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Forest Preserve District class unlocks secrets of scientific nomenclature

GENEVA, IL — Have you ever felt confused or intimidated by the sight of a scientific name? Learn the language behind all the names with the Forest Preserve District “Put a Lotta Latin in Your Life” class.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, District Naturalists Valerie Blaine and Erica Lemon will teach a class on the fun side of scientific names and the organisms they represent. Learn why the names are used in the scientific community, and how they can be important for everyday use as well.

“Whether you’re a gardener or a naturalist, a volunteer for natural areas or an ecologist, you’ve surely run into scientific names,” said Forest Preserve District Nature Programs Manager Valerie Blaine. “These names can be intimidating - and many people avoid them like the plague. But in this class we’ll demystify scientific names and learn that they are not as intimidating as you might think,” Blaine said.

The class takes place at The Lodge at Brewster Creek from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Registration is \$10.

The program is a part of the “Learn from the Experts” series — classes that are taught by experts in the field and offer in-depth information and learning opportunities about our local ecology. This award-winning program series is cosponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the St. Charles Park District, the Geneva Park District, and the Fox Valley Park District.

The Lodge at Brewster Creek is located at 6N921 Rte. 25 in St. Charles.

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