
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

History Adventure Week

WAUKEGAN, IL (June 30, 2014) The Waukegan History Museum of the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society is excited to announce that children (grades 4-6) interested in history can become "Junior Historians of the Waukegan History Museum" while participating in History Adventure Week (ID #4605) from July 28, 2014 through August 1, 2014.

History is more than just what you learn in textbooks. Experiencing Waukegan's rich history will be fun in this week long adventure. "Junior Historians" of the Waukegan History Museum will participate in an archaeological dig, will learn about life as a Civil War soldier as well as a French Fur Trader, and will also explore the history of Waukegan through activities including a scavenger hunt.

This week long adventure is open for children in grades 4-6. The Adventure Week runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and participants will bring a sack lunch. Participants will also receive a History Adventure Week t-shirt. Cost of the History Adventure Week is \$80 for Waukegan Park District residents and \$90 for non-residents. The registration deadline is July 21st. To register, please call the Waukegan Park District- Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740. The Jack Benny Center is located at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Register online at www.waukeganparks.org.

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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.