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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Offering We Have Off (W.H.O.) Programs during Waukegan Public Schools' Extended Spring Break**

**Waukegan, Illinois (March 16, 2021)** – The Waukegan Park District will be offering We Have Off (W.H.O.) Programs at the Belvidere Recreation Center to align with the Waukegan Public Schools' extended spring break. Open to students from six years old to twelve years old, the all-day childcare programs will feature safe and enriching activities, crafts, games, and more.

W.H.O. Programs will be offered on the following spring break days from 7am to 6pm:

- Extreme Art on Monday, March 22
- Tinkers of Tomorrow on Tuesday, March 23
- Fly with Me on Wednesday, March 24
- All Day Recess on Thursday, March 25
- Naturally Virtual on Friday, March 26
- Bird's the Word on Monday, March 29
- Field Day on Tuesday, March 30
- Sensory Day on Wednesday, March 31
- Space Wars on Thursday, April 1
- Mini Golf on Friday, April 2

To ensure the health and safety of participants and staff, the Waukegan Park District will comply with all guidelines issued by the State of Illinois. Face coverings and social distancing are required for all participants. Activities are subject to change to maintain compliance with mitigations.

More details, including registration information, planned activities, and fees, are available at [waukeganparks.org/who](http://waukeganparks.org/who). Participants can be registered online or at the front desk of the Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center. For more information, contact Maria Contreras at [mcontreras@waukeganparks.org](mailto:mcontreras@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4708.

#### **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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