

From the community: Field Museum Lecture Series Begins at Brushwood



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RIVERWOODS, IL - A partnership with [The Field Museum of Natural History's](#) Keller Science Action Center (KSAC), Field Museum Lecture Series at Brushwood Center is an inspiring set of lectures about KSAC work connecting people to nature in the Chicago Region and around the world. KSAC's Youth Conservation Action Manager, Alison Paul, kicked off Brushwood Center's 2017 Field Museum Lecture Series on March 19 with a focus on connecting youth to nature in the Chicago region and Lake County.

Alison spoke on the body of literature and research that details why interacting with nature is so crucial to human growth and development. From healthy coping skills, problem solving, concentration, physical health, and even stronger relationships, Alison explored the social and scientific studies on how a child's time in nature encourages positive growth.

The discussion synthesized the community resources available to Chicago region and Lake County residents looking to get youth more involved with nature. Representatives from local and regional organizations, including Lake County Forest Preserve District, Waukegan Public Library, Cool Learning Experience, and Illinois Young Birders, among others, attended the event and their presence contributed to a strong community discussion with a great exchange of information and ideas. Brushwood Center looks forward to continuing this partnership with The Keller Science Action Center and hosting the rest of the 2017 Field Museum Lecture Series speakers.

Upcoming Field Museum Lectures at Brushwood Center:

June 25: Abigail Derby Lewis

Chicago Region Senior Program Manager

A Monarch's View of the City:

The Role Urban Regions Play in Monarch Recovery

Monarch butterfly numbers are in a decline, but there is an energetic movement to turn those numbers around. Find out what has contributed to their developing endangerment and how urban areas--and you--can be part of the solution.

Sept.17: Lesley De Souza

Conservation Scientist: Rapid Inventories

Tropical Fish Rapid Inventories

Join Dr. De Souza as she discusses critical environmental and cultural conservation efforts of tropical fish in the Amazon and her work on the Keller Science Action Center's Rapid Inventory Team.

Nov. 5: Jacob Campbell

Environmental Social Scientist

Quality of Life Planning for Conservation in Chicago

Access to natural areas is an important aspect of living a healthy, happy life.

Learn how Dr. Campbell and his Social Science Team work with underrepresented communities to ensure the access and availability of natural areas, and, in turn, the conservation of those spaces.

Register for The Field Museum Lecture Series at Brushwood Center

here: <http://www.brushwoodcenter.org/Programs/Discovery/FieldMuseumatBrushwood.html>

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