

2020 Winter/Spring Events at Spring Valley

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Spring Valley Nature Center | 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg • **847-985-2100**
Volkening Heritage Farm | 201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg • **847-985-2102**

Spring Valley Winter Fest Saturday & Sunday, February 15 & 16

Noon-3 p.m.

Embrace the cold at our winter celebration! Participants can snowshoe, watch a team of sled dogs, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, roast marshmallows around a bonfire, play indoor games, or create a winter craft to bring home.



\$3/person; \$12/family; children 3 and younger are free

Sugar Bush Fair

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15
9 a.m.-Noon



Celebrate the end of winter at our annual maple syrup festival! A pancake breakfast is served both mornings under a large tent. Maple syrup making demonstrations and historical re-enactments are free to visit.

Breakfast tickets are \$4.50 for half stack and \$6.50 for full stack, if purchased by March 13. On-site breakfast tickets are \$6 for half stack and \$8 for full stack..

Eggsapalooza

Saturday, April 4
10-11:30 a.m.

Families can dye eggs together, create a festive spring basket, and then go on an egg hunt in the woods near Merkle Cabin. Space is limited for this popular family program, so register early!

\$15/resident family or \$20/non-resident family

Sunset Fire & Picnic on the Prairie

Saturday, April 4
5-7 p.m.

Enjoy an early spring picnic behind the Nature Center while learning about the importance of fire to midwestern prairies and woodlands. After the presentation, trained staff will carefully ignite a portion of the prairie at sunset – a sight not to be missed! Space is limited, so register early!



\$4/resident; \$5/non-resident; children 3 and younger are free

Earth Week Drop-in Programs

Monday, April 20 – Friday, April 24
Times vary each day.

Each day during Earth Week, a special FREE drop-in program will be offered at the Nature Center. Times vary; however, most programs take place in the late afternoon or early evening. Each program will combine learning with action to protect our environment. Learn about bats, buckthorn, birds and more. For more information, visit parkfun.com or call the Nature Center.



Earth Day Party

Saturday & Sunday,
April 25 & 26
Noon-3 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day's 50th anniversary while deepening your connections to the Earth! This family and kid-friendly

event at both the Nature Center and Heritage Farm will feature examples of traditional sustainable living as well as games, birdhouse building, live hawks and owls, refreshments, and surprises for the kids.

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Walpurgis Night Bonfire

**Friday, May 1
6-8 p.m.**

Learn about the unique German custom of Walpurgis Night while enjoying a bonfire; hotdog and marshmallow roast; and horse-drawn wagon rides.



\$8/person

Native Plant Sale

**Sunday, May 17
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Shop for beautiful native wildflowers, grasses or shrubs as well as heirloom garden plants and herbs. Experts will be on hand to help you select the best native plants for your yard or garden.



FREE!

Start Seeing Monarchs Day

**Saturday, May 2
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**



Stop by the Nature Center to learn about Spring Valley's monarch butterfly rearing program and how you can help with butterfly conservation. You can even take home a kit that allows you

to raise monarch butterflies at home!

FREE!

Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 10

Anytime between 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Create something special for mom at the Heritage Farm Visitor Center. All supplies are provided.

FREE!

Weekend Wagon Rides

Saturdays & Sundays

Starting April 4

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Tour Heritage Farm on a horse-drawn wagon while learning about the animals and Schaumburg's history. Tickets are sold at the Visitor Center on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$4/rider; children 3 and younger are free.



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