a cross-section of the different types of housing in Pullman and the many ways that homeowners blend the past and present in their historic homes. The cost is \$17 for Advance Purchased Tickets and \$20 on the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at <http://www.pullmanil.org> or by calling the Historic Pullman Visitor Center at (773)785-8901.

October 13 • 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Eggers Grove Forest Preserve Tour
Eggers Grove Parking Lot
112th Street and Avenue E, Chicago, IL

Join John Pastirik for a tour of the Eggers Grove Forest Preserve located on the city's far southeast side along the border with northwest Indiana. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the autumn weather. Please call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-4773 for more tour information or to register for the event. To learn more about this and other Calumet Ecological Park Association (CEPA) events in the region, please visit at <http://lincolnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association)

October 20 • 8:30am - 5:00pm
2012 Calumet Heritage Conference
"A Calumet Heritage Area - Revisited"
Indiana Dunes Visitors Center
1215 North Indiana 49, Porter, IN

The Calumet Heritage Conference has been an annual, event for thirteen years. This year's conference will bring together experts on Heritage Areas from both inside and outside the region to address the opportunities and challenges presented by Heritage Areas, and whether the time is right for the bi-state Calumet region to seriously consider such a designation. The morning session will include presentations and informational exhibits. A narrated tour of the region by rail and bus will be available in the afternoon. For more information about the conference schedule or to preregister for the event, visit the Calumet Heritage Partnership at www.calumetheritage.org/. You can also contact Mike Siola at (773) 995-2964 or via email at msiola@csu.edu for updated conference information. (Calumet Heritage Partnership)

October 20 • 9:00am - 4:00pm
AWLI Greening of the Arts Tour
Environmental Education Center
2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN

The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) will hold its **7th annual Greening of the Arts Tour, Reception & Art Show** on two consecutive weekends in October. The **Greening of the Arts Tour** will be held from 9:00am until 4:00pm on Saturday, October 20th. The tour will start off at the Hammond Environmental Education Center at 2405 Calumet Avenue in Hammond, IN. For more information about the art tour, please contact Mike Boos at (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149 or send us an email message at AWLI@sbcglobal.net. You can also learn more about AWLI and its work in the Calumet region by visiting our website at <http://www.wolflakeinitiative.org/> (Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative)

October 20 • 10:00am - 2:30pm
A Journey Through the Millennium
Reserve/Calumet Core Region
Cost: \$40, includes lunch

Join the Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF) and Friends of the Parks as we open your eyes to the vast open spaces of Chicago's southeast side. You will experience lakes, Chicago's "other river-the Calumet", streams, ponds, marshes; a man-made waterfall; a world-class championship golf course built atop a garbage dump; and the tranquil preserve surrounded on three sides by landfills, where an American bald eagle pair have nested, and are raising their young. You will visit the nearly 600 acres of marshes and green space that the Chicago Park District has recently acquired; learn the plans for these special places, as well as plans for the Ford/Calumet Environmental Center. Share in the excitement of the developing Millennium Reserve plans slated for this unique landscape within the city. This tour originates and ends at the Chicago Cultural Center (Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue). Space on the tour is limited, so please sign up early at www.setaskforce.blogspot.com/ or give us a call (773) 646-0436.



October 27 • 12:00pm - 8:00pm
October 28 • 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Greening of the Arts Reception & Show
Environmental Education Center and
Calumet College of Saint Joseph 2405
Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN

The **7th Annual Greening of the Arts Reception and Art Show** will be co-sponsored by AWLI and Calumet College of St. Joseph. It will be held October 27-28 at the Hammond Environmental Education Center located at 2405 Calumet Avenue in Hammond, IN. The Art Show begins at 12:00pm on Saturday, October 27th. An artists' forum follows at 1:00pm and a discussion on art and nature at 2:00pm. A wine and cheese reception will follow from 5:30 pm until 8:00pm. There will be live entertainment from 5:30pm to 6:00pm and a guest speaker at 6:30pm. The art show exhibit will continue at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Hammond, IN from November 2nd thru December 16th. For more information about the **Greening of the Arts** event, please contact Mike Boos at (312) 220-0120 or (219) 933-7149 or send by email at AWLI@sbcglobal.net.

You can also learn more about AWLI and its work in the Calumet region by visiting us at <http://www.wolflakeinitiative.org/>. (Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative)

November

November 1 • Time and Location TBD
Environmental Education Volunteer
Training Workshop

Learn what it takes to work with students in the field and how you can help lead nature-based exploration activities with youth. Open to adult volunteers who want to share their love of nature with others. Volunteers will support Calumet Is My Backyard, CIMBY, and Mighty Acorns student field trips this school year. For more information about our environmental education programs, visit www.fieldmuseum.org/ceep or contact Laura Milkert at the Field Museum via email: lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org or phone at (312)-665-7444.

November 3 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
Beaubien Woods Volunteer Day
Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve,
13400 South Doty Avenue, Chicago, IL

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(The Field Museum and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County)

November 3 • 10:00am
"Native Landscape...The Real Deal"
Patricia Hayes, Orland Grasslands
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve
6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond, IN

Patricia Hayes of Orland Grasslands will be discussing native plants. This is a free presentation sponsored by the Wild Ones Gibson Woods Chapter. For more information about this event, contact Joy Bower (219) 844-3188. You can also learn more about the local Wild Ones Chapter by paying a visit to our informational website at www.wildones.org/chapters/gibson/

You can also learn much more about family-friendly activities at the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Awareness Center in Hammond, Indiana by visiting their current website at www.lakecountyparks.com/gibson.html. (Wild Ones - Gibson Woods Chapter)

November 10 • 1:00 pm - 3:00pm
Clean-Up of Burnham Greenway
Eggers Grove Preserve Parking Lot
112th Street and Avenue E, Chicago, IL

Join us for a clean-up of the Burnham Greenway along the section that passes by the Eggers Grove Forest Preserve located on the city's far southeast side near the border of northwest Indiana. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the autumn weather. Please call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773)646-4773 for more information about the November clean-up event. To learn more about this and other Calumet Ecological Park Association (CEPA) events in the region, please visit the CEPA website at <http://lincolnnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association)

November 15 • 10:00am - 2:30pm
Chicago Wilderness Congress 2012:
"Shaping the Future of Regional Conservation" - Univ. of Illinois at Chicago,
725 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

The Chicago Wilderness Biennial Congress provides the representatives of the alliance's 260 member organizations a forum to join students, educators, volunteers, community partners, and interested members of the public in a dynamic exchange of ideas, success stories, and lessons learned. The 2012 Congress will provide an opportunity for participants to address how our growing and diversifying alliance can continue shaping the future of this region as a national and international leader in collaborative conservation. To register, go to: <http://www.chicagowilderness.org/wh-at-you-can-do/attend-congress-2012/>

November 17 • 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Lake Powderhorn Clean-Up
Lake Powderhorn Forest Preserve
13800 S. Brainard Ave., Burnham, IL

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the shoreline of Lake Powderhorn in the Lake Powderhorn Forest Preserve on Chicago's far southeast side. We will meet in the forest preserve parking lot which is located just east of 138th Street and Avenue O along East Brainard Avenue. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and work gloves. Please call John Pastirik at (773) 991-0613 or Judy Lihota at (773) 646-

4773 for more information about the November clean-up event. To learn more about this and other Calumet Ecological Park Association (CEPA) events in the region, please visit the CEPA website at <http://lincolnnet.net/cepa/home.shtml>. (Calumet Ecological Park Association)

December

December 1 • 9:00am - 12:00pm
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December 1 • 12:00pm
"Making Christmas Ornaments From Nature's Plenty" and Potluck Luncheon
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve
6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond, IN

Participants will make holiday ornaments from natural items for the Gibson Woods Nature Center Christmas tree and to take home for their own trees while enjoying a potluck luncheon. This is a free event open to everyone. For more information about this holiday event, contact Joy Bower (219) 844-3188. You can also learn more about the local Wild Ones Gibson Woods Chapter by checking out our website at www.wildones.org/chapters/gibson/. You can also learn much more about additional family-friendly activities at the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Awareness Center in Hammond, Indiana by visiting their current website at www.lakecountyparks.com/gibson.html. (Wild Ones - Gibson Woods Chapter)

