
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Waukegan Park District's Halloweenfest Wins "IPRA Outstanding Event of the Year!"

Waukegan, IL (December 6, 2007) The Waukegan Park District is pleased to announce that the 2006 Halloweenfest has been chosen as the Illinois Park & Recreation Association's Outstanding Program of the Year! This award recognizes public agencies for their exceptional and unique achievement in the development of programs and special events. The park district scored the highest among those entries submitted in its division and category from across the state of Illinois. We would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, and staff that contributed to making Halloweenfest 2006 a huge success!

Halloweenfest is presented by the Waukegan Park District, Great Lakes Credit Union and the City of Waukegan, along with the support of many local businesses and community volunteers. Halloweenfest is an exciting, high quality event that provides the Waukegan community with a safer alternative to the traditional trick or treating around the neighborhood. Furthermore, this free family event includes family activities such as: a haunted house with six spine tingling rooms of fear, a haunted walk that takes you deep into the dark woods, the enchanted Walk for children ages 3-8, magic shows sure to amaze and entertain all, children's games and crafts that offer challenge and prizes, a fortune teller, relaxing train rides through the park, and an adrenaline maze. Halloweenfest is fun for the entire family and admission is free! For more information on next years event or if you would like to help sponsor this award winning event please call the Waukegan Park District at (847) 360-4700.

About The Waukegan Park District

Established December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook Golf Course, 18-hole Orchard Hills Golf Courses, and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Course. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports courts and fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, the Waukegan Skate Park and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, the Bowen Park Opera Company and the Haines Historical Museum. Sixty-seven authorized 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 IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.

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