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Learn about Crayfish in Kane County at Forest Preserve District Program

GENEVA, IL — Illinois is home to 23 species of crayfish, seven of which can be found in Kane County. Can you tell a northern clearwater crayfish from a calico? A devil crayfish from a digger?

Learn the basics of crayfish biology as well as handy tips that will help you determine gender and distinguish between species. Special emphasis will be placed on red swamp and rusty crayfish, two nonnative species that have been introduced into the Chicago area.

An indoor lecture will be followed by an in-the-creek field session. We are offering two identical classes on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Friday, Sept. 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center. Choose the date that works best for you!

Advance registration is required for this “Learn from the Experts” program, for ages 18 and above. Call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com to register. The registration fee is \$10/person. Creek Bend Nature Center is located within LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

“Learn from the Experts” programs are cosponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the St. Charles Park District and the Geneva Park District.

For more information, visit www.kaneforest.com or find the Forest Preserve District on social media by searching @forestpreserve.