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LIFE Outdoors

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On one of these cold, snowy days, if someone suggested a smokey fireside chat, it'd sound good. Well, the naturalists at Fullerburg Woods invites about 30 folks to stop and see a short film and then discuss how animals survive during winter. This is followed by a brief exploration of nearby woods. The windup is a sheltered campfire where the DuPage County naturalists answer questions about the winter outdoors. Remember to bring marshmallows or hotdogs to cook over the blaze...and maybe a warm drink. Sound good? Call 653-0389 and make a reservation. Fullerburg Woods is located on Spring Road about a half mile west of York Road, behind the Old Graue Mill. Yesterday I saw about 75 Canada Geese along the ice edges below the mill dam...that's a sight in itself.

Snowmobilers will find trails at nine Illinois conservation properties this year...one more than last. In addition, toboggan slides have been established at 16 state parks, with cross country skiing and snowshoeing at 12. All locations have offices for the snowmobilers with warming houses at five. Usual hours are 8 a.m. to sunset. Those offering a snowmobile, ski trail and tobogganing combination include: Kankakee River, Mississippi River, Chain O'Lakes, Johnson Sauk Trail and Silver Springs State Parks. It's best to call and confirm conditions before making the trip. Or, verify with the state's Chicago conservation office, if that is closer.

PCB'S MUST be awful things, if one part in five million can cause you trouble... and that's the question ... will it? A PCB, according to people smarter than me, is a polychlorinated bipheny! ... whatever that is!

A useful industrial chemical which resists decomposition. Surplus PCB's allegedly cause disorders in our bodies. Fish samples in the past few weeks indicate chubs and perch meet Food and Drug Administration standards. Large, fast growing, fatty fish, such as salmon, trout and carp, accumulate more PCB. It seems fish under five pounds have a lower PCB content. Unless you have a ravenous appetite for big fat fish, I see nothing to worry about.

Reminder ... the Chicago Boat and Sport Show cruise starts Wednesday the 21st at McCormick Place. The five day trip ends Sunday 7 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 300 recreation vehicles level their jacks at Arlington Exposition Center. This ten day show represents an industry that contemplates sales up twenty per cent over last year. Also, I'll be looking for you at my booth, with something for you to take along. You may be on the air if you visit at interview time.

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