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CFC youth program offers cold-blooded fun

BARRINGTON, IL - *September 27, 2016* - Have you hugged a lizard today?

Kids can get an up-close look at cold-blooded critters at “Reptiles and Amphibians,” Citizens for Conservation’s November Youth Education program.

The program will be Saturday, November 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the Barrington Hills Riding Center, 361 Bateman Rd., Barrington Hills.

Rob Carmichael, of the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest, will bring an amazing array of reptiles and amphibians. Class participants will get a chance to see lizards, turtles and snakes and talk about animal habitats throughout the world.

The class is open to children ages six years and older; parents are welcome to attend. CFC members are free; nonmembers pay \$5 for the first child and \$1 for each additional child. Registration deadline is November 7; register at <http://www.citizensforconservation.org> or call 847-382-SAVE (7283) for more information.

Caption: Rob Carmichael, from Lake Forest’s Wildlife Discovery Center, will give kids an up-close look at reptiles and amphibians at Citizens for Conservation’s November Youth Education program, Saturday, November 12, from 1-3 p.m. (Photo by Steven Kowalski.)

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CFC autumn workdays begin

BARRINGTON, IL - *September 27, 2016* - Citizens for Conservation's autumn volunteer workdays will focus on seed collecting. Volunteers work on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. and Sundays from 3:30-5 p.m. Experienced and new volunteers of all ages are always welcome.

Meet at CFC's office, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington, across from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring work gloves; apply sunscreen and insect repellent if necessary.

For more information, call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283) or visit its website at www.citizensforconservation.org.

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Wendy Paulson bird walks continue through October

BARRINGTON, IL - *September 28, 2016* - Autumn bird walks with naturalist Wendy Paulson will continue through October 28. Walks are sponsored by Citizens for Conservation and Audubon Chicago Region.

Dates for the walks will be:

October 3, 8 a.m.: Flint Creek Savanna (CFC headquarters), 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington. This hike will be more strenuous.

October 28, 8 a.m.: Beese Park; meet at the park, at the east end of Cornell Avenue in Barrington.

The walks are free and open to the public although spaces are limited, and RSVPs are required. Waterproof boots are strongly recommended, and participants should bring binoculars. Please RSVP and provide contact information to Daniel Jacobson (312) 453-0230, ext. 2002 or djacobson@audubon.org. Participants should check the CFC website (www.citizensforconservation.org) for last-minute changes.

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**Students help grow the future
through CFC's Acorns to Oaks project**

BARRINGTON, IL - *September 28, 2016* - High school students can become citizen scientists by helping to preserve Barrington's oak woods and savannas through Citizens for Conservation's Acorns to Oaks project.

Students can learn more about the project at a workday on Sunday, October 16, from 1-3 p.m. at CFC headquarters, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington. Participants will learn about Illinois' aging oak trees—some are more than 200 years old—and will get an opportunity to earn volunteer hours by planting seedling oaks.

For more information or to register, call CFC at (847) 382-7283.