

# 10 Things to do This Weekend: Oct. 20-23

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Artists of the New York-based company Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns can spend up to 15 hours on a single gourd. (Courtesy of Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns)

## 1. Linger

Glowing gourds invade the North Shore when an otherwise tranquil garden is transformed into the **Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns**. The hand-carved pumpkins, festooned with Chicago-centric images, Day of the Dead artwork and classic Halloween characters, are the handiwork of New York-based company Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns. Keep your eyes peeled for costumed characters; seasonal treats and beer are for sale.

**Details:** 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday (some time slots sold out) at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. \$12-\$16; free for kids ages 2 and under. | [MAP](#)

## 2. Scream

The humble campfire ghost story gets a big screen injection when the Park District puts Tobe Hooper's 1982 flick "Poltergeist" on rotation at its outdoor series **Campfire Horrors**. Marshmallows included; BYO chair and blanket. Screening will move indoors in case of rain.

**Details:** Campfires lit at 6 p.m.; movie at 7 p.m. Friday at Northerly Island Visitors Center, 1521 S. Linn White Drive. Free. | [MAP](#)



What goes best with a chilly night around the campfire? A scary movie and roasting marshmallows, says the Park District. (Colby Stopa / Flickr)

### 3. Believe

Promising “rapid-fire telepathy” from an “awesome psychic entertainer” sounds like a bit of sideshow pomp, but Sidney Friedman’s interactive “[Mind Shivers](#)” show is no one-trick pony: 2016 marks its 18<sup>th</sup> Halloween in Chicago. This year, Friedman throws in a digital copy of his new book, “How to Read Minds – For Real.”

**Details:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 29 at Davenport’s Cabaret Room, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. \$29, plus a two-drink minimum. | [MAP](#)



What are you thinking? A Chicago-based mentalist wants to tell the crowd. (Sidney Friedman / Facebook)

#### 4. Fly

Suspend your belief in gravity for an [Open House at the Actors Gymnasium](#). The two-hour trial offers anyone with an itch for aerial arts a chance to get launched, meet teachers and check out the 3,000-square-foot space.

**Details:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Free; RSVP not needed. | [MAP](#)



No ticket required: Fly the friendly skies with the Actors Gymnasium on Saturday. (Courtesy of the Actors Gymnasium)

## 5. Giggle

Just when you think you've heard it all, along comes Dr. Ruth Westheimer. The diminutive sexpert joins local ensemble Chicago a Cappella as guest narrator for the return of **"The Birds & The Bees: Songs of Nature and Naughtiness."** Expect a range of music, from Renaissance songs to Motown to jazz standards – along with what executive director Matthew Greenberg calls "wit and cheekiness." In addition to Sunday's show in Hyde Park, Westheimer narrates a performance in Naperville on Saturday. Next weekend, Dr. Laura Berman narrates performances in Evanston (Oct. 29) and Oak Park (Oct. 30). [Full details here.](#)

**Details:** 4 p.m. Sunday at Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St. \$15-\$45. | [MAP](#)



Wit and wisdom from Dr. Ruth highlights a musical program on nature and love. (Courtesy of Amazon Publishing)

## 6. Transform

If you've yet to explore the cavernous Zhou B. Art Center, Friday is a great time to do so. On the lower level, local art events producer Art Depth celebrates its "7<sup>th</sup> Annual," featuring works by local artists on this year's theme – Change – plus live music and spoken word, drawing stations, figure models, DJ RomaSoul and activities for kids. Elsewhere in the space, resident artists open their studios as part of the center's 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays event (7-10 p.m.).

**Details:** 6-11 p.m. Friday at Zhou B. Art Center, 1029 W. 35th St. Free. | [MAP](#)

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## 7. Observe

See another side of Lincoln Park when the Driehaus Museum revives its 90-minute tour for the third year. Historian Sally Sexton Kalmbach leads **Death, Disease and Bones: The Lincoln Park Walking Tour** that offers a lesson on the area's "macabre history as a vast, windswept burial site."

**Details:** 4 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27; and Saturday. Meet at the Benjamin Franklin Monument in Lincoln Park. \$30; \$22 for members. | [MAP](#)



Meet at the Ben Franklin statue in Lincoln Park before departing on the Driehaus Museum's Spooky Tour. (Alanscottwalker / Wikimedia Commons)

## 8. Multitask

Support Facets – a local cultural institution since 1975 – while kicking off the 2016 Chicago International Children’s Film Festival (Oct. 28-Nov. 6) at the annual family party **Boo! Bash 2016**. Bonus: Party guests double as players in “Boo! Bash: The Movie!” as they tackle Halloween-themed activities such as a screaming contest and relay race. The short film will screen on closing night of the festival. Tickets include food and drinks, performances, a costume contest and more. Proceeds benefit the Facets Academy education programs and this year’s film fest.

**Details:** 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. \$125; \$50 per child. | [MAP](#)

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## 9. Tune in

The Grammy Award-winning ensemble Eighth Blackbird performs a free show in honor of the centennial celebration of the Arts Club of Chicago. In addition to performances throughout the day of "Composition as Explanation" by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer David Lang (see video below), the institution's **Centennial Open House** features artist performances, talks and installations. Guests can explore the entire building, including the upstairs salon and dining room.

**Details:** Noon-5 p.m. Saturday at the Arts Club of Chicago, 201 E. Ontario St. Free. | [MAP](#)

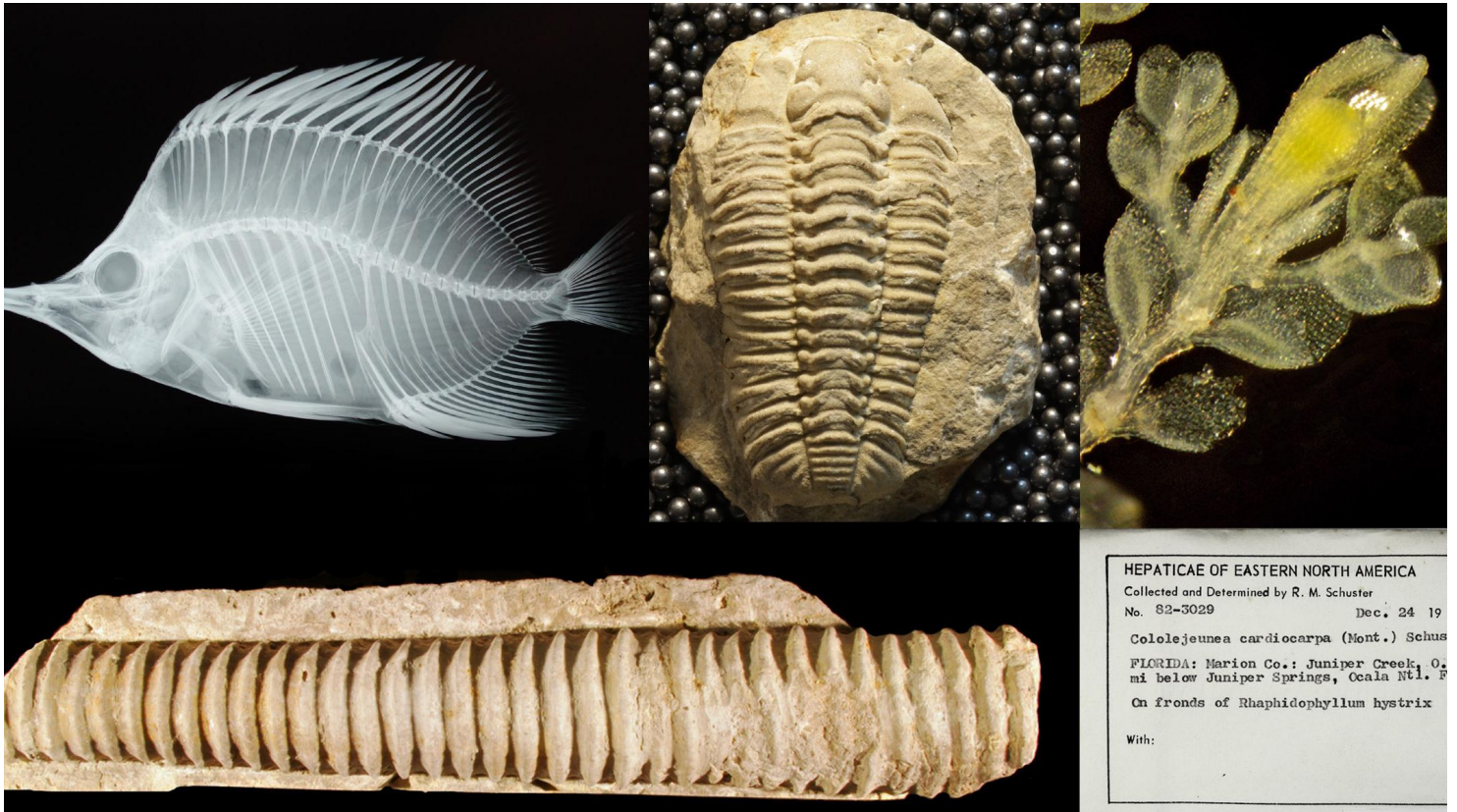
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## 10. Digitize

The Field Museum needs your enthusiasm for research – and computers. Help increase the number of specimens in its vast collection, estimated at some 30 million objects, as part of **WeDigBio: Chicago**. Volunteers must be at least

15 years old and can work on site at the museum or remotely online. Includes snacks, free parking and a behind-the-scenes tour. [Read more about the event here.](#)

**Details:** Sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday through Sunday (some sessions full) at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. Volunteers can also work remotely. Free | [MAP](#)



Help the Field Museum digitize “centuries of data about life on Earth” this weekend. (Courtesy of the Field Museum)

Events listed are subject to change. We recommend double-checking times and locations before you head out the door. Want to share your upcoming events with us for consideration in a future roundup? [Send us an email.](#)