

**January 22**

**OWL PROWL**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

Explore nature at night as we learn all about owls. \$2 per person; age 3 and under free. Registration is required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**January 26**

**DISH GARDENS**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.*

Children with grownups can create their own indoor garden to get through the winter doldrums. \$2 per child. Registration required by January 22; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**February 11**

**GEOLOGY ROCKS!**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*

Preschoolers and their grownups will get to “dig in” and discover rocks, minerals and fossils in this fun, nature discovery program. \$5 per child. Registration required by February 4; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**February 15**

**WINTER WONDERS**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

Just because it’s cold doesn’t mean you have to hibernate indoors! 6-12 year olds can join in fun, winter-themed nature activities. \$9 per child. Registration required by February 8; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**February 16**

**GEOLOGY ROCKS!**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*

Preschoolers and their grownups will get to “dig in” and discover rocks, minerals and fossils in this fun, nature discovery program. \$5 per child. Registration required by February 11; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**February 18**

**WINTER WONDERS**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

Just because it’s cold doesn’t mean you have to hibernate indoors! 6-12 year olds can join in fun, winter-themed nature activities. \$9 per child. Registration required by February 11; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**February 23**

**ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDENING**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Adults can learn the basics of organic gardening with techniques to get you started this spring. Discuss natural fertilizers, insect control, composting, vegetable selection and much more. \$4 per person.

Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail:

[horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**February 23**

**SEED STARTING**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-2:30 PM*

Children with grownups can learn the basics of seed starting. You'll be able to plant your own seeds to take home and grow. \$5 per child. Registration required by February 16; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**March 1**

**EXHIBIT OPENING – BRICKS AND BALUSTRADES: SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE IN CHAMPAIGN AND FORD COUNTIES**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.*

This year's special exhibit, on display through December, explores the meanings of local school buildings, both architecturally and within their communities. School buildings in Champaign and Ford counties will be featured. Exhibit cosponsored with Regional Office of Education. No admission fee; for information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**March 1**

**LECTURE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION: CONSERVING HERITAGE THROUGH PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND SALVAGE**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet 2:00 PM*

Why is it important to save old buildings? How can we identify buildings that should be preserved? Architectural Historian Rebecca Hunter examines the history of the historic preservation movement and suggests avenues on how one can become involved in local, state or nationwide preservation efforts. This program, the first in our 2008 Lecture Series, is sponsored in part by the Illinois Humanities Council. No admission fee; for information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**March 8**

**NATURAL LAWN CARE**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Adults can learn how to keep your lawn green without the use of chemicals. We will discuss practical ways to establish and care for grass naturally. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**March 10**

**FRIENDLY FROGS, TERRIFIC TOADS**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Hop, hop, hop; frogs and toads are similar in many ways, but they are not the same. In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can examine these two interesting amphibians through games, crafts and songs. \$5 per child. Registration required by March 3; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**March 15**

**FRIENDLY FROGS, TERRIFIC TOADS**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Hop, hop, hop; frogs and toads are similar in many ways, but they are not the same. In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can examine these two interesting amphibians through games, crafts and songs. \$5 per child. Registration required by March 10; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**March 20**

**WOODCOCK WALK**

*River Bend Forest Preserve, 1602 MidAmerica Rd., Mahomet, 7:00 PM-7:30 PM*

Witness the amazing courtship display of the American Woodcock on a guided hike. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

### **March 25**

#### **WOODCOCK WALK**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 6:30 P.M.-7:30 PM*

Witness the amazing courtship display of the American Woodcock on a guided hike. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

### **March 29**

#### **COMPOSTING**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-2:30 PM*

Children with grownups can discover the wonders of composting and learn how to recycle your own kitchen and garden scraps. \$2 per child. Registration required by March 24; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

### **March 29**

#### **FIRE WITHOUT MATCHES**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.*

What you learn could save your life! Learn the basics of making fire in a survival situation and then practice with bow drills and flint and steel. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

### **April 4**

#### **HOMESCHOOL CLASS – FAMILY BOOKS MORNING**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.*

In January, three settler-themed children's books will be selected, and your family will read one or more of them before coming to the program. We will discuss the books with museum artifacts and book activities. Preregistration and prepayment required. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Sandy Osborne. Contact e-mail: [sosborne@ccfpd.org](mailto:sosborne@ccfpd.org)

### **April 7**

#### **WILD ABOUT WATER**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Discover the wonder of water through hands on water play in this program for preschoolers and their grownups. Float things, sink stuff, and pour, pour, pour. \$5 per child. Registration required by March 31; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

### **April 12**

#### **WILD ABOUT WATER**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Discover the wonder of water through hands on water play in this program for preschoolers and their grownups. Float things, sink stuff, and pour, pour, pour. \$5 per child. Registration required by April 7; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

### **April 12**

#### **NATURE HIKE**

*River Bend Forest Preserve, 1602 MidAmerica Rd., Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.*

Join us for a guided hike as we explore the plants and animals of River Bend. No admission fee. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**April 18**

**GARDENING FOR ALL!**

*Enabling Garden, Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.*

This program is especially for seniors or those with limited mobility. Learn techniques to make your garden more accessible and enjoyable. We will do hands-on demonstrations with tools and garden beds in the enabling garden and give you ideas to take home and use. No admission fee. Senior groups welcome. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**April 26**

**INVASIVE SPECIES WORKDAY**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.*

Help the Champaign County Forest Preserve District control invasive species at a garlic mustard workday. Bring work gloves and wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts and closed-toed shoes. Individuals or groups welcome. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org).

**April 26**

**PLANT THE GARDEN**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 PM*

Let's get the garden started! Children and grownups are invited to a planting workday in the Children's Garden. No admission fee. Registration required by April 21; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**April 26**

**JACKIE ROBINSON DAY: LET'S PLAY BALL!**

*Douglass Center, 512 E. Grove St., Champaign, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM*

The "First String" organization will highlight this program at the Douglass Center in Champaign. Guest speakers, displays and activities for young ball players will round out the afternoon. Cosponsored by the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and Champaign Park District. No admission fee. For information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**April 26**

**TWO-PERSON SEASON OPENER**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet*

For more information on this annual golf tournament, call our pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golfthelake.com](http://golfthelake.com).

**May 6**

**FROG WALK**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

Join the Forest Preserve District naturalist for a hop along the lake to enjoy the evening frog chorus. Learn about Illinois' native frogs and their habitats. Among others, we may hear American Toads, Spring Peepers and Cricket Frogs. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**May 7**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS BEGIN**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet*

For more information on these leagues, call the pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golftהלake.com](http://golftהלake.com)

**May 8**

**WHAT'S IN THE GARDEN POND?**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

Visit the most popular spot in the garden and meet the resident animals and plants. Not only frogs and fish live in the pond, but there are tiny water scorpions, water snakes and much more! \$2 per person.

Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail:

[horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**May 8**

**SENIOR MOMENT**

*Clark-Lindsey Village, 101 W. Windsor Rd., Urbana, 7:00 P.M.*

Dr. Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey will present "Old Schools, New Schools; Schools and Their Architecture in Champaign and Ford Counties". Reservations are required; call (217) 344-2144. Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**MAY 10**

**SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK**

*Rayburn-Purnell Woods, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*

Mayapples, trillium and phlox, oh my! Join us for a spring woodland wildflower adventure! No admission fee. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail:

[enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**May 16**

**FIVE AT FIVE GOLF**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 5:00 – 7:00 PM*

Golf a quick five holes and then enjoy a cookout at Rotary Hill Shelter. For more information, call (217) 586-2183 or visit [golftהלake.com](http://golftהלake.com).

**May 17**

**READIN', 'RITIN' AND 'RITHMETIC**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M-4:00 P.M.*

Join us for an afternoon of old-time school fun as we go back to school "the way it used to be". School marms will be on hand to ring the bell and call class to order as you attend a one-room school session.

Activities and games are included. No admission fee. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**May 20**

**SENIOR MOMENT**

*Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash Ave., Savoy, 10:00 A.M.*

*Prairie Winds, 1905 S. Prairie Winds Dr., Urbana, 2:00 P.M.*

Dr. Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey will present "Old Schools, New Schools; Schools and Their Architecture in Champaign and Ford Counties". Reservations required; call (217) 351-1437 (Windsor of Savoy) or (217) 344-6400 (Prairie Winds). Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**May 21**

**GARDEN STROLLER STRUT**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 10:00*

AM-11:00 AM

This interactive program will allow adults, infants and young children to enjoy the wonders of nature! Bring your young child in a stroller, and we will stroll through the garden using your little one's senses to explore. Listen to the water tumbling over the waterfall, smell the flowers, and much more. No admission fee. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**May 24**

**TAKE ME FISHING**

*Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield, 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Bring your family and friends to the forest preserve for some free fishing fun! Whether you have been fishing for a while, or have never held a rod in your hand, you will learn something new. There will be demonstrations, kids' activities, prizes and more! Basic fishing instruction will be provided. The IL fishing license requirement will be waived for this event. Available fishing poles are limited; bring your own if possible. Adult supervision of children is required. No admission fee.

**June 8**

**SECOND SUNDAY ARTISANS – JO KACZMARSKI AND BLOOMSDAY**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 2:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.*

Meet Jo Kaczmariski from Victorian House 2-5 PM and watch as she uses the ancient art of bead making to create breathtaking designs. Our evening in the Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, from 5 to 7 PM, will be a special one with the two-hour performance by the popular Irish music band Bloomsday. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the free entertainment. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlise Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**June 12**

**PARENT-CHILD TOURNAMENT**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet*

For more information on this annual parent-child golf tournament, call our pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golftהלake.com](http://golftהלake.com).

**June 14**

**CANOE THE SALT FORK RIVER**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Explore the Salt Fork River on a guided canoe trip. Previous canoe experience required. All equipment will be provided; please bring sunscreen, bug spray and water to drink. The minimum age to participate is 16 years old; an adult must accompany children under 18 years old. \$10 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**June 16**

**FAMILY GOLF NIGHT**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.*

Kids, get mom and dad out on the course with you. We'll provide a clinic, par 3 golf and dinner. For more information, call our pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golftהלake.com](http://golftהלake.com).

**June 16-July 28 – GARDEN ADVENTURES DAY CAMP, BG**

**June 17-August 1 – ECO-ADVENTURES SUMMER PROGRAMS, HL, LOW**

**June 18-July 9-July 23 – GRAND PRAIRIE KIDS SUMMER PROGRAMS, EAM**

**June 28**

**TAKE ME FISHING**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.*

Bring your family and friends to the forest preserve for some free fishing fun! Whether you have been fishing for a while, or have never held a rod in your hand, you will learn something new. There will be demonstrations, kids' activities, prizes and more! Basic fishing instruction will be provided. The IL fishing license requirement will be waived for this event. Available fishing poles are limited; bring your own if possible. Adult supervision of children is required. No admission fee.

**July 7-11 – TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER TO THE COURSE WEEK**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet*

For more information on opportunities to take your children golfing this week, call our pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golftהלake.com](http://golftהלake.com).

**July 11**

**FIVE AT FIVE GOLF**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 5:00 P.M.*

*See May 16*

**July 12**

**CANOEING FOR BEGINNERS**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Never been in a canoe before? This program is the place to start! After learning the basics of canoeing and water safety, you will be a part of a canoe caravan around Homer Lake. We will explore the animals and plants of the water while practicing your canoeing skills. All equipment will be provided; please bring sunscreen, bug spray and water to drink. The minimum age to participate is 10 years old; an adult must accompany children under 18. \$10 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**July 13**

**SECOND SUNDAY ARTISANS**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 2:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.*

Visit with Jan Chandler from Heartland Gallery 2-5 PM as she weaves the medium of watercolor and calligraphy together to create pieces from a misty past. Then, from 5 to 7 PM, we have another special evening musical program with the Susan Williams Band. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the free entertainment. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**July 14-18 – JUNIOR GOLF CAMP, GC**

**July 21**

**FAMILY GOLF NIGHT**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 4:00-6:00 P.M.*

*See June 16*

**July 26**

**TAKE ME FISHING**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.*

Bring your family and friends to the forest preserve for some free fishing fun! Whether you have been fishing for a while, or have never held a rod in your hand, you will learn something new. There will be demonstrations, kids' activities, prizes and more! Basic fishing instruction will be provided. The IL fishing license requirement will be waived for this event. Available fishing poles are limited; bring your own if possible. Adult supervision of children is required. No admission fee.

**July 31**

**LAKE OF THE WOODS JUNIOR OPEN**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet*

For more information on this annual golf tournament for juniors, call our pro shop at (217) 586-2183 or visit [golfthelake.com](http://golfthelake.com).

**August 9-10**

**NAUGHTIN OPEN**

For more information on this premier annual men's and women's golf tournament, call (217) 586-2183 or visit [golfthelake.com](http://golfthelake.com).

**August 10**

**SECOND SUNDAY ARTISANS**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.*

Visit with an artist from Heartland Gallery 2-5 PM, and then from 5 to 6 PM, join us in the Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden for the great sounds of Banjulele as they play the porch songs of rural Central Illinois. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the free entertainment. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlise Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**August 11**

**FAMILY GOLF NIGHT**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 4:00-6:00 P.M.*

*See June 16*

**August 12**

**SUNSET PADDLE**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.*

Learn who comes out when the sun goes down as we explore aquatic life of Homer Lake via canoe. Previous canoe experience is required. All equipment will be provided; please bring bug spray and water to drink. The minimum age to participate is 10 years old; an adult must accompany children under 18. \$8 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**August 16**

**BATS AT THE BRIDGE**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 7:45 P.M.-9:00 P.M.*

Learn about these fascinating and often misunderstood mammals. Participants will learn about bats' unique characteristics and have the opportunity to look for them on a guided hike. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**August 22**

**FIVE AT FIVE GOLF**

*Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet, 5:00-7:00 P.M.*

*See May 16*

**August 23**

**TASTY TOMATOES**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.*

Children and grownups can join us in celebrating the bountiful tomato harvest! \$2 per child. Registration required by August 18; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail:

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**September 6****NATIVE PLANT GARDENING**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Native plants are easy to grow, and they attract beneficial insects. Adults can learn how to grow woodland wildflowers and prairie plants in your own yard. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**September 6****TALLGRASS PRAIRIE HIKE**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Families and children are invited to stroll through a tallgrass prairie restoration. Learn about the history of the prairie in Illinois and the plants and animals that call it home. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**September 8****BUSY BEES**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Honey is a sweet treat bees work all summer to make. In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can discover the community of a beehive through games, stories and a craft. \$5 per child. Registration required by September 2; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**September 12****MINDY HARRINGTON MEMORIAL GOLF AND CANOE OUTING**

Save the date for this popular fundraiser. More info to come!

**September 13****BUSY BEES**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Honey is a sweet treat bees work all summer to make. In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can discover the community of a beehive through games, stories and a craft. \$5 per child. Registration required by September 8; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**September 13****PRAIRIE STORIES**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.*

What did people do before there was TV? Enjoy a family fun afternoon as you do work and play from an earlier time. Dip candles, carry water, taste hush puppies and butter, sample apple butter over an open fire, peel and taste fresh apples by just turning a crank, start a quilt, learn embroidery, do laundry and help build a dog house that will be raffled off to one of our young builders. Listen to the strains of Illinois folk music by the band Banjulele. Enjoy the experience of a "Hammer In" as you watch working blacksmiths create different items showing their skill and individual talents. A special replica exhibit of the Mastermyr find, a toolchest from the Viking Age, will be on display during the event. No admission fee; for information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlise Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**September 21****LECTURE - LINCOLN, SLAVERY, AND THE LEGACY OF RACE**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 2:00 P.M.*

One hundred fifty years ago, Abraham Lincoln campaigned in Champaign County in his senatorial race against Stephen Douglas. To celebrate this historic race, Lincoln College Professor Ron Keller will trace the imagery and documents that present Lincoln either as a progressive emancipator or a reluctant anti-slavery man. Part of our 2008 lecture series, this program is sponsored in part by the Illinois Humanities

Council. No admission fee. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**September 27**

**GARDEN HARVEST**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Children and grownups can celebrate the harvest season with crafts, stories, and harvesting! \$2 per child. Registration required by September 22; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**October 6**

**ALONG CAME A SPIDER**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Why are there so many spider webs outside? In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can learn all about these wonderful eight-legged creatures and go on a "spider hunt". \$5 per child. Registration required by September 29; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**October 11**

**ALONG CAME A SPIDER**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Why are there so many spider webs outside? In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can learn all about these wonderful eight-legged creatures and go on a "spider hunt". \$5 per child. Registration required by October 6; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**October 11**

**SCARECROW PARADE**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.*

Families can create their own scarecrows and display them in the garden. Brainstorm before you arrive and bring your scarecrow's costume. We will provide: cross sticks, straw for stuffing, and plastic jugs for heads. This program is open to all children preschool and older and accompanied by an adult. \$5 per scarecrow. Registration required by October 6; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**October 25**

**SURVIVAL SHELTERS**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.*

What you learn could save your life! Learn how to make a survival shelter from natural materials that will keep you warm and dry. \$2 per person. Registration required; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**November 3**

**REMARKABLE RODENTS!**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Rodents are everywhere! In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can discover the amazing lives of these little critters. \$5 per child. Registration required by October 27; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**November 8**

**REMARKABLE RODENTS!**

*Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.*

Rodents are everywhere! In this program, preschoolers and their grownups can discover the amazing lives of these little critters. \$5 per child. Registration required by November 3; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**November 8**

**GARDEN CLEANUP**

*Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.*

Put the garden to bed! Wear your old clothes and come ready to work as we remove all the dead plants from the garden and lay compost. This program is open to all children preschool and older and accompanied by an adult. No admission fee. Registration required by November 3; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Rachel Dawsey. Contact e-mail: [horted@ccfpd.org](mailto:horted@ccfpd.org)

**November 9**

**LECTURE - SOLDIER, SAILOR, AND STUDENT: COLLECTING WORLD WAR II STORIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 2:00 P.M.*

With student soldiers, a 4:1 ratio of women to men on campus, and professors working on the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb, the University of Illinois was deeply affected by World War II. UI Archivist for Student Life and Culture Ellen Swain will describe the current oral history project of the University Archives capturing recollections of campus life during this pivotal era. No admission fee; for information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey. Contact e-mail: [bgarvey@ccfpd.org](mailto:bgarvey@ccfpd.org)

**November 14**

**NOVEMBER MOON**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 4:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.*

Don't miss this program celebrating the fall season. Find out the history behind a luminary as you create your own to carry in our evening garden parade. Learn the ideas behind a moon garden, and join us for stories as Camille Born spins tales of myths and legends. No admission fee. Registration required; call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**December 6**

**DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS – NATURALLY**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM*

Learn to use natural objects such as leaves and seedpods to make beautiful holiday decorations. We will try many different techniques and will have several decorations to take home. \$5 per person. Registration required by Dec 1; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**December 6**

**DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS – NATURALLY**

*Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.*

Children and their grownups can get creative with what nature has to offer! We will make holiday decorations out of natural objects. \$5 per person. Registration required by December 1; call (217) 896-2455. Contact person: Pam Leiter. Contact e-mail: [enved@ccfpd.org](mailto:enved@ccfpd.org)

**December 6**

**OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS**

*Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Join us once again for present and ornament making as we spend the afternoon creating those special gifts to give to our families or hang on our tree. At 2:30 P.M., our guest storyteller, Camille Born, will spin special tales using items from an earlier era. Then join in the reading of the classic *The Night before Christmas*, and the group sing-along of the 12 Days of Christmas. Father Christmas may even stop in for a quick visit at the end of the program! No admission fee. For information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)

**December 12**

**TAKE A BREAK GIFT SHOP EVENING**

*Early American Museum Gift Shop, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet, 6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.*

Take a break out of your busy holiday schedule for a special quiet time for adults to relax, talk, have refreshments and connect once again with folk toys of the past. Try them out before choosing your own gift for that special child. Enjoy refreshments, music, door prizes and gift wrap, all free of charge. Many items cost less than \$10.00 and will offer hours of battery-free fun. For more information, call (217) 586-2612. Contact person: Charlsie Tice. Contact e-mail: [ctice@ccfpd.org](mailto:ctice@ccfpd.org)