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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## **Small Special Events (Projected Attendance: 100 to 999)**

The Waukegan Park District hosts six special events throughout the year: Kids to Parks Day, Community Yard Sale, Fishing Derby, Oakwood Cemetery Walk, Día de Muertos Community Celebration, and Turkey Trot. Most small special events are free, but preregistration may be required to participate.

### **Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 18, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 14th Annual Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9am to 11am at Corrine J. Rose Park, located at 412 S. Lewis Avenue. Organized by the National Park Trust, the mission of Kids to Parks Day is to foster future outdoor enthusiasts and help with developing the next generation of park stewards by engaging kids in memorable outdoor experiences.

### **Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 34th Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 8am to 10am at Bevier Park, located at 2255 Yorkhouse Road. Participants will have the chance to win prizes in a friendly competition for the smallest and largest fish caught overall and in their age group.

### **Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 13, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 9am to 2pm at Bowen Park, located at 1800 N. Sheridan Road.

### **Oakwood Cemetery Walk on Saturday, September 14, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society are partnering to host the 29th Annual Oakwood Cemetery Walk on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 12pm to 3:30pm at Oakwood Cemetery. The Oakwood Cemetery Walk is an annual “living history” event, showcasing the rich history of Waukegan using costumed actors to portray local historic figures with connections to the cemetery and city.

### **Día de Muertos Community Celebration on Saturday, November 2, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District and Sugar Skulls Xilotl are partnering to commemorate Día de Muertos with a free community celebration on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, located at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. The event will feature pan de muerto (bread of the dead), altar exhibits, art and food vendors, music and dance performances, and sugar skull decorating workshops.

### **Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 9, 2024**

The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 25th Annual Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 10am at Waukegan’s Greg Petry SportsPark, located at 3391 W. Beach Road.

Participants will have the opportunity to compete in races for a chance to win a turkey while helping the community with a canned food drive that will benefit the COOL Food Pantry.