

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN BOWEN PARK WITH THE LIVE GREEN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Waukegan, IL (April 14, 2014) . . . The Waukegan Park District, as part of its “No Child Left Inside” initiative, is hosting the 2nd Annual Live Green Family Festival on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 1-4 pm at Bowen Park.

The Live Green Family Festival celebrates Earth Day and incorporates interactive environmental activities including nature walks, scavenger hunts, nature crafts and projects. Additional features are: a reptile exhibit, outdoor camping and cooking demonstrations, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) recycling information booth, High Touch High Tech Science Experiments, recycling for small batteries and athletic shoes. Free tree saplings will be distributed while supplies last.

The Live Green Family Festival takes place outdoors so participants should dress for the weather and are urged to wear long pants and comfortable shoes for walking and exploring. This free family event is sponsored by the following generous organizations: Waukegan Harbor Citizen’s Advisory Group, Vista Health System, and Franklin Energy. Community partners support the event by providing information booths, craft projects, and interactive activities. Some of these partners include the Waukegan Harbor Citizen Advisory Group, Larsen’s Florist, SWALCO recycling, Temple Farms Organics, The Brush Wood Center at Ryerson Woods, Illinois Audubon Society, Heller Nature Center, Davey Tree Group, the Citizen Utility Board, North Shore Gas, the Boy Scouts of America, the Racine Zoological Society, and much more.

This special event connects children and adults with nature on a personal level. The goal of the Waukegan Park District is to ensure that everyone attending the Live Green Festival leave with a better understanding of the natural world. For more information about the event or if you would like to volunteer, please call (847) 360-4700.



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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