Sandwich Park District



"We have something for you"

New this Winter/ Spring

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2024 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

Mission Statement:

It is the purpose of the Sandwich Park District to efficiently and economically provide recreation programs, facilities and open spaces, which are designed to provide wholesome, constructive and enjoyable leisure time experiences that benefit the individual resident and the community of Sandwich as whole.





Fathers and daughters, grandfathers and granddaughters, uncles and nieces are all invited to join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, and fun! This is a great opportunity for busy dads to spend quality time with their daughter(s). Treat your special little girl to an elegant evening. Special dresses for girls, suits and ties for dads, are recommended, but not required. All young ladies will receive a complimentary gift bag. The dinner is catered with kid friendly choices, lemonade and water included.

PLEASE NOTE: Soft drinks, raffles, and pictures are available for an additional fee. Professional pictures will be available, payment must be made before pictures are taken.

FEE: The fee is per person. Please register all that plan *i* to attend.

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: Lynn G. Haskin Elementary School

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¥	Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
	2/10	6pm-9pm	Sa	\$30/36	3-13	1/19
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MOTHER & SON BOWLING

Mothers grab your special little guys and bring them out to a night of bowling and fun at HomeTown Lanes located in Plano, IL. Two games of bowling, shoes, ball, pizza, soda, prizes, music and fun all included!

FEE: The fee is per person. Raffle tickets will be available for an additional fee.

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: HomeTown Lanes, Plano

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
3/16	3pm-6pm	Sa	\$18/21	3-13	2/23

Get Involved Winter / Spring Volunteer Opportunities



Spring Egg Hunt Daddy Daughter Dance Mother Son Bowing

Email interest to: sandwichparkdistrict@comcast.net or register to volunteer online at sandwichparkdistrict.org under the volunteer catalog tab.



Sandy the Sasquatch is our park mascot. You will see Sandy around Park District events, highlighting programs within the brochure and even on some promotional materials such as shirts, activity books and more. Sandy loves nature and will help us provide fun and exciting programs for our kids. When you see Sandy, please say hello with a high-five or hug.

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B THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE

at sandwichparkdistrict.org

Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We accept Visa, MasterCard or Discover card.

2. MAIL

Make checks payable to Sandwich Park District Fill out the registration form and mail to: Sandwich Park District Attn: Registration 1001 N. Latham St Sandwich, IL 60548

3. IN PERSON

Registrations are processed during office hours. Cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover is accepted.

letter FROM THE DIRECTOR... PARK AND RECREATION UPDATE...

Hello Friends,

Burr its cold outside! Even though the weather outside can be brutal, we still have some fun things instore for you! Throughout this guide you will find programs that fit your needs whether you would like to be outside or inside this season. Once again, the Sandwich Park District and City of Sandwich have brought back the community lce Rink. You will not want to miss the opportunity to come out to Knights Park and enjoy some peaceful ice skating or practicing your aim while shooting some pucks. Grab your skates and join us for a fun time on the ice! Even though the weather is cold and some days might be snowy, YOUR parks are still open. If you're looking for a new experience and the weather permits, please try to get outside to enjoy a nice walk around Harvey Creek's walking path. There is nothing like enjoying nature in the winters snow.

For those of you who are the indoor type, don't worry, we have something for you too. This year we will once again be offering our very popular Daddy Daughter Dance and Mother Son Bowl. These two events are a family favorite here at the Sandwich Park District. We would love to see you join us on these days for a fun memorable night out. Back by popular demand is our Jr. High Nights! Join us as we take over the Middle School for some fun nights of organized activities as well as open gym fun. Parents, if you are wanting a fun date night to yourselves or just an evening of quiet, bring your kids to this awesome night of activities and excitement. It is \$5 per kid to participate and there will be pizza and concession items available for purchase. More details and a list of dates are located inside this guide.

Spring is on the horizon! Throughout this guide you will also find numerous spring programs for the whole family. What better way to enjoy spring then to attend our Spring Egg Hunt. This FREE event is a great opportunity to get the kids out and search the park for some fun holiday eggs. We will even have an opportunity to visit with a very special bunny! We are extremely excited for this upcoming spring and we hope you are too. We can't wait to spend another great spring with you out in YOUR parks.

"Play is not just about having fun but about taking risks, experimenting, and testing boundaries" American Academy of Pediatrics

Sincerely,

William Novicki, CPRP Executive Director Sandwich Park District

Sandwich Park District Registration Form

Please fill out completely. Payment must accompany registration.

Non-Resident Resident

Residential Parent/ Guardian First and Last Name

Address (Resident address may require document verification)

City

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email address

Zip Code

*In case of an emergency, an attempt will be made to contact a parent via main/cell phone. If a parent cannot be reached, the Sandwich Park District will contact the emergency contact. In the event of an emergency, I authorize the Sandwich Park District to secure any/all necessary medical attention from and accredited hospital and or ward and further agree that I will be responsible for any and all medical services rendered.

Medical or special needs/ Allergies/ Comments:

Established 1966

*Emergency Contact

Phone Number

State

PARTICIPANTS NAME (FIRST AND LAST NAME)	BIRTHDATE Month/Date/Year	GRADE	GENDER	PROGRAM/ ACTIVITY	SHIRT SIZE YS, YM, YL Adults S, M,, L, XL,	FEE
			M / F			
			M / F			
			M / F			
			M / F			

Are you interested? COACH_ ASST. COACH___ REFEREE___ YOUR SHIRT SIZE __ We will call to discuss. Best phone # to call___ _ Best time to call _

Relation

***WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

As a participant in the above program(s), those listed above recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and those listed above agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages or loss which those listed above sustain as a result of participation in any and all activities connected with or associated with such programs. Those listed above agree to waive and relinquish all claims those listed above may have as a result of participation in the program(s), against the Sandwich Park District, its officers, agents, servants and employees. Those listed above hereby fully release and discharge the Sandwich Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damage or loss which may accrue to those listed above on account of participation in the program(s).

Those listed above further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Sandwich Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses sustained by those listed above arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program(s).

Refund Policy can be found in current program guide on page 6 and on district website

Photo Release- The SPD takes photos of programs, activities, and participants. Please be aware that these photos may be used in various types of publicity.

I have read the above recreation waiver and release of all claims, and understand that my signature is required below in order to participate in any Sandwich Park District programs. Signature is required of all participants 18 years or older and of parent/guardian for those participants under 18 years of age.

*Signature	of parent / guardian or adult participant		Date
For Office Us	**************************************	******	*********************************** Rev. 10132021
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AdministrativeOffices

David A. Francis Center 1001 N. Latham Street Sandwich, IL 60548 815-786-8044

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00A-5:00P

WHICH FEE DO I PAY... In-District or Out-of-District?

A Sandwich postal address does not in itself determine your Park District residency. Park District residency is determined as living within the Sandwich Park District "taxing" boundaries.

Sandwich Park District residents support the district through their property taxes. The district was established in 1966 to include only the City limits of Sandwich. Anyone living out-of-district (Lake Holiday, Wildwood, rural areas, Hidden Oaks, etc.) is termed a Park District non-resident, or out-of-district.

Subsequently, non-residents do not pay taxes that contribute to supporting the district facilities and programs. Residency is based on the home or living address of the program participant, and not the participant's business address or address of in-district family members.

If in doubt, if you pay property taxes to the Sandwich Park District on the dwelling in which you reside, you are a park district resident and entitled to the in-district fee.

LOST AND FOUND

Items found in our parks are brought to the David A Francis Center, 1001 N. Latham Street by our Parks staff. If you leave something in a park please stop by the Center to see if we have your item or call 815-786-8044.

CATALOG CHANGES/ ERRORS DISCLAIMER

Occasionally, there may be an error that appear in print or online regarding days, times, fees, or other information. When such errors occur, Sandwich Park District will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. Thank you for your patience and understanding when these situations arise.

FEE ADJUSTMENTS DISCLAIMER:

If a fee adjustment is made to any print material, the fee online will supersede all printed material.

FEDERAL COMPLIANCES

The Sandwich Park District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, veteran's status, marital status, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law, in its programs and activities.

PARK BOARD MEETINGS

Park Board meetings are now held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of every month at 6:30P in the David A. Francis Center. The public is welcome to attend these open meetings and are encouraged to participate.

TREE MEMORIAL

The Park District welcomes donations of trees as a special way to honor or remember a friend or loved one. Trees will be enjoyed by many generations to come while improving our environment and providing shade and beauty for our parks. The park district will plant and maintain a tree on park property and your loved one will be remembered on our beautiful memorial growing tree located in the lobby at the David A. Francis Center.

PROGRAM CAPACITY

All programs have minimum and maximum enrollments. If the minimum enrollment is not met one week prior to the program date, the park district may have to cancel, postpone, or consolidate the program with another. If we cancel a program, a full refund is issued.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

For all your help and dedication when we need coaches, assistant coaches, help with special events and with all of the volunteer opportunities the park district has to offer. We couldn't do it without all of you! Want to be a volunteer? Just let us know!

FAMILY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The third child (or more) in your household receives a 50% off lowest resident price for "selected"sports leagues. Children must be all registered for the same activity.

PHOTOGRAPHY/SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Please be aware that by registering for a program or class, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using District facilities or property, you authorize the District to use photos and video footage for promotional purposes in District publications, advertising, marketing materials, brochures, event flyers, social media (including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media sites operated by the District), and the District's website without additional prior notice or permission and without any compensation to you. All photos and videos are property of the District.

REFUND POLICY

1. Full refund or credit will be issued if the Recreation Department cancels a program.

2. Cancellation from any session/program must be requested on or before the registration by deadline.

 No refunds will be given for unforeseen change in instructor or building locations.
 No refunds will be given for absenteeism.

5. Refund checks are mailed out within 30-45 days for payments made by cash or check, in conjunction with the bill list schedule. For payments made with credit/debit card will be issued back to the card used. For credit/debit card refunds please allow 3-5 days for funds to credit back to the account.



SANDWICH PARK DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY

The Sandwich Park District is a separate governing unit which levies its own tax to provide park facilities and recreation for the residents of the district. Innovative leadership starts with our community elected, seven member Board of Commissioners. Members of the Board are elected to 6 year terms and serve without compensation. Meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Shaun Legge......President Dan Hoyt.....Vice President John FinchamCommissioner Theresa Jourdan...Commissioner Eric Terlep.....Commissioner Diane Scents....Commissioner Brad Knepper....Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION

Bill Novicki, CPRP Executive Director

Vacant Park Board/ Secretary, Treasurer

Shawn Rickert *Office Manager*

RECREATION STAFF

Jordan Beckwith *Recreation Manager*

Matthew Reinink Recreation Assistant

MOTHER GOOSE CLUB PRESCHOOL

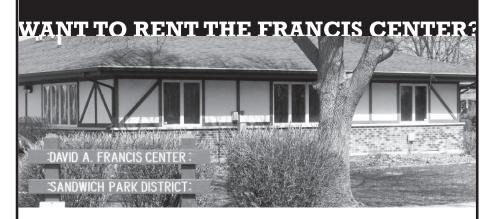
Barb Olin, B.A. *Director, Teacher*

Rachel Newnam Assistant

PARKS STAFF

Gary Bark Park Foreman

Dalton Sherman Maintenance



LOOKING FOR MEETING SPACE OR A PLACE TO GATHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS?

The David A. Francis Center at 1001 N. Latham Street is available for public rental when not in use for Park District programs and activities. The Center is handicap accessible and accommodates up to 100 guests. A modern kitchen is also available for use at no additional charge. No alcohol or smoking permitted on grounds. A Driver's License will be copied for proof of residency. Effective 2013, shelters will no longer be first-come, first-served. In order to assure you can have your event at one of the shelters, rent will now be charged to guarantee availability.

RENTAL FEES:

- Park District Resident
 \$120 first 3 hours, \$25 per hour thereafter
 Plus \$100 refundable deposit
 Shelters: \$25 first 3 hours, \$10 per hr. thereafter
 Shelters Electric Charge: \$10 minimum.
- Park District Non Resident

\$170 first 3 hours, \$25 per hour thereafter Plus \$100 refundable deposit Shelters: \$35 first 3 hours, \$10 per hr. thereafter Shelters Electric Charge: \$10 minimum.

- Not for Profit Groups and or Events
 \$85 first 3 hours, \$25 per hour thereafter
 Plus \$100 refundable security deposit
 Shelters: \$25 first 3 hours, \$10 per hr. thereafter
 Shelters Electric Charge: \$10 minimum.
- For Profit Groups and or Events \$170 per meeting first 3 hours, \$35 per hour thereafter Plus \$100 refundable deposit Shelters: \$35 first 3 hours, \$10 per hr. thereafter Shelters Electric Charge: \$10 minimum.

Note: Daytime hours are available on rental basis for your group's meetings. Call 815-786-8044 to check availability.

PARKS INFORMATION

PARK SITES

- 1. Ernest Memorial Park 3104 Ernest Drive (Dutch Acres II)
- 2. Harvey Creek Conservation Area Dayton Street and Lions Road
- 3. Henderson Park Green St./Second St.
- 4. James Knights Park David A. Francis Center-Administrative Offices 1001 N. Latham Street
- 5. Memorial Park 601 S. Green St.
- 6. Milestone Park 1375 N. Castle Street
- 7. Patriots Park 1220 N. Daniel Lane
- 8. Veterans Park (Gazebo) 143 E Railroad Street
- 9. Westfield Park 610 W. Charlotte St. Sandwich, IL 60548
- 10. Splash Park 1250 N. Fairwind
- 11. Troeger Dog Park (within Milestone Park)
- 12. Skate Park 1375 N Castle St

Park tours are available to the public upon request. To tour and learn the history of each park, contact the office at 815-786-8044 to schedule a tour.

PARK HOURS

Parks are open from dawn till dark unless otherwise posted.

PLEASE CALL 911

If you see something that should not be occurring in your neighborhood park, please call the Sandwich Police Department at 815-786-7261 or 911. They will assist the park district in monitoring your parks, maintaining the beauty and safety for you to visit and enjoy.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

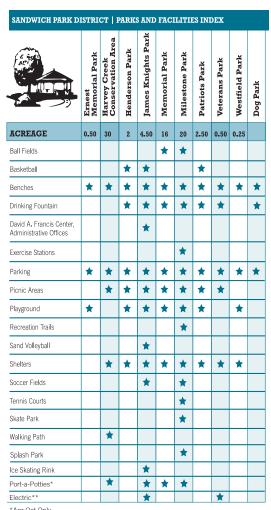
At www.sandwichparkdistrict.org, you can find information about all of our parks, activities, and much more.

MIESSY SHOES CAN RUIN YOUR DAY

All dogs must be on leash while using all of our parks. As a responsible pet owner you MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEM. Bags are available at the entrance to Harvey Creek Conservation Area and Milestone Park.

SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Some of our programs use Sandwich Community School District #430 facilities. The Sandwich Park District acknowledges and appreciates the cooperation of District #430 board and staff in making this possible.



*Apr-Oct Only **Permit Required

We have a Little Free Library at the shelter in Knights Park. Feel free to take a book, return the book, or donate a book. There are books for all ages, and all genres. Special thank you to Girl Scout Troop 607 for creating this awesome community function.



LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM

Sandwich Park District has a lightning detection system at Knights Park, Memorial Park, Milestone Park. This system warns patrons, coaches and staff of actual lightning strikes within a 10-mile radius of the park. When lightning is detected, you will hear a 15-second blast and strobe lights will begin to flash. When this occurs ALL outdoor activities should cease and all persons should seek shelter in a permanent building or vehicle immediately. Activities may only be resumed once the system has indicated the "all clear" with three – 5 second horn blasts and the strobe lights will stop flashing.

Indoor Garage

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

If you have items that you would like to sell, but are limited on space, this is the answer. Reserve and 8ft. table for only \$18 to sell your treasures. Sellers must stay the entire time of the sale, and are responsible for their own table, set up, cash box, tear down, and CLEAN UP including taking home empty boxes. Sellers will be permitted to set up at 7:30am, and must be ready by 9:00am; late vendors will forfeit their space and fee. All "treasures' must be on the designated table space, walkways must remain clear. Clothing racks are not permitted, space is too limited. Electric for a table is available for an additional charge of \$10. Registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis, and there are NO REFUNDS. Concessions will be available. Advertising is included in your fee.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: St. Paul's Parish Center, 340 W. Arnold St., Sandwich

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
3/2	9am-2pm	Sa	\$18/18	18+	2/16







Do you have an idea for a class or program you would like to see offered? Better yet, do you have a special interest or talent you would like to share with others?

The Sandwich Park District is always looking for new program ideas and instructors with creative ideas or talents. If you have an idea or interest and are willing to lead activities, or if you have an idea for a new program.

email: sandwichparkdistrict@comcast.net



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT



Garden Plots are available at our Sandwich Park District Community Garden. The plots are approximately 10 x 50 (1 row) and are limited to two (2) per household. Garden plots are available for residents, non-residents, and non-profits to rent. We ask you to plant more and donate whatever you can to the local food pantries. The Local Food Pantries are: Cornerstone Food Pantry, Harvest Chapel Food Pantry and St. John's Lutheran (Somonauk) Food Pantry. We ask that you coordinate your donation directly with the food pantry of your choosing.

Planting Date: Plots are open on May 1st, weather permitting. The park district tills the area before and after the season and supplies water tanks. You will need to supply necessary gardening tools.

Clean Up: By mid-October you will be required to clean your area, a compost bin is available.

Cost: \$25.00 per plot for residents, non-residents, and non-profit organizations. An additional \$25.00 refundable security deposit will be collected. Part of your obligation is to weed and clean your area during the season and at the end. If you do not fulfill your obligation to clean your plot you may jeopardize your opportunity to rent next year and will forfeit the \$25 deposit.

*Person(s) renting a plot must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Special registration forms must be completed at the park district office.

Location: The garden is located on Gletty Road, just south of Rt. 34 on the right side of the road. Plots: 13 plots available

REGISTRATION DATES

RETURNING GARDENERS: Can register after February 1, 2024 NEW GARDENERS: Can register after March 1, 2024



Have you heard about the Basics DeKalb County Toddler Garden partnership with Sandwich Park District? Located at the NW corner of Knights Park

Outdoor programming is on pause during the winter - see you in the spring for FREE weekly programs for infants & toddlers!



Sign up for Basics Insights -FREE texting program for brain-boosting tips and activities to do with your kids ages 0-5.





INAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION



This free event provides an opportunity for participants to learn about gardening for their home. A variety of speakers will give demonstrations and gardening tips. We will have engaging seminars and you will have a chance to ask the professionals questions. Be sure to register ahead of time to guarantee a spot, space is limited.

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: David A. Francis Center

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
4/6	4/6 8:30am-1pm		FREE	All	4/5
	AT		2		





STARVED ROCK WINTER HIKE

Discover the winter beauty at Starved Rock State Park on a guided hike. There's a chance of spotting bald eagles soaring high in the sky or experiencing majestic, frozen waterfalls. Dress appropriately for the weather, including proper footwear such as Yaktrax. We will depart from the David A. Francis center at 8:45am and get to the Starved Rock Lodge at 10am. We will head out to see Wildcat Canyon (with its two observation decks) plus Lover's Leap and Eagle Cliff. Lunch is included with your choice of turkey, ham or veggie wrap, bag of chips, granola bar, piece of fruit and bottled water. The hike will return at approximately 1pm to the lodge, then we will drive back to the David A. Francis Center and arrive around 2pm. Hikes are approximately 3 miles roundtrip with stairs.

Instructor: Bill Novicki

Location: David A. Francis Center / Starved Rock State Park

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
2/24	8:45am-2pm	Sa	\$35/35	All	2/16



INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

This course is an overview of basic information needed if you are interested in becoming a beekeeper. Learn the benefits of managing beehives from pollination to harvesting a honey crop and the equipment needed to start a hive. After attending this class, the participants will take away knowledge needed to begin the process. Bees are an important part of our environment and this course will assist you in understanding how our honey bees operate.

Instructor: Bill Novicki **Location:** David A. Francis Center

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
3/12	6pm-7:30pm	Tu	\$20/30	All	3/5



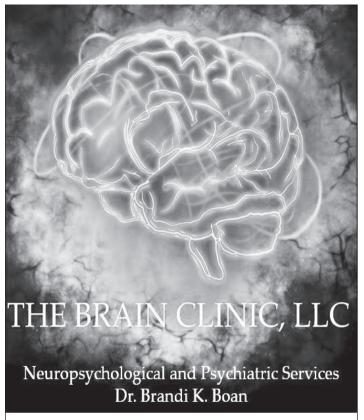
SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WATCHING

Save the date for this special program. Have you ever wanted to learn more about birds and how to identify them? Join us with Bird Expert Bob Andrini as we walk and talk birds. Participants will get firsthand knowledge of bird identification. We will walk the beautiful Farnsworth House grounds and hope to spot many different species as they travel through the Spring migration. Not a regular bird watcher? No worries, this is the perfect program to start armature bird watching, all levels and ages are welcome. After one bird walk with Bob you will fall in love with birding! Don't forget to bring some binoculars and or a camera. There will be many great opportunities to snap a picture or two. We will meet at the Farnsworth House at 8:00am.

Instructor: Bob Andrini

Location:	Farnsworth	House,	14520 Riv	er Ra. G	ate I, Plano

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
5/18	8am-12pm	Sa	\$10/10	All	5/10



100 S. Latham St. Suite 100B, Sandwich TheBrainClinicLLC.com

MOTHER GOOSE CLUB PRESCHOOL

Barb Olin, Director, Teacher Rachel Newnam & TJ Adelman, Assistants

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Your child can expect a safe, warm, and secure environment with developmentally appropriate activities, materials, and equipment. Children are encouraged to express themselves through math, science, art, and manipulative play experiences. "Together Time", with stories, songs, and finger plays adds to the fun; along with large and small muscle activities. The alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, and name printing are introduced, along with counting and cutting skills. A nutritious snack is provided each day.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

Young children learn best through hands-on experiences and need many opportunities to express their feelings. Emphasis is placed on social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development with our "**learn through play approach**". The Mother Goose Club program is designed to encourage play, which is a child's primary means of expression and problem solving.

FEES:

Monthly fees are set for the entire academic school year and are not reduced or discounted during the term for holidays or breaks. Automatic payments can be setup with a credit or debit card.

Location: Mother Goose Room Director: Barb Olin Ages: 3, 4, 5 / Child must be potty trained

Day: Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday Time: 9:00A-11:00A or 12:15P-2:15P Fees: Call for current pricing.



PRE-K FRIDAYS

We will help build fundamental skills through fun activities, manipulatives and more. There will be many opportunities for selfexpression, yet structured activities as well. Pre-K Fridays is open to all children who will be starting Kindergarten next fall. Children already enrolled in the Mother Goose Club Preschool will get first priority. Enrollment is on a "first come" basis with a maximum of 10 children.

FEES: Session fees are set for each session and are not reduced or discounted during the session for holidays or breaks. There are 3 sessions in a school year (two 10 week sessions and one 6 week session). Automatic payments can be setup with a credit or debit card.

Session I	September-December
Session II	January-March
Session III	April- May

Time: 9:00A-11:30A Fees: Call for current pricing.





ATHLETIC CLASSES



PEE WEE SPORTS

Come play with us! This class is perfect for getting your toddler up and moving. A variety of sport themed activities will be introduced. Learning stations and/or group activities will include basketball, soccer, exercises, and other fun activities to keep your energetic toddler busy. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

Instructor: Lawrie Knepper Location: David A. Francis Center

Date	Time	Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
1/6-1/20	9am-9:45am	Sa	\$25/35	1-3	12/30



CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

Visit an actual Civil War Encampment right at Knights Park. See the soldier's tents, weapons, how their meals were cooked, and what items were carried in Knapsack. The 10th Illinois Regiment brings history to life. Each volunteer from the 10th Illinois Regiment portrays a soldier from this area that enlisted during the Civil War time period. This event is open to the public. No registration required for the public to attend.

School groups by reservations only on Friday. Please contact the Sandwich Park District at 815-786-8044 to reserve a time slot.

Stop in for a visit, they camp out all weekend!

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: Knights Park

DATE	DAY	R/NR	AGE
4/26-4/28	F-Su	FREE	All

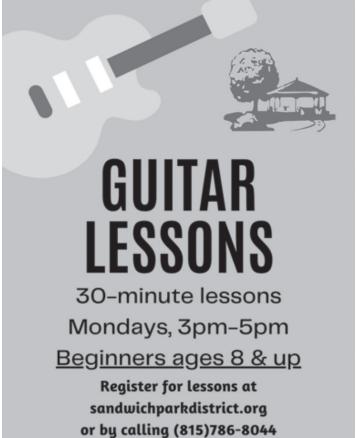


LITTLE ONES T-BALL

This class is designed for children ages 2 to 4 years of age that do not have any experience playing tee ball. In two sessions we will introduce your child to the first stage of learning America's greatest pastime. We will have fun tossing the ball, catching, hitting balls and running the bases. This class will be outside, at Knights Park, so dress for the weather. Please bring your own water bottle. Time for a quick snack break is included. Parents please plan to stay and play. If we have bad weather, we may cancel that day and you will be contacted. We will contact you regarding a rescheduled date.

Instructor: Lawrie Knepper **Location:** Knights Park

Date Time		Day	R/NR	Age	Reg. By
5/4-5/18	9am-9:45am	Sa	\$25/35	2-4	4/27



VARIED INTEREST

BABY BASICS WITH DR. BLAIR

This free-to-the-community class will be a laid-back, conversational discussion about what to expect with your baby in the first weeks of life. We will cover what you actually need at home before the baby comes, what products are safe and unsafe, and tips for navigating common challenges when the baby arrives. Discussion will be targeted toward caregivers expecting a new baby, but anyone hoping to learn more about the newborn days is welcome to attend!

Dr. Blair Wright is a pediatrician who grew up here in Sandwich even attending the Park District's Mother Goose a couple of decades ago! She completed college at Illinois Wesleyan University then medical school at the University of Illinois through the nationally recognized "RMED" rural medicine program. Blair completed residency as a physician at Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City from 2019-2022 and has been back home for just over a year with a primary care pediatric practice right here in Sandwich. She looks forward to giving back to the community that raised her and to building connections that help make our community the best place to raise healthy and happy kids.

Instructor: Dr. Blair Wright Location: David A. Francis Center

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE
1/16	6:30pm	Tu	FREE	All

IMPROV, WRITING, & PERFORMING

This is a beginner class for any writers/performers ages 10 & up. In this class we will be working on improvisational skills, public speaking, along with writing fun and original sketches that we will perform to a live audience on our final day of class! If you are looking for a creative outlet, this class is for you!

Instructor: Jordan Beckwith

Location:	David	l A. Francis	Center
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DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
1/30-2/27	5:30pm-6:30pm	Tu	\$20/30	10+	1/23





Junior High Night returns! Come join us as we take over the middle school for a couple of hours. Activities will include dodgeball, basketball, board games, and a root beer chugging contest.

No registration is necessary, just bring some friends, sign in at the door and enjoy a night of fun!

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: Sandwich Middle School

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE
1/20	6pm-8pm	Sa	\$5/5	11-14
2/17	6pm-8pm	Sa	\$5/5	11-14
4/20	6pm-8pm	Sa	\$5/5	11-14



SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: Milestone Park

Participants will get a "kick" out of learning new soccer skills and improving on old ones. Teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship and fun are emphasized as players gain confidence in their abilities. Divisions are determined by your child's current age at time of registration. Games are played on Saturday mornings but may be during the week depending on the number of teams. Your child's game time will be determined once registration closes and the number of teams are determined. Practice days and times are determined by the volunteer coach. We expect to begin practices two weeks before the first game. If games are canceled due to weather conditions during the season, games will be made up during the week on a practice day.

Note: shin guards are required for all games and practices.

Participants must wear a soccer jersey, available to purchase for \$22 online or at the office. This jersey may be worn for many seasons.

Your age on April 20th will be the age group you register under

Volunteer coaches are important to the success of youth sports programs. If you are interested in coaching please indicate on your child's registration form and contact recreation department at 815-786-8044.





SPRING SOCCER REFS NEEDED If you have soccer experience and would like to volunteer to coach a team, please contact Recreation department at 815-786-8044 for more information.

	Register early and save		REGISTRA	TION DATES	l	
55		Early 12/18-2/23	2/24-3/1			
DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	R/NR	DIVISIONS	REG. BY
4/6-5/18	8am-12pm	Sa	\$60/70	\$70/80	U6: 4-5yrs	3/1
4/6-5/18	8am-12pm	Sa	\$60/70	\$70/80	U8: 6-7yrs	3/1
4/6-5/18	8am-12pm	Sa	\$60/70	\$70/80	U10: 8-9yrs	3/1
4/6-5/18	8am-12pm	Sa	\$60/70	\$70/80	U12: 10-11yrs	3/1



SPRING SOCCER COACHES NEEDED!

If you have soccer experience and would like to volunteer to coach a team, please contact Recreation department at 815-786-8044 for more information.



Sports/Leagues: The third child (or more) in your household receives a 50% off lowest resident price for "selected"sports leagues. Children must be all registered for the same activity.

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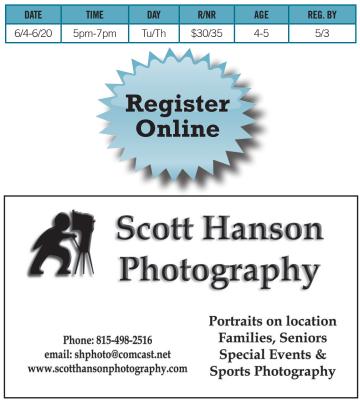


T-BALL LEAGUE

The park district's T-ball program is designed to teach basic fundamentals, sportsmanship, and the importance of having fun. Players hit the ball off the batting tee and learn the basics of the game of baseball & softball. Once registration is closed, after the coaches' meeting, a practice and game schedule will be distributed by individual coaches. We expect to begin practices two weeks before the first game.

EQUIPMENT NOTE: Each player needs to have their own glove and should have gym shoes. Cleats are not required but if you wish to purchase them they should be rubber cleats and not metal. Bats are provided by the Sandwich Park District. Batting helmets must be worn. If you do not own a batting helmet, one will be provided for your child's safety.

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: Milestone Park



SPRING SOFTBALL

The Sandwich is participating in the 2024 Yorkville Parks and Recreation Spring Softball League. Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department along with neighboring communities Somonauk, Leland, Plano, Earlville, Hinckley, Newark/Lisbon, Serena, Paw Paw, and Sandwich have partnered to offer this expansive softball experience. Please note that travel to these neighboring communities for away games is required as a part of this league.

1st - 2nd Grade: This division is designed primarily as the beginning point for learning girls' softball. It is a developmental step designed to teach softball fundamentals in a fun atmosphere. At this level, there are no wins and no losses. Basic hitting and defensive skills are the focus of this age.

3rd - 4th Grade: This division is designed primarily as the beginning point for learning girls' softball. It is a developmental step designed to teach softball fundamentals in a fun atmosphere. This level adds a competitive element as wins, losses, and a postseason tournament becomes part of the experience.

5th - 6th Grade: This division is designed primarily as the point for learning girls' softball increases. The game increases in size, speed, and competition level. Skills are taught at a higher level. Field dimensions increased as well. At this level, there is a competitive element as wins, losses, and a postseason tournament becomes part of the experience.

7th - 8th Grade: This division is designed primarily as the point for learning girls' softball increases. It incorporates the same rules as high school and the level of competition increases further as girls develop their athletic skills in preparation for High School. At this level, there is a competitive element as wins, losses, and a postseason tournament becomes part of the experience.

Registration is based on the grade the player is in at the time of registration. League rules state that participants must live within the boundaries of Sandwich School District in order to be eligible to play for the Sandwich Park District team.

Each parent is required to submit a concessions form along with a \$150 check (or credit/debit card) prior to receiving their jersey. Each parent must complete a shift at the concessions stand during the season in order for the check to be waived.

A jersey is included with the registration fee. Here is a list of other equipment we recommend:

- Black Baseball Pants
- Orange Socks
- Batting Helmet
- Rubber Cleats
- Glove
- Fielder's Mask
- Bat

Instructor: Recreation Staff **Location:** Various Locations

DIVISION	DATES	R/NR	REG. BY
1st & 2nd	5/4-6/29	\$80/110	2/21
3rd & 4th	5/4-6/29	\$100/130	2/21
5th & 6th	5/4-6/29	\$130/160	2/21
7th & 8th	5/4-6/29	\$130/160	2/21

YOUTH SPORTS



SOFTBALL PITCHING CLINIC

Here is an opportunity for girls ages 8 to 14 years old to improve their pitching skills. This pitching camp will teach both beginners and experienced players the proper fundamentals of pitching. The skills being taught will include the proper way to grip the ball, stance on the mound, pitching delivery, when to release the pitch, and how to consistently find the strike zone. For more experienced pitchers, the instructor will enhance their current abilities, teach new pitches, and take their abilities to the next level. Participants should wear gym shoes and bring their own gloves. Don't wait until the spring to improve your game, get ahead of the competition now.

Instructor: Mary Anderson **Location:** Sandwich Middle School

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
2/18-3/10	1pm-2pm	Su	\$35/45	8-14	2/9



For girl's playing in the upcoming softball season, here is the chance to sharpen your fundamental softball skills and get a leg up on the competition. Participants will have the chance to work on some of the core areas of softball fundamentals including fielding, throwing, catching, baserunning. Participants should bring their own gloves and wear comfortable athletic attire and gym shoes. Don't wait until summer, come out and sharpen your skills now!

Dates, times and location listed for this program are subject to change

Instructor: Lawrie Knepper Location: Somonauk Baptist Church, 315 E. North St.

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
2/17-3/9	9am-10am	Sa	\$40/50	6-8	2/10





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CARDIO & DANCE

A one-hour dance party where we incorporate dance moves to different types of music to get your heart pumping! Sessions may incorporate muscle building moves to the music, such as squats, leg lifts and lunges. Have fun and don't be afraid to strut your stuff!

Instructor Bio:

Jen Ketchum lives in Sandwich and has been doing cardio dance classes since 2010 which started at the Sandwich Park District! She is excited to expand her experience and start teaching classes this time! She also has experience with dance when doing theatre productions in her spare time. Everyone can move at their own pace and just have fun is the goal while getting our bodies in shape again. Cardio dance will be not just Latin style music but also country, disco, hip hop and pop. It's been a struggle since the pandemic to get back at this, but we can all do it together!

Instructor: Jen Ketchum Location: David A. Francis Center

SESSION	DATES	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
January	1/8-1/29	6:30pm-7:30pm	М	\$28/33	14+	1/3
January	1/4-1/25	6:30pm-7:30pm	Th	\$28/33	14+	1/2
March	3/4-3/25	6:30pm-7:30pm	М	\$28/33	14+	2/26
March	3/7-3/28	6:30pm-7:30pm	Th	\$28/33	14+	2/29
April	4/1-4/29 (5 weeks)	6:30pm-7:30pm	Μ	\$35/40	14+	3/25
April	4/4-4/25	6:30pm-7:30pm	Th	\$28/33	14+	3/28

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Please visit https://www.starstwirlandtumble.com/ for registration of dance classes held at the Sandwich Park District!

TWIRLING TWOS Ages 2 with parent 4:30 - 5:00 PM

This class is an introductory dance class containing ballet and creative movement for ages 2. Young dancers will learn the basic steps, work on large motor skills while learning how to follow direction. The use of props such as "dancing bears", hula hoops and maracas, enables the young dancers to use their imagination, creativity and most of all have fun! A parent may need to assist their child in this class.

Girls - Pink leotard, Pink tights, Pink ballet shoes

Boys - White t-shirt and black shorts or sweatpants and Black ballet shoes

TWIRL STARS DANCE Ages 3 - 4 5:00 - 5:30 PM

A basic introduction to dance, focusing on ballet. Your little ones will love to plie, passe and echappe' with props and themes. We inspire movement and creativity within a positive environment. Dancers will also learn basic steps and terminology. Parents will watch from outside the room, while allowing their child to separately participate with the instructor. *This class will have the opportunity to participate in our spring performances.

Girls - Pink leotard, Pink tights, Pink ballet shoes

Boys - White t-shirt and black shorts or sweatpants and Black ballet shoes

TWIRL STARS DANCE 2 Ages 4 – 5 5:30 - 6:15 PM

This class for those dancers that have already participated in a year of Twirl Star dance class. Young dancers will continue to build upon what they have learned. Class time is lengthened to 45 minutes and jazz movement with be added. *This class will have the opportunity to participate in our spring performances.

Girls: Pink leotard, Pink tights, Pink ballet shoes

Boys: T- shirt, sweatpants and Black jazz shoes or Black ballet shoes



Sandwich Park Foundation

Our Mission

The Sandwich Park Foundation is a separate non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the Sandwich Park District and its endeavor to provide quality recreational programs.

Foundation Funded Projects



The foundation is working in conjunction with the Sandwich Park District to bring Sandwich a Dog Park. The park is projected to be open in 2023.



The Foundation held it's third annual pollinator plant sale to raise funds for the Foundations 2023 IVVC Scholarship.



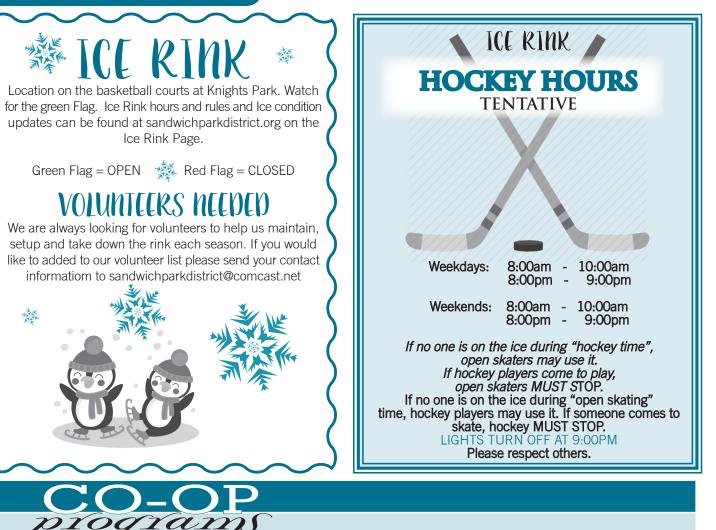
The Foundation continues to funded the educational beehives at Harvey Creek Conservation area.

How You Can Help

- Make a donation
- Plant a memorial tree
- Become a committee member
- Volunteer for an event
- Help support the foundation

What The Park Foundation Does

The Sandwich Park Foundation helps assist the Sandwich Park District by raising funds to support capital projects, scholarship opportunities, and provides program support. The Sandwich Park Foundation also has a memorial program. Within this program you can plant a tree for a loved one or purchase other park items to commemorate a loved one or friend. Contact us today to find our more!



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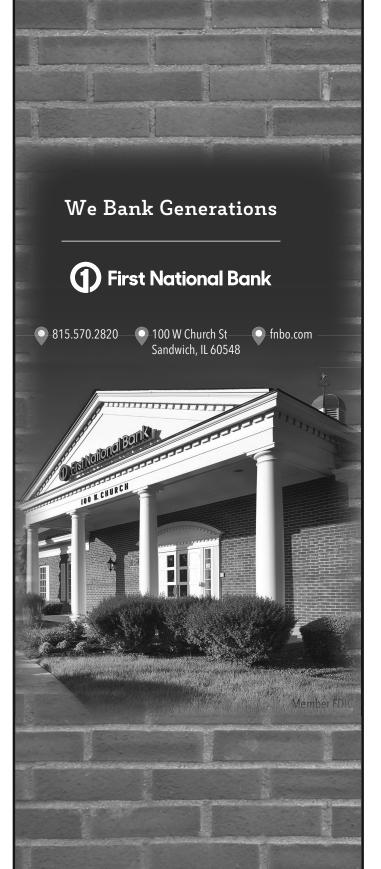
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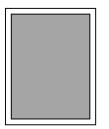
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Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: David A. Francis Center, Rockford IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
1/11	11am-4pm	Th	\$15/17	18+	1/4

COURT STREET PUB

Court Street Pub is downtown Ottawa's newest great addition and a must-stop for locals looking for live entertainment, a gambling fix, or a bite to eat from a mouth-watering menu. It is the home of some of the best food and drink specials in town. Try one of the many great burgers they feature on their menu. Afterwards, we will do some shopping in downtown Ottawa.

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: David A. Francis Center, Ottawa IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
2/8	11am-4pm	Th	\$15/17	18+	2/1

SEA SHACK - CAJUN STYLE

We are headed out to Naperville for a delicious seafood meal. Order a family combo or eat right from a seafood bag with your hands. Don't worry they provide bibs and gloves in case things get messy (and they will). A home-grown brand, Sea Shack aims to deliver the best seafood cajun style. We offer a wide range of seafood cooked to perfection that will make your taste buds tingle with joy. After our meal we will do some shopping at Naper West Plaza.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: David A. Francis Center, Naperville IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
3/14	11am-4pm	Th	\$15/17	18+	3/7

YEN CHING RESTAURANT

One of the tastiest restaurants in all of Dekalb. Yen Ching has been serving the Huskie community for over 35 years. Join us as we take a trip to try many of their delicious dishes and to shop in the downtown Dekalb area. Be sure to check out their specials!

Instructor: Recreation Staff Location: David A. Francis Center, Dekalb IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
4/11	11am-4pm	Th	\$15/17	18+	4/4







Fee covers the cost of transportation, the cost of your meal is not included. If time allows, light shopping will follow lunch.



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TRIPS



FIELD MUSEUM

Discover all the Field Museum has to offer with this fun filled trip. Let us doing the driving to downtown Chicago while you enjoy exploring the famous Field Museum. The Field Museum fuels a journey of discovery across time to enable solutions for a brighter future rich in nature and culture. With many exhibits ranging from Ancient Egypt, Birds, Nature, The Evolving Planet, China, Restoring Earth, Dinosaurs including the world-famous SUE, and much much more. Registration covers transportation and general admission. Lunch, extra exhibits, and movies are at your expense. While on this trip you can explore the museum at your own pace or join our provided instructor to guide you around the museum.

Instructor: Bill Novicki

Location: David A. Francis Center / Field Museum, Chicago IL

C	DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
	l/13	8am-5pm	Sa	\$60/60	All	1/5

HOLLYWOOD CASINO

Looking to do some gambling? We're taking a trip to Aurora this winter to visit Hollywood Casino. There, you will be able to play the slots, as well as the many table games they offer (including Black iack Bouldton and Casino). There, you will be able to Black- jack, Roulette, and Craps). The Casino contains restaurants for lunch, as well as a bar. Please note, the price of registration only covers travel.

You must be 21 or older to register.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: David A. Francis Center, Aurora IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
2/20	9am-5pm	Tu	\$20/20	21+	2/13



CHICAGO WOLVES VS. MANITOBA MOOSE We are going to Rosemont this March to take in the action on

the ice between the Manitoba Moose and your Chicago Wolves. The fee includes the cost of ticket and transportation to and from the game. The icing on the cake is the promotion being offered by Allstate Arena that night: \$3 beer night! Please note that concessions at Allstate Arena are cashless.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Rosemont, IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
3/15	5pm-10pm	F	\$35/35	All	2/2

OFFREY BALLET (MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM)

Join us as we travel to Chicago for a magnificent experience Far from a Shakespearean tale, Ekman's' Midsummer Night's Dream. Team' is a mind-bending trip to a surreal realm of unearthly delights. Set during the traditional Scandinavian summer solstice festival, dancers celebrate a day of revelry and romance under the maypole, which soon unravels into an otherworldly dream. Ekman's picturesque fusion of classical and contemporary ballet blurs the line between the real and the imagined and makes us wonder, is it all a dream?

Dress Code: It is suggested to wear Semi formal attire to this event.

Instructor: Bill Novicki

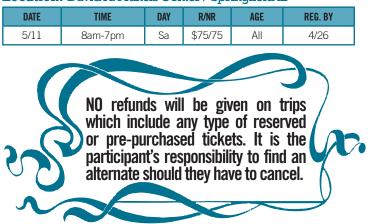
Location: David A. Francis Center / Chicago IL

DATE	TIME	DAY	R/NR	AGE	REG. BY
4/27	11:30am-6:30pm	Sa	\$100/100	All	3/29

LAND OF LINCOLN TRIP

Experience the history of our 16 th president Abraham Lincoln with this fun trip to Springfield, IL. We will be visiting the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Experience history like never before. Step inside key moments in Lincoln's life, from triumph to tragedy. Explore immersive displays and shows that drive home the human costs of slavery and war. Connect with Lincoln and his family through artifacts that can't be found anywhere else in the world. You'll feel like you're walking in Lincoln's shoes. We will also be visiting the Old State Capitol on this trip. This historically preserved building is a corner stone to this state's history. Included in your registration cost is access to the Abraham Lincoln Museum exhibits, access to the old State Capitol, and transportation. Lunch, souvenirs are at your own expense. This trip is a self-guided tour through both the museum and State Capital building.

Instructor: Bill Novicki Location: David A. Francis Center / Springfield IL



12000 This annual event will take place outside at Knights Park, rain or shine! Dress appropriately and bring a basket to collect your eggs. There will be three age divisions. 3 and under, 4-8, 8 and up. Make sure all children have an adult while searching for eggs. There will be a limit of 8 eggs per child. Afterwards, you may stay and visit with the Bunny!

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