

**The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Chicago Wilderness, City of Chicago
Dept. of Environment, Openlands, and The Field Museum invite you to
Provide input to President Obama's America's Great Outdoors
Initiative, a 21st Century agenda for conservation, recreation and
connecting with the outdoors.**

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AT A FORUM ON PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND NATURE.
*Young people are especially encouraged to attend.***

**MONDAY AUGUST 30, 5:30
The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Simpson Theater (entry through West door)**

The Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality were asked by the President to lead this effort and to listen and learn from people across the country.

Please come and share your ideas with Amy Salzman, Associate Director for Policy Outreach, White House Council on Environmental Quality; and Will Shafroth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the four questions guiding the America's Great Outdoors initiative:

1. **Challenges:** What obstacles exist to conservation, recreation, or reconnecting people to the outdoors?
2. **What works:** What are the most effective strategies for conservation, recreation and reconnecting people to the outdoors?
3. **Federal government role:** How can the federal government be a more effective partner in helping to achieve conservation, recreation or reconnecting people to the outdoors?
4. **Tools:** What additional tools and resources would help make these efforts even more successful?

You will have the opportunity to submit brief verbal or written comments and suggestions on any of the four questions during this session. If you can't attend, you can also submit your ideas to the America's Great Outdoors IdeaJam at <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/>!

There is no cost for this event.

Registration begins at 4:30. Please arrive at the West door promptly.

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO OTHERS, INCLUDING YOUTH,
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED!**