

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE



Santa Calling for Waukegan Children Ages 3-6

Waukegan, IL (November 14, 2013) ... Sign Up Now! The Waukegan Park District annual Santa Calling program is taking registrations for Santa, Mrs. Claus or an elf to call children, ages 3-6, on Tuesday, December 3 or Thursday, December 5 between 6 & 7:30pm. Calls are made from the North Pole to the child's home and are toll free. Local calls only, please.

To have Santa call a child, parents must complete a Santa Calling Registration Form available at the Belvidere Recreation Center, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center and Jack Benny Center for the Arts. In addition, it can be downloaded from the Waukegan Park District website (www.waukeganparks.org) or the District's Facebook page. All Santa Calling Forms need to be returned by Monday, December 2. For more information or 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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