

From the community: Field Museum Lecture Series at Brushwood Center



Alison Paul is Youth Conservation Manager at The Field Museum. (Posted by Laura Fruhauff, Community Contributor)

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Skipping the long drive to Chicago & head to Brushwood Center to learn about The Field Museum's latest environmental research & field work! Brushwood Center & The Field Museum's Keller Science Action Center (KSAC) are partnering to host a fascinating series of talks by Field Museum educators, environmental scientists, & anthropologists at Brushwood Center!

About Alison's Talk: Kids Need Nature and Nature Needs Kids!!

Childhood has moved indoors. The Kaiser Family Foundation has found that young people ages 8-18 spend an average of more than seven hours a day on screen media and very little time outdoors. With this increase in indoor and screen time has come a rise in childhood obesity and other health concerns, in addition to a lack of a personal connection to nature. At the same time, we are facing tough social and ecological issues like climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental injustices. In order to solve these issues, we need a strong next generation of advocates, critical thinkers and passionate problem solvers to help us navigate these challenges. (Source: Alison Paul)

This is why The Field Museum and many other Chicago Wilderness partners are building a strong and diverse next generation of conservation leaders with a strong sense of ownership and connection to nature by linking them to Chicago's great natural area assets. Come learn about how and why childhood has moved indoors and the fun and exciting ways that The Field Museum and other Lake County partners are helping counter act this trend. Together we can build a strong and diverse next generation of conservation leaders in Chicago. (Source: Alison Paul)

About Alison:

Alison Paul is an environmental educator, wilderness/outdoor enthusiast, and The Field Museum's Youth Conservation Action Manager. Alison has more than a decade of experience working in formal and informal educational settings from Colombia to Chicago in order to support the next generation of knowledgeable, passionate, and engaged environmental leaders. She has a M.A. in Social and Cultural Foundations in Education from DePaul University and a B.S. in Environmental Science from Loyola University Chicago and is a National Fellow of the Environmental Leadership Program. Join her for an afternoon of learning why it's so important for kids (and adults) to spend time outdoors and why Chicago is one of the best places to do so. (Source: Alison Paul)

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