

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

New Family and Early Childhood Programs at the Waukegan Park District

Waukegan, IL (January 25, 2016)...The Waukegan Park District offers year round programs to residents of Waukegan and surrounding communities. During the last strategic planning process, the community expressed an interest in expanding low cost family and early childhood programming that incorporated nature and fitness and more parent/child options. In response, the District has planned a variety of programs, mini-events and larger events that focus on these areas. Below is a list of new programs that will take place during the next three months.

Program Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Program #
Creative Science Night	Friday 1/29 6-7pm	Belvidere Recreation Center	Free	10806202
Winter Wildlife	Friday 2/5 6-7pm	Belvidere Recreation Center	Free	10806401
Family Cross Country Skiing	Saturdays 2/6-2/20 9-10am	Bowen Park	\$33/\$36	10313402
Winter Blast 2016!	Saturday 2/13	Belvidere Park	Free	10308401
Family Pirate Night	Friday 2/26 6-7:30pm	Belvidere Recreation Center	\$9/\$11	10609403
Children's Connection Open House	Saturday 2/27 10am-2 pm	Bevier Park	Free	N/A
Mother Daughter Tea Party	Saturday 3/5 1-2pm	Jane Adams Center	\$8/\$10 each	20608401

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Jamie Teichmann at jteichmann@waukeganparks.org or 847-360-4706.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 725 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 and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. 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 59 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 District (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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