

SPECIAL EVENTS

Backyard Beats

Community Outreach Concerts held in partnership with subdivisions & neighborhood associations at their parks, clubhouses, or greenspaces. A great marketing opportunity, we provide entertainment, a staff person and usually some basic activities such as side-walk chalk or simple games. Utilized for marketing and outreach and to connect to families that do not normally participate in programming.

No fee for participants – donations requested from neighborhood associations but not required.

Contact: Jennifer Eubanks, Canton (MI) Leisure Services

<http://leisure.canton-mi.org/>

National Neighborhood Day

Enjoy great community involvement and family fun while picnicking in the neighborhood. This special event provides food, fun and games in a safe, comfortable atmosphere.

Contact: Bluffton Parks- Indiana; Pam Vanderkolk <http://www.ci.bluffton.in.us/parksrec.htm>

Main Street Spooktacular

A special event created for families and community, hosted by Parks and Recreation, The Chamber of Commerce and the Clare Mainstreet Program. Get into the Spooktacular mood with pumpkin picking and a costume parade. Concessions are also available at this event open to all ages.

Fee: Concessions if desired

Contact: Clare, Michigan; Marzella Corp <http://www.clarecountyrecreation.com/>

Salad Speedway

A special event offered to our summer camp youth, intended to celebrate the “5 a day fruit and veggie” program. Teams of 3-4 children are provided with a selection of fresh produce to build race cars (we provide wheel bases – purchased at the Dollar Store). Teams name their cars and we race them on a track we built for the event. Certificates are awarded to “fastest fruit”, “creative construction”, etc.

Fee: \$0 – part of summer camp program

Contact: Jennifer Eubanks/Amy Lockmondy/Marina Harvey, Canton (Michigan) Leisure Services

<http://leisure.canton-mi.org/>

Daddy/daughter skate

The Frank Southern Ice Arena presents the annual Daddy/Daughter Skate, a night designed for daddy and his little girl. Enjoy an evening of skating, games, pizza and more. A great opportunity for dad to spend some quality time with his pride and joy! Dress is casual.

Fee: \$25 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at the Arena.

Other: Pizza, lemonade and a complimentary photo included. Any family member is welcome to sub in for dad. Add \$6 per additional child.

<http://www.bloomington.in.gov>

Candy Cane Hunt

Ages: Preschool - 5th grade

Tux the Penguin invites everyone to enjoy the Winter Wonderland at the 7th annual Candy Cane Hunt. Children can participate in the hunt, make a craft and warm up under the shelter with hot chocolate and cookies. Limited number of spaces are available and pre-registration is required.

Location: Thompson Park

<http://www.bloomington.in.gov>

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Dec. 1-4

Decorate your home as the best and brightest in Schaumburg and enter the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. Houses may be decorated anytime prior to Dec. 4, and entry forms are due by 5PM, Dec. 1. The first 15 houses entered will be judged. Your house must be within Schaumburg Park District boundaries. Judging will take place the evening of Dec. 4. Winning entrants will be listed on the Schaumburg Park District cable channel and featured on www.parkfun.com. The criteria that will be judged is as follows:

Originality: Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations

Arrangement: Display and placement of decorations

Theme: Story line or scene

Overall: Overall presentation

<http://www.parkfun.com/dir/events/events.html>

Baby Bargain Boutique & Maternity Sale

Buy or sell good useable maternity clothes and children's clothing, toys and furniture for children ages 4 and under. To Buy: The doors will open at 9 a.m.

There is no admission fee. Be prepared to purchase great bargains for your baby, toddler or expectant mother. To Sell: Each space will include a 6-foot table and chair. Space is \$25/resident and \$35/non-resident. Additional tables may be rented for \$3 per table. Sellers may begin setting up at 7:30 a.m. and must have their space cleared by 1 p.m. Space availability is limited. 9 a.m. – noon

http://www.ketteringoh.org/newweb/pdfs/recreation/programs/fall06/fall_preschool.pdf

Family Aviation Celebration

Sunday, Sept. 24 • 1-4:30PM

Look what's flying into Schaumburg's Regional Airport. It's the annual Aviation Celebration. This great family event offers an educational and fun outing for all ages. Celebration activities include ground displays, helicopter rides (additional cost), plane rides (additional cost), military displays, games and activities, picnic food (additional cost), musical entertainment, demonstrations, and more. Preregister or pay at the door.

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Mother/Daughter: Magical Moments with Mom Gala

Glitzy Girlz hosts a magical gala filled with imagination, crafts, jewelry-making, presents, treats and fairy tale fun. Dress like a little princess and we'll provide all the accessories: boas, tiaras, purses, jewelry, furs and more. Our gala is set up in stations consisting of mom and her princess/s pairings: Arts/Crafts (Wooden Picture Frame), Jewelry-Making (Crystal Princess Charm Bracelet), Mini Make-over and Accessory Tables, Photo Session, Magic Wand Game and Surprise Indulgence for everyone. The stations are coordinated with the magical princess theme and each princess will receive a present. *Contact:* www.ahpd.org or call (847)577-3000

No Crows About It - Build A Scarecrow - Family Class for Kids

Get ready for fall in this fun family class. Wear an old long-sleeved adult shirt and pair of pants. We provide everything else to build your freestanding scarecrow. Watch the crows fly away when you install this fun-loving guest in your yard. (Guest will receive 10% off this night on all in-store purchases & materials.) Children should be accompanied by an adult. (Fee is per child. All materials are supplied.) Please register with the child's name.

Contact: www.ahpd.org or call (847)577-3000

Masonopoly

Life-sized game of Monopoly done using local streets and businesses on 232' x 32" board. Local businesses sponsor their property. All ages can participate. Different boards for different age groups. Two staff to be bankers

Contact: Mason, Ohio Parks and Recreation; Pam Wray www.imaginemason.org

Magical Princess Evenings

Girls, dress up like your favorite princess and join us for a series of magical evenings! Each dazzling evening is filled with crafts, games & other activities perfect for a little princess. Snack provided.

Fall Festival

Pumpkin Carving and games prior to a Junior High Volleyball game. Divided into two groups; group one carved pumpkins. While group two played "mummification" where they wrapped teammates from head to toe in toilet paper. Switch teams. Had a doughnut eating contest. Creates positive teamwork experience.

Contact: *Bowling Green (OH) Parks and Rec; Leah Pekarik*
bqohio.org, or (419)354-6223

Flight Fair

Kite fun for the whole family. Make a kite and fly. Professionals bring their kites as well a flying demonstration.

Contact: *Mason, Ohio; Pam Wray*
www.imaginemason.org

Boonanza

Spooky music and dancing, crafts such as cereal box monsters. Let them go crazy with art supplies, games like gum on the witch's nose. Candy prizes. Make gooey snack. Boo-cups to Snickers the cat. Dance lessons for Monster Mash, etc. Everyone comes in costume.

Contact: *Bowling Green (OH) Parks and Rec; Leah Pekarik*
bqohio.org or (419)354-6223

Vintage Bridal Show

This event is held at a local historic mansion. Attendees were of all ages. For young woman and their mothers who are in the midst of planning summer weddings, the event will have a strong appeal. Also, those who are interested in history, vintage clothes and fashion are likely to sign up for fun. This is especially true of baby boomers and older participants .Contact: *Longview Comm. College, Lee's Summit (MO)*

<http://www.leessummit.org/recreation.asp>

Floating Pumpkin Carving Contest

Fun for all ages. Families bring carved pumpkins to the lake to be judged for prizes. Pumpkins then placed on rafts and set afloat so cars that pass by can see floating Halloween decorations.

Contact: *Mobley Parks and Rec(MO); Carrie Steuber*

Great Bloomington Pumpkin Launch

Partnership with Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, Environmentally friendly way to dispose of pumpkins. Seed Spitting Contest.

Contact: *Bloomington (IN) Parks and Rec; Leslie Kaiser*
<http://bloomington.in.gov/parks/> or (812)349-3705

Polar Express Holiday Train Ride

Ages: 3-8 with parent

Fee: \$9/child and \$11/adult. Families ride the one car that is rented from Arlington Heights to downtown Chicago. While riding, the Polar Express book is read and holiday songs sung. Pick up Santa along the way.

Contact: *Arlington Heights Park District, IL; Alisa Bundt* alisab@ahpd.org or (847)577-3040

Snowball Hunt

Airplane flew over park and dropped 2000 ping pong balls. Balls were numbered with red or black ink. Red ink won prize. Black won candy.

Contact: Warrensburg, MO; Cindy Starkebaum cindys@warrensburg-mo.com or (660)747-7178

Thyme Management

Students learn art of preparing foods using herbs and spices to compliment not overpower the foods. Also learn how to grow and harvest favorite spices. Sample foods and recipes.

Contact: Bloomington (IN) Parks and Rec; H. Michael Simmons
simmonsm@city.bloomington.in.us

Toys in the Hood

Opened up the garage so participants could bring in their cars and learn basic car care and maintenance. Also learned emergency procedures.

Fee: \$12 residents

Contact: Bloomington (IN) Parks and Rec; H. Michael Simmons
simmonsm@city.bloomington.in.us

Trunk or Treat

Local businesses bring business cars, trucks, and vans to decorate trunks for Halloween. Kids go trunk to trunk in order to trick or treat. Also have bonfire, hot chocolate, maze, etc.

Contact: City of Richmond Heights, MO: Beth Knapp
www.richmondheights.org/index.asp?NID=25

Turks Head Music Festival

Showcase of local musical talent. Four stages set up on backs of flatbed trucks. Arts and Crafts booths set up as well.

Contact: West Chester, PA; Kathleen McBratnil wcrec@aol.com or (610)436-9010.

Junk in the Trunk

Each person gets 2 parking spaces. One to park and use the other to sell. Participants car must fit into one parking space.

Contact: City of Mentor Parks and Recreation; Sara Shaner shaner@cityofmentor.com or (440)974-573

When I Was a Kid

The comparison of different things through the generation. Items include record players, medical equipment, even an outhouse. Kids are able to see how things evolved though time

Contact: Dublin (OH)Recreation Services; Darren Hurley dhurley@dublin.oh.us or (614)410-4558

Discover Florida

This is a mini-carnival with games themed around Florida animals and plants (palm tree ring toss). We also have tables set up for guest speakers (Florida Fish and Wildlife, Aquarium, etc). Guest brings wildlife native to Florida. Kids also received a mesh bag of oranges from Sun Groves.

Contact: Safety Harbor, FL; Shannon Schafer sschafer@cityofsafetyharbor.com or (727)724-1545.

Huff-N-Puff-Before-You-Stuff

Ages: 12 +

Free admission with 2 cans of food/hygiene/baby products or cash donation to benefit local charities. Come try a variety of Fitness, Wellness, & Aqua Fitness classes. Pool and Weight Room available.

www.auroragov.org/recreation

Women in the Wilderness/Granola Girls

This is a weekend-long program with outdoor recreation clinics. This retreat is designed to build friendships, confidence, and connections to outdoor clubs and organizations.

Contact: *Derenda Howard, Oakland County (MI) Parks and Recreation*

<http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec/>