
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

Jack Benny Center for the Arts

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Let's Get Outside

Waukegan, IL July 2, 2013—The Waukegan Park District – Cultural Arts Division is committed to helping bring the youth of our community back outside. Join us at Lilac Cottage, 1911 N Sheridan Rd, Waukegan on July 13 and August 10 from 6-7pm for a class meant to encourage families, both parents and kids, to get outside. At this free class you will enjoy the outdoors and receive ideas and tips on ways to get outside with your family and friends. Also, information on how stay smart in the sun this summer. Remember to dress for the weather and unless the weather is bad the class will meet outside.

The class Let's Get Outside is offered twice: Saturday, July 13 ID #4551 and Saturday, August 10 ID #4552 both are from 6-7pm. This is a FREE class. Join us for both classes and get outside for an hour. For further information on Let's Get Outside please call Debra Carl, Cultural Arts Specialist at the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center for the Arts 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 you may register online at 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.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates 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, 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 and special populations are included. Many special events are offered throughout the year, many are complimentary. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. The award-winning District employs 54 full-time staff 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 named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013.