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Artwork courtesy of artist Amy Hall and Worth A Dam.



Celebrate Our Favorite Ecosystem Engineer!

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Chicago Beaver Festival



BEAVERS & YOUTH: STREAM
KEEPERS OF TOMORROW

1 to 4 p.m.

Nichols Park in Hyde Park

(enter the festival on Kenwood Avenue north of 55th Street)



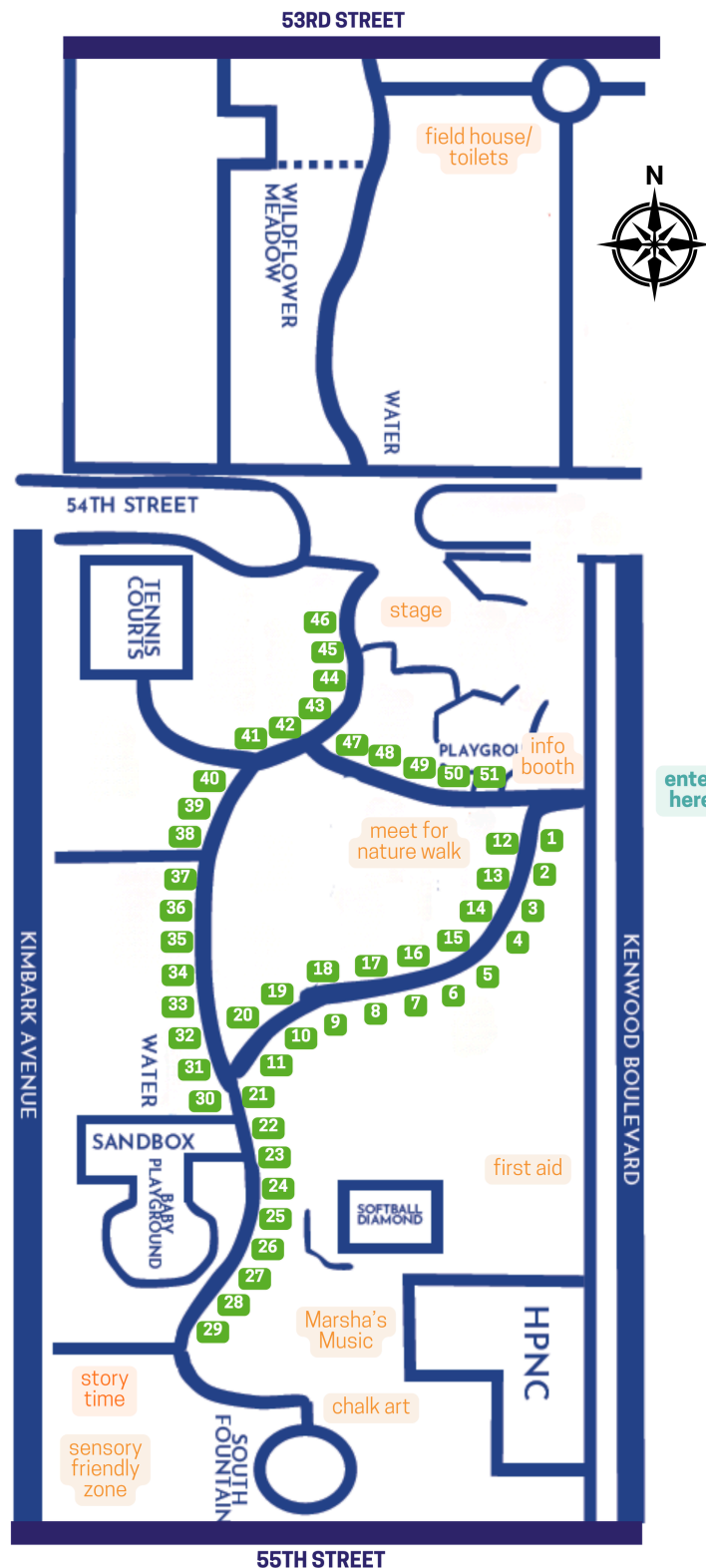
PRESENTED BY:

CHICAGO CONSERVATION CORPS AT THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT
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With Gratitude

- Heidi Perryman, Worth A Dam
- Rachel Schick Siegel, Illinois Beaver Alliance
- All the sponsors for your generosity
- All the presenting organizations for your support
- All the exhibitors for so generously giving your time
- Nichols Park Advisory Council and Nichols Park, Chicago Park District
- Sam Jacobs, Illinois Master Naturalist
- Gary Morrissey, Illinois Master Naturalist
- Brown Cathey Family
- Illinois Master Naturalists and C3 for turning volunteers into leaders
- Illinois Master Naturalist Team
- Jennifer, Elena, Ben, and the C3 team
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- Forest Preserves of Cook County, Sand Ridge Nature Center
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- Trimmel Track Master Scott
- All the volunteers behind the scenes and at the festival
- To the HPNC Mighty Acorns kids for being so amazing and who are the inspiration
- To all the teachers and educators
- To the stewards, organizations, and volunteers who take care of the land, animals, and communities
- To all the vendors, Bryan and Onezero Chicago for security, and the stage crew
- DJ NovaZaii
- Marsha Melsheimer
- To our families for their support
- To everyone who supported and believed in a dreamer
- To the beaver for transforming our lives
- To the land that gives so much



1. Beaver Tattoos and Tails
2. Illinois Beaver Alliance
3. Build a Beaver Dam Activity
4. Griffin MSI
5. Griffin MSI – RISE
6. Windy City Bird Lab
7. Lake Forest Open Lands
8. Morton Arboretum
9. Chicago Conservation Corp
10. Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
11. Urban Wildlife Institute
12. Skunk Cabbage Books
13. Beaver Art Booth (contest and drawings)
14. Illinois Master Naturalists-Bats
15. Illinois Master Naturalists-Birds
16. Illinois Master Naturalists-Beaver Conservation
17. Illinois Master Naturalists-Beaver Facts
18. Illinois Master Naturalists- Beaver Trading Posts
19. conservation@home
20. Urban Rivers
21. Prairie State Conservation Corp
22. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
23. Chicago Architecture Center
24. Irving Park YMCA
25. Insect Asylum
26. Chicago Food Sovereignty Coalition/Love Fridge
27. Hyde Park Neighborhood Club
28. Hyde Park Neighborhood Club
29. Wonderland Community Project
30. Cathey Gardens
31. Casitas Bonitas
32. Peggy Lee Franklin
33. Garfield Park Conservatory
34. Gawaapi
35. Mbwakawen Harambee Collective
36. American Indian Center
37. Nature Sounds Society
38. Chicago Parks Foundation
39. Chicago Park District
40. Forest Preserves of Cook County
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42. Jackson
43. Roots & Shoots
44. Environment Illinois
45. Illinois Environmental Council
46. Waste Not Compost
47. Feminist Bird Club Chicago
48. Hyde Park Garden Fair
49. Chicago Environmentalists
50. Bank Financial
51. Hot Shot Sports