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***Bagpipes & Bonfire* will blaze with glory on September 25, 2022**

Lake Forest, IL

Lake Forest Open Lands Association (LFOLA) is pleased to host *Bagpipes & Bonfire* on Sunday, September 25; 4-7 PM at picturesque Middlefork Farm Nature Preserve in Lake Forest, IL.

Elizabeth and Shelby Pruett will chair this one-of-a-kind multigenerational family event.

Bagpipes & Bonfire attracts over 1,700 attendees and serves as Lake Forest Open Lands' annual fundraiser. Scottish bagpipes, Highland Athletes, Highland Dancers, fly casting, live music, and a solo Amazing Grace bagpiper performance at dusk culminates with the Lighting of the Bonfire.

"We're honored and delighted to be chairing Bagpipes," states Elizabeth Pruett. Back by popular demand is the apple launcher and donuts will be provided by Firecakes. "There will be field games for all ages. Attendees have the option of purchasing dinners at a sponsor level or bringing their own picnic dinner," adds Shelby. Northern Trust is once again, the presenting sponsor.

Middlefork Farm Nature Preserve's 50-acre pastoral setting will act as the backdrop for the event rain or shine. Proceeds from Bagpipes & Bonfire support LFOLA's land conservation efforts encompassing over 900 acres and their environmental programming. Lake Forest Open Lands' education and community outreach programs have educated over 75,000 children to date.

Corporate partners are Northern Trust, PCA, Knauz, NorthShore Gas, Price Insurance, and Mariani Landscape. JWC Media and *Forest&Bluff Magazine* is the exclusive media sponsor. A special thanks to the City of Lake Forest and Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital. To purchase tickets or to inquire about corporate opportunities, please visit lfola.org.

About Lake Forest Open Lands Association

Lake Forest Open Lands is an independently funded conservation and educational organization devoted to the stewardship of our natural landscapes, and to ensuring all generations have a meaningful, lasting connection to nature and to our land. Since its establishment in 1967, Lake Forest Open Lands has acquired, preserved, restored and maintained over 900 acres and 13 miles of walking trails encompassing native landscapes, prairies, savannas, woodlands, and wetlands for the benefit and enjoyment of local communities. For more information about Lake Forest Open Lands, please visit lfola.org.