
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Hosting Free Virtual S.T.E.A.M. Discovery Day

Waukegan, Illinois (March 3, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District is hosting a free virtual S.T.E.A.M. Discovery Day on Saturday, March 13 with activities related to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics to spur curiosity and innovation among local youth. The activities will be available online at waukeganparks.org/steam, an interactive webpage for youth.

The video demonstrations will be presented by the Waukegan Park District's S.T.E.A.M. Team, composed of Jen Dumas, Recreation Supervisor; Javi Martinez, Recreation Specialist; and Maria Contreras, Recreation Specialist. The following video demonstrations will be offered:

- Science Magic with Javi
- Tools to Grow with Jen
- Engineering with Maria
- Art Science with Maria
- Math Fun with Javi

More details, including the activity supply list, will be available at waukeganparks.org/steam.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 740 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, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. 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, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! 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 employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace. Accreditation is maintained from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency Accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for

Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal
Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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