

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Make Some Magical Christmas Memories

Waukegan, IL (November 10, 2014) Join the Waukegan Park District on Saturday, December 13 for a new holiday family program called Christmas with the Clauses. It will be at the Jane Addams Center, in Bowen Park, and families will meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf. Enjoy making a Christmas ornament, eating a delicious chocolate chip cookie, and sipping hot chocolate or milk. The festive atmosphere with holiday music, decorations, and jolly elves is sure to create a Christmas memory that will last a lifetime. Please bring your camera.

Children will receive a personal present from Santa. Parents your help is needed! Please select a gift you know your child wants and drop it off at the Belvidere Recreation, 412 S. Lewis Avenue by December 10. We will wrap the present and have Santa give it your child at the program. If you prefer not to provide a present, there will be an additional \$5 charge for Santa to give your child a gift on the day of the event.

Christmas with the Clauses is sure to be a popular program and will fill fast, so register early! Registration closes on December 7 or earlier if the program is filled. The fee is \$7 for resident children and \$9 for a non-resident child. Parents are free but must also register. Register online at www.waukeganparks.org or in person at the Belvidere Recreation Center, Field House Sports and Fitness Center, or Jack Benny Center for the Arts. Santa thanks Great Lakes Credit Union for sponsoring this great program. For more information about Christmas with the Clauses, please call (847) 360-4700.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 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 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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Family, Age 2+

Christmas with THE CLAUSES

Cost is \$7/\$9 per child • Register by 12/7 • Program #1730

Sponsored by



Saturday, December 13 • 10:30am-12pm

Jane Addams Center • 95 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park

Children

Children will have the opportunity to personally talk with Santa and tell him what they would like for Christmas.

Each child will also:

- * Receive a wrapped present from Santa with the child's name.
- * Make a special Christmas ornament to hang on the tree at home.
- * Enjoy a delicious snack of milk or hot chocolate and a Chocolate Chip cookie.
- * Enjoy a festive Christmas holiday atmosphere.



Parents

We ask that parents drop off a present they know their child is wanting for Christmas to the Belvidere Recreation Center no later than December 10.

We will do the wrapping and Santa will hand it to your child on the day of the program. If you choose not to provide a present prior to the event there will be an additional \$5 fee at the time of registration for the Park District to provide a special present. WPD presents will be the same for each child. Don't forget to bring your camera!