

Special Programs

SRSNLC- Annual Valentines Dance

Love will be in the air at this year's Valentine's Dance. Participants can dance the night away while the DJ spins the hits. Refreshments are served and everyone receives a keepsake photo and a flower. Participants come from local special recreation associations as well as Waukegan residents. All participants have a disability.

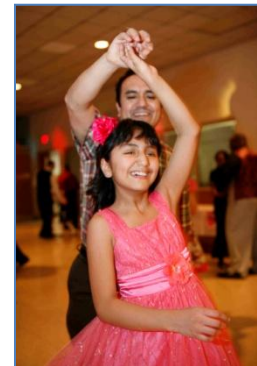
- Event Month: February
- Projected Attendance: 190 participants
- Projected Costs: \$1,500



Father / Daughter Date Night

Fathers and Daughters will enjoy a wonderful evening of dancing and fun. Memories of this evening will last for years to come. This unforgettable evening includes a catered buffet dinner of fried chicken and pasta, music by a professional DJ, dancing, a Polaroid picture, prizes and more!

- Event Month: February
- Projected Attendance: 125 participants
- Projected Costs: \$750



Flying for Kids

It's a Bird! It's a plane! It's a...Kite! The "Flying for Kids" program is held annually at Belvidere Park. Participants bring a favorite kite to the park for a flight with family, friends and neighbors. Kite kits are available for children to create their own uniquely designed kite to fly. Flying for Kids is a statewide event organized by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Illinois Park and Recreation Association to raise awareness of the Park District Youth License Plate. The special license plate features a colorful kite, the ultimate symbol of youth and recreation.

- Event Month: April
- Projected Attendance: 25 participant and growing
- Projected Costs: \$250



Bowen Parks – Summer Heat - Celebrate History, Earth, Arts, & Tales

SUMMER H*E*A*T* begins in June and continuing weekly until early-August at the Bowen Park Playground Amphitheatre. Each week people will learn or hear something new, and learn about those who walked in Bowen Park before the settlers came or examine something from inside the History Mystery Trunk. One week they may learn about critters that live in Bowen Park when they take a “WONDER WALK” and the following week they might listen to a story, fable or tale. Each week will be different and provide children and adults with a 30-45 minute activity that will help to ease the SUMMER H*E*A*T*! Funds secured would assist in providing a small payment to musicians, artists (and supplies), historians, naturalists and storytellers.



For Earth’s Sake

The Waukegan Park District’s Cultural Arts Division has developed a partnership with the Waukegan Harbor Citizen’s Advisory Group, the Illinois Audubon, New Allies for Culture and Nature and Chicago Wilderness to bring environmental educators to the Waukegan park system to teach our community about what they can do to encourage our youth to embrace their environment. Activities presented are appropriate for educators, scout and youth leaders, and parents, while many of the programs are of interest to and encourage participation by the entire family. The program is in need of models of wildlife, flora and fauna, as well as, bugs and other creatures to help enhance the program. Some of the speakers require a stipend.

NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick

Kids 8-15 years old will get a shot to compete at Soldier Field! This program takes place at the Waukegan SportsPark. The competition is split into separate divisions for boys and girls. On this day kids have the opportunity to display their throwing, kicking and punting skills.

- Event Month: September
- Projected Attendance: 100 participants
- Projected Costs: \$500



Child Safety Day

Parents need to be informed and take precautions to keep their children safe. Parents are informed about actions to take if their child is lost. Parents are offered the opportunity to have their child fingerprinted, receive an identification card, see a K-9 demonstration, and experience the Fire Department Fire Safety House.

- Event Month: October
- Projected Attendance: 75 participants
- Projected Costs: \$250



Family Halloween Dance

Join us in your Halloween costumes for this spooktacular evening of fun! Here is a perfect opportunity for children to wear their costume more than once this year! There will be dancing, a costume contest, food, and prizes. This is no trick, we will treat you with the Monster Mash as we boo-gie into the night.

- Event Month: October
- Projected Attendance: 45 participants
- Projected Costs: \$500



Milk & Cookies with Santa

Santa isn't the only one who likes milk and cookies! Families enjoy a wonderful afternoon during the Christmas holiday while their child gets the chance to make a craft, decorate cookies and meet Old Saint Nick himself! This personal experience with Santa is sure to be something a child remembers for a lifetime!

- Event Month: December
- Projected Attendance: 30 participants
- Projected Costs: \$250



Dog Agility Playground

The Waukegan Park District would like to expand and upgrade one of its community parks. Located within the Larsen Nature Preserve, the Callahan-Franklin Dog Exercise Area is a favorite location for the community to recreate. The goal of this project is to equip the area with a dog agility/exercise course that will provide the community with an exceptional and unique outdoor recreational area for dog owners.

- Event Month: Grand Opening – Scheduled for 2012 pending funds raised
- Projected Attendance: Up to 1,000 uses per year
- Projected Costs: \$22,000

