

The Leaflet

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

VOTES FOR WOMEN: MARKING 100 YEARS

On March 7, the Museum of the Grand Prairie is opening a new special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, allowing women the right to vote.

When Mary Perkins cast her ballot on July 29, 1913 it was the first time a woman voted in Champaign County. On June 26, 1913, Governor Edward Dunne had signed the Illinois partial suffrage bill into law, giving women the right to vote for President and for local officials. While the issue for Perkins was whether Champaign City should bond for a new fire truck, the mere fact of voting was a profound breakthrough for the rights of all local women.

Did you know that Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi to allow women the right to vote for President? Or that it was also the first state to ratify the 19th amendment, doing so on June 10, 1919? With Tennessee's ratification on August 20, 1920, the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote in all elections was added to the U.S. Constitution.

At the Museum of the Grand Prairie we're celebrating women gaining the right to vote 100 years ago! So many women who lived their lives in Champaign County and whose names are familiar to us were involved in the struggle for suffrage—right here in our backyard. Many more toiled for women's rights throughout the two and a half centuries since our nation's beginnings.



Julia Burnham, founder and benefactor of the Champaign Public Library and the former Burnham Hospital, was also a founding member of the Women's Social and Political Club in Champaign County (1888), a pro-suffrage group.



Women, including several from Illinois, stood outside the White House for several years until the suffrage bill was passed. We took the name of our exhibit from their protest signs.

In honor of those women and the anniversary of ratification, the Museum of the Grand Prairie is opening a special exhibit, **"How Long Must Women Wait? Woman Suffrage and Women's Rights in Champaign County,"** on March 7.

The event will begin with a short welcoming reception and exhibit preview from museum staff. Beginning at 2 p.m., students from Eastern Illinois University's Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program will provide short first person interpretations of famous women in history as part of the university's Living History Project. You won't want to miss this!

FREE. For more information:
(217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org
ccfpd.org.

Summer Camps at CCFPD

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD) provides many summer camp opportunities for your children from the age of three all the way to seventeen year olds. A wide variety of topics allow campers to explore everything from history to golf to discovering nature.

CCFPD strives to provide the best experiences for our campers as possible; experiences that include enhancing existing interests, developing new skills through hands-on activities, all in a respectful and safe environment. Our year-round staff and camp counselors encourage and facilitate discovery and exploration through hands-on experiences.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **Nature Adventures at Middle Fork:** explore the treasures of our central Illinois ecosystems from prairie to forests to the wetlands. We will hike through these habitats and may even try our hand at creek stomping. Come prepared to get dirty!
- **Tea Party for Suffrage:** In July of 1848, Jane Hunt invited Elizabeth Cady Stanton and three other women to her home for tea. This was no ordinary tea party, it was a meeting that resulted in the movement for Women's Suffrage! Children aged 7-12 will experience a scavenger hunt in our new exhibit, *How Long Must Women Wait? Woman's Suffrage and Women's Rights in Champaign County*. We will make sashes like those worn by women working for suffrage, and end our afternoon with a tea party!

» **REGISTRATION opens at midnight on March 1; check out our website www.ccfpd.org to see the whole line up of summer camp offerings.**



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Details on each program and registration can be found at www.CCFPD.org

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 17
SCHOOL'S OUT: GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 1-4 p.m. All ages. FREE. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Monday, February 17
SCHOOL'S OUT: CELEBRATING PRESIDENT'S DAY WITH FIRST LADY MARY LINCOLN
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 1-2:30 p.m. All ages. FREE. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or ksnyder@ccfpd.org.

Wednesday, February 19
OWL PROWL: ADULTS
Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 5:30-7 p.m. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person. Space is limited; register by February 18 at ccfpd.org; for more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Saturday, February 22
MAPLE SUGAR DAYS
Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 10-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m. All ages. \$5 per person. Space is limited. Register for the morning session or the afternoon session. Register by February 21 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

Friday, February 28
OWL PROWL: ADULTS
Picnic Shelter, River Bend Forest Preserve, 5:30-7 p.m. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person. Space is limited; register by February 27 at ccfpd.org; for more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Saturday, February 29
MAPLE SUGAR DAYS
Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 10-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m. All ages. \$5 per person. Space is limited. Register for the morning session or the afternoon session. Register by February 28 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

MARCH

Sunday, March 1
SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS!
Registration for summer camps at Homer Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Middle Fork River Forest Preserves opens March 1. Sign up today for these popular programs! For ages 3-12 years old. Visit ccfpd.org for more info and to register.

Saturday, March 7
EXHIBIT OPENING EVENT: HOW LONG MUST WOMEN WAIT? WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 1:30-4 p.m. You won't want to miss this! FREE. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.



Sunday, March 8
CREATE YOUR OWN DINOSAUR HABITAT
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10 per garden. Ages 3-14. Register by February 28 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or mmontez@ccfpd.org.

Wednesday, March 11
INTERPRET THE PAST, EDUCATE THE PRESENT: MUSEUM DOCENT WORKSHOP/TRAINING
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Ages 16 & up. FREE. RSVP by March 10 with Pat Cain: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

Thursday, March 12
HOMESCHOOL BY THE BOOKS
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 9:30-11 a.m. Ages 8-11. Parents are welcome, but not required to stay. \$5 per child. Register by March 5 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or ksnyder@ccfpd.org.

Friday, March 13
WOODCOCK WALK
Buffalo Trace Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 7-8 p.m. Recommended for ages 6 & up. FREE. Space is limited. Register by March 12 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Saturday, March 14
FROG CALL SURVEY TRAINING: BOINKS, PEEPS & TWANGS
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 18 & up. FREE. Register by March 13 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Friday, March 27
WOODCOCK WALK
North Boat Ramp, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 7-8 p.m. Recommended for ages 6 & up. FREE. Space is limited. Register by March 26 at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Saturday, March 28
ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH FULL WORKSHOP
Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. To register online go to <https://conta.cc/30aD1Wb> or visit www.ngrrec.org/riverwatch to learn more. Workshop fee is \$50 per person, must be paid in advance. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Sunday, March 29
GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES
ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE: NO REGRET STRATEGIES
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 2 p.m. FREE. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

SPRING BREAK AT THE MUSEUM

Not sure what to fill your days with over spring break? Stop by the museum for FREE, fun filled activities every day, from 2-4 p.m! Step back in time and write with a quill, weave, churn butter, make your own candle and try some activities popular in Civil War times. So much to do—something new EVERY day and it's all FREE! Adults must accompany children.

Monday, March 16
QUILL WRITING
Try your hand at writing with a quill feather and more hand-writing technologies from the past!

Tuesday, March 17
FUN WITH TEXTILES
Do you know how the clothes on your back were made, or how your bedding was crafted? Come try your hand at some old fashioned textile methods.

Wednesday, March 18
BUTTER CHURNING
We need your help churning this treat! Join us as we create butter using methods that require just a little cream and no electricity.



Thursday, March 19
CANDLE DIPPING
During the 19th century, candles were the most common form of interior lighting. Did a wick in some candle wax and take home your very own classic candle!

Friday, March 20
CIVIL WAR CRAFT AND ACTIVITY DAY
The Civil War was a very influential time in United States history. Join us for hands-on activities to bring this period in history to life!

SPRING BREAK AT HOMER LAKE

Looking for some fun family activities during spring break? Spend it at Homer Lake! We will be offering FREE programs every day of spring break, the week of March 16-20.

We kick things off on Monday, March 16, with **Intro to Letterboxing**. Have you ever been on a real life treasure hunt? Letterboxing is a hobby for all ages that uses clues to find hidden treasures. Come to this introductory program to learn more about the hobby, and search for letterboxes at Homer Lake! This program is recommended for ages 10 and up, but all ages are welcome.

On Tuesday, meet some of our favorite staff members—our education animals! During **Meet the Critters**, on March 17, we will bring out our turtles and snake and give brief presentations about what makes these animals special, and you will have a chance to pet the animals, too! This program is suitable for all ages.

On Wednesday, after the Survival Day programs, experience Homer Lake at night and come out for our **Woodcock Walk**. During this program, we will hike the West Lake Trail in search of the American woodcock as they perform their sky dance at dusk. This program is recommended for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome.

On Thursday, we will dive into a different kind of treasure hunt for **Intro to Geocaching**. Strengthen your navigation skills with this popular hobby that uses GPS coordinates to find hidden treasures. Learn how to use a handheld GPS unit and search for Geocaches at Homer Lake! This program is recommended for ages 10 and up, but all ages are welcome.

» FULL SPRING BREAK PROGRAM LIST:

Monday, March 16
Intro to Letterboxing
Homer Lake Interpretive Center, 2-3:30 p.m. (indoors and outdoors) Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Tuesday, March 17
Meet the Critters
Homer Lake Interpretive Center, 2-3:30 p.m. (indoors). All ages.

Wednesday, March 18: Survival Day programs
Fire by Friction
10- 11:30 a.m., Homer Lake Interpretive Center (outdoors). Recommended for ages 8 and up.
Survival Shelters
2-3:30 p.m., West Lake Trail (north parking lot) (outdoors). Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Wednesday, March 18
Woodcock Walk
West Lake Trail (meet at the North parking lot), 7-8 p.m. (outdoors). Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Thursday, March 19
Intro to Geocaching
Homer Lake Interpretive Center, 2-4 p.m. (indoors and outdoors). Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Friday, March 20
Spring Cleanup
Homer Lake Interpretive Center, 2-3:30 p.m. (outdoors). All Ages.