

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Wizard of Oz

(Waukegan, IL July 16, 2014) — WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION is traveling to Oz this summer with Compass Creative Dramatics' to offer a week-long theatre program (ID #3544) July 21-25 at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Dr – Bowen Park. Every student receives a part and at the end of the week they perform a 60-minute musical, a retelling of *The Wizard of Oz*. Students entering first grade through those who have just graduated from high school are encouraged to participate.

The week-long program is July 21-25, from 9:30am-3pm, Monday to Thursday and 9-6:30pm on Friday. The camp costs \$295. If multiple children from the same family enroll, each child after the first will receive \$10 off the registration price. For further information on the Compass Creative Dramatics' program, please call the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740. Register in person at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts located in Bowen Park 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL or online at [www.waukeganparks.org](http://www.waukeganparks.org). Partial sponsorship of the Cultural Arts programs is through a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the State of Illinois.

2 Photos attached are from the March 2014 "Alice in Wonderland" Spring Break Script Development Workshop



Alice and the White Rabbit



Caterpillar

### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 57 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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