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**Registration  
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**Headquarters Address**

Activity Center Park  
221 North Main Street  
Centerville, Ohio  
45459-4617  
Email: mail@cwpd.org  
Website: www.cwpd.org

**Spring Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Summer Hours Begin April 25  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Office Closed May 30

**Phone Numbers**

Park District Headquarters:  
(937) 433-5155  
Fax: (937) 433-6564  
Park District Rainout Line:  
(937) 433-2524  
Second Shift and Weekends:  
(937) 470-9246

**Park Addresses**

For a complete list of park addresses,  
visit our website, www.cwpd.org.

**Athletic Field Conditions**

www.cwpd.org/field\_status.shtml

**Youth League Contacts**

*Centerville United Soccer Association  
(CUSA)*

www.CUSASoccer.com  
Hotline: 864-4440

*Centerville Noon Optimist  
Sof-T-Ball Association*

www.centervillenoonoptimist.com  
Charlie Pool: 371-7612  
Bill Williams: 224-1931  
Email: Cvilletball@aol.com

*Centerville Wee Elk Football Association*

www.weeelks.org

*Centerville Baseball League*

www.cbltoday.org  
Hotline: 640-2816  
Email: cblstaff@woh.rr.com

*ISC Storm Soccer*

iscstormsoccer.com  
Hotline: 286-8104

**Online Newsletter**

The Park District News and Events is available in pdf format on the Park District's website, www.cwpd.org. By registering for online notification you will be able to discover the newest program offerings for the upcoming season as soon as the information is published. You have the option of providing your mailing address and your household will no longer receive a printed copy in the mail.

**2011 Reservations**

Reservations for many park facilities are available for your group events. Alcoholic beverages are **not** permitted in any park or facility. Reservations can be made by phoning (937) 433-5155 or stopping in the Park Headquarters during regular office hours. Individuals must be 18 years of age or older and all fees must be paid in advance. The Park District reserves the right to refuse permit requests and limit the number of participants.

**Park Shelters** - Activity Center, Forest Field, Oak Creek South, Oak Grove, Schoolhouse, and Yankee Parks. 4 hours - \$35 resident, \$60 nonresident; more than 4 hours - \$50 resident, \$90 nonresident.

**Grant Park Fire Circles** - Permit required to build a fire. \$15 resident, \$25 nonresident.

**Grant Nature Nook** - Available for small non-profit service groups based in Centerville or Washington Township that benefit the community at large. Call for details.

**Commissioners Corner**



Greetings and best wishes for a very happy new year. This year has brought many positive changes for our Park District. We completed our new skatepark, held the grand opening of the Smith property at Bill Yeck Park where we shared the community driven master plan for its development, saw the further development of Oak Grove Park as well as several other parks, and began the badly needed expansion to the park headquarters. Use of the parks continued to grow through 211 Park District programs offered with 4,473 people participating.

This year we look forward to another year of continued improvement in both parks and programs. It is the support of the community that allows us to provide positive park experiences for everyone. Together we have developed a Park District that is fiscally sound and user driven. On behalf of myself, the other commissioners and Park District staff, thank you for your support during this last year. We look forward to working together again this year to assure that our Park District remains an outstanding asset for our community providing many close to home opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and learning.

Yours in Open Space,

*Maggie Weisman*

## Volunteer Spotlight

Raymond Kettner, a Volunteer Naturalist with the Park District since 2009, has been an exceptional addition to our group of volunteers! Through his daughters' involvement in scouting, Raymond was able to spend lots of quality time outdoors learning about wildlife and camping. His knowledge and experience with scouts has been a great attribute for leading various scout hikes. But Raymond does not stop there; he helps with several programs year-round. He leads our Tuesday Treks for adults and helps with other programs, such as Outdoor Adventure Crew and Eco-Explorers. He has also helped out during our Luminary Hike. His comfort with nature and ability to build good rapport with participants makes him an irreplaceable volunteer!



Raymond Kettner

Raymond grew up in central New Jersey after moving from New York City. He had a new opportunity to get outdoors and loved it. He shared this love with his daughters and they in turn have shared it with their children. Raymond loves spending time at his cabin in Kentucky exploring the forest and observing all the changes during the seasons. He loves spending time with his grandchildren in this special place and watching their love of nature grow. When not sharing his love of the outdoors with his grandchildren, Raymond and his wife can be found taking part in their new hobby, fly fishing! Raymond also volunteers his time at the City of Centerville.

Raymond settled in Dayton due to an NCR move. He worked in their financial data center and later became involved in NCR's Disaster Recovery Services organization. He then moved to IBM and HP doing disaster recovery consulting. After retiring in 2009, Raymond wanted to get involved in his community and sent out volunteer applications. The Park District was the first to respond and we are so glad we did. Raymond has been ready to jump in and help out from the very beginning, using his terrific people skills, and sharing his love of the outdoors with all ages! Thank you for sharing your skills and passions with us, Ray! We appreciate all that you do for the Park District and the community.

## JOB AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Park District has several volunteer and seasonal positions available. Whether you are interested in assisting with programs, special events, or in our operations department - call (937) 433-5155 during regular office hours for further information. Potential employees must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and successfully complete a background screening. A few program positions are available for 16-17 year olds. Additionally, scouts looking to fulfill their Eagle Scout or Gold Award requirements can call Brad Colson at (937) 433-5155.

## Home Energy Assessments

With energy costs continuing to rise, you may be interested in taking a look at ways you can reduce your costs. A home energy assessment or audit is a great place to start. You can perform an assessment yourself or hire a professional auditor.

### Insulation

Check your insulation levels in the ceilings and wall of your home. If you live in an older home, your insulation level may be inadequate as standards have changed over the years. Locally attic insulation should have an R value of 49.

### Heating/Cooling Equipment

An annual inspection of your heating and cooling equipment is recommended by most manufacturers. Check your filters and replace as needed, especially during periods of high usage. If your system is more than 15 years old, consider replacing it with a more energy efficient one. Check your local service provider and government agencies for available rebates.

### Lighting

Lighting costs are often 10% of your electric bill. Examine

the wattage of the lights in your house and see if a smaller watt bulb will do or better yet, consider compact fluorescent lights where lights are on for an extended period of time. Some local stores offer discounted prices on these bulbs.

### Air Leaks

Make a list of obvious air leaks for potential savings of 5-30% per year. Addressing these leaks will also make your home more comfortable.

Visit [energysavers.gov](http://energysavers.gov) website for more information.

# Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road  
Parent Handbook and Registration Information

Prior to registering your child for Hidden Meadows Day Camp, please take the time to review the parent information provided and make note of registration requirements and important dates. A health history form is included on page 7 and is required for all campers. Additional forms are available on our website, [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org). **Weeks available for preschoolers (ages 3 & 4) are printed in green.**

Resident registration begins: **Monday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

Nonresident registration begins: **Monday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| June 20-24     | Creek Stompin'                                  |
| June 27-July 1 | Trail Trekkers                                  |
| July 5-8*      | Wilderness Adventures (*No camp Monday, July 4) |
| July 11-15     | Water Odyssey                                   |
| July 18-22     | Fluttering, Flying, Dipping, and Diving         |
| July 25-29     | Happy Hikers                                    |
| August 1-5     | Wild Tracks, Facts, and Habitats                |
| August 8-12    | Grant Park Pursuit                              |

Health history form deadline: Noon the Monday prior to camp start date  
Cancellation and change deadline: Noon the Monday prior to camp start date



**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds will be issued in the form of credit for future use at the Centerville-Washington Park District. Refund credit deadline is noon the Monday prior to camp start date. After that time NO refund credit will be issued.

## Camp Registration Information

### Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Each week boasts loads of opportunities for children to meet new friends, explore the creek, hike through nature, play new games, and make fun crafts! Besides getting to know Grant Park, campers will be treated to guest speakers, animal shows, and large group activities that are related to the weekly theme. Snacks are provided each day and water is available at all times. Children attending the all day session need to bring a sack lunch and drink. All campers receive a T-shirt their first week of camp. Camp will be held rain or shine.



**June 20-24 *Creek Stompin'*** The creek is alive at Grant Park! Grab a net and a bucket to explore all the wonders of Holes Creek and search for frogs, turtles, salamanders, minnows, and crawdads. Learn all about our water resource through hikes, games, and activities.

**June 27-July 1 *Trail Trekkers (ages 3- 9)*** The week will be full of sensory excitement for our campers as they explore all the wonders of Grant Park. Is that a toad at your feet? Did you see the beautiful butterfly? What was that scurrying up the oak tree?



**July 5-8 *Wilderness Adventures (no camp Monday, July 4)*** During this week of fun and adventure, campers will learn survival tricks such as fire building, shelter construction, compass use, and more through obstacle courses, cooperative activities, the Grant history hike, geocaching, and all camp games.

**July 11-15 *Water Odyssey*** What is a wetland and who lives there? What is that creature swimming in the creek? What is the water cycle and why is it important? Answer these questions and more as you explore and play games in Grant Park's wetland and stream habitats.



**July 18-22 *Fluttering, Flying, Dipping, and Diving*** Campers will learn all about the feathered friends and other winged wonders who inhabit Grant Park. From dragons and damsels, robins and cardinals, and even hawks and owls, children will have a chance to get close to these creatures with wings through crafts, games, and special guests.

**July 25-29 *Happy Hikers (ages 3-9)*** Nature explorers will learn all about the natural world of Grant Park. Study a rotting log, use a bug box to catch a grasshopper, sneak up on a deer in the woods, or listen to a woodpecker whittling away. This sensory week will be loaded with hikes, games, and crafts for excited campers.



**August 1-5 *Wild Tracks, Facts, and Habitats*** Grant Park is home to thousands of creatures from big and furry to small and scaly. Children will learn about the habitats of the park and who lives in each. Become wildlife experts as you identify tracks in the forest, net a butterfly in the meadow, discover a hawk's nest high in a tree, or investigate hoppers and leapers around the wetland.

**August 8-12 *Grant Park Pursuit*** Ready...set...explore, survive, cooperate! During this exciting week activities will focus on adventure, wilderness skills, geocaching, navigating trails, and obstacle courses. Find out what you are made of during your Grant Park pursuit.

**Insure your space and save time- register online!**

- Registration begins at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 25 for residents and Monday, May 2 at 10:00 A.M. for nonresidents.

- You may register online at <http://activenet.active.com/cwpcd> with an email address and credit or debit card. Currently we cannot accept Discover card. No phone-in registration will be accepted for Hidden Meadows Day Camp on April 25 and May 2.

- To expedite your registration, go online and visit the website prior to April 25 to set up your account, establish a user name and password, and input your family information.

- If you don't have access to the Internet or a credit card, you may register in person at the Park District Headquarters.

- You may register members of your family and one other family. Proof of residency is required for both.

- One camper friend of the same age can be requested.

Our goal is to make your child's experience at Hidden Meadows Day Camp the very best possible. You can help by reading the following information prior to registering your child for camp. Please feel free to contact the Park District office, (937) 433-5155, with any questions you might have. We look forward to providing a fun-filled camp experience for your camper! Camp is held rain or shine as indoor space is available.

**Staff** Coordinators and counselors are trained, qualified, and competent college students or experienced adults, many of whom are pursuing a degree or have experience in parks and recreation or education. Assistant counselors are at least 16 years of age and have experience working with children.

**Facilities** Hidden Meadows Day Camp is conducted primarily as an outdoor program at Grant Park. The school buildings will serve as a meeting area and shelter in case of inclement weather.

**What to Bring** Please dress your child in comfortable old clothes for easy participation in the different nature activities. Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times and should be comfortable for all day wear. Sandals and flip-flops are not allowed at camp because of poison ivy and other naturally occurring hazards in the woods and creek. Please put your child's name on all items brought to camp. Water is available, but we ask campers to bring their own water bottle to refill during the day. All-day campers should bring a packed lunch and drink that do not require refrigeration.

**Sunscreen and Insect Repellent Usage at Camp** Camp counselors are not permitted to apply sunscreen or insect repellent on campers during the camp day. Apply sunscreen and insect repellent on your children prior to dropping them off at camp. Children will be permitted to apply their own sunscreen and/or insect repellent only if it is brought from home along with a signed consent form.

**Medical Procedures and Emergencies** All staff members are trained in first aid and CPR. Each counselor has a first aid kit and telephones are located at the site. A copy of the camper's medical history including home telephone number, parent's work and cell phone numbers, and emergency contacts is kept on site.

In case of medical emergency, parents are phoned and the rescue squad called at 911. The child is escorted by a staff person to the hospital or released to the parents, depending upon the situation. If parents cannot be located, the emergency numbers are called. In case of a minor injury or illness, the child will be treated and an incident report will be completed. Parents will be informed at pickup time of all recorded incidents.

**Medications** Staff are permitted to perform only basic first aid. Rule 101:2-12-36 of the Ohio Administrative Code states that a child day camp shall set its own policy regarding whether to pass prescription or nonprescription medications. Staff cannot administer or distribute any medications, prescription or nonprescription. If your child requires medication while at camp, arrangements must

be made with your child's counselor and you must have someone present to administer the medication. *If your child has allergies and may require an Epi-pen administration, please contact Kristen Marks, Outdoor Education Coordinator, at (937) 433-5155.*

**Discipline** The counselors in charge of a group of children shall be responsible for their discipline in keeping with the established discipline policy. Camper discipline will be handled with kindness, consistency, and understanding. Attention will be given to the specific needs of each child while, at the same time, the child is encouraged to become part of the group and participate. We believe children in a group situation want to conform to rules as soon as they know what is expected of them. Camp counselors will discuss the rules thoroughly with the children. Parents will be provided with a copy of the discipline policy the first day of camp.

**Cancellation/Refund** Credit towards future fees will be issued in lieu of refunds. No refund credit will be issued after the registration deadline (noon the Monday prior to camp start date) or if by doing so it reduces the participation level below the required minimum. A full refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

**Daily Sign In/Sign Out** Your child's safety is important to our staff who take extra precautions in accepting and releasing children from the program. Please inform counselor of any changes. Daily sign in and sign out is required.

# HIDDEN MEADOWS DAY CAMP HEALTH HISTORY FORM

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 25 for residents and Monday, May 2 for nonresidents

Easy online registration via link at [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org)

Please complete this form and return to Park District Headquarters by noon the Monday prior to your child's camp start date. One form is required for each participant. Please check the week(s) and circle the session your child will be attending. You may copy this form or print from [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org). Weeks available for preschoolers are June 27-July 1 and July 25-29 and printed in green.

| Camp Week      | Theme                                   | AM         | PM        | ALL DAY    |
|----------------|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| June 20-24     | Creek Stompin'                          | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |
| June 27-July 1 | Trail Trekkers                          | 3-9 years  | 3-9 years | --         |
| July 5-8*      | Wilderness Adventures                   | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |
| July 11-15     | Water Odyssey                           | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |
| July 18-22     | Fluttering, Flying, Dipping, and Diving | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |
| July 25-29     | Happy Hikers                            | 3-9 years  | 3-9 years | --         |
| August 1-5     | Wild Tracks, Facts, and Habitats        | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |
| August 8-12    | Grant Park Pursuit                      | 5-12 years | --        | 5-12 years |

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ M F  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Camper Friend (limit 1) \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: XS S M L AS AM AL  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

| Session Times                         |                      |             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| A.M.                                  | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon |             |
| P.M.                                  | 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  |             |
| All Day                               | 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  |             |
| Camp Fees                             |                      |             |
|                                       | Resident             | Nonresident |
| Half Day                              | \$ 55/week           | \$ 85/week  |
| All Day                               | \$110/week           | \$170/week  |
| No Camp Monday, July 4                |                      |             |
| *Half Day                             | \$44/week            | \$ 68/week  |
| *All Day                              | \$88/week            | \$136/week  |
| *Fees are prorated due to the holiday |                      |             |

## Health History Record

Is your child on any type of medication? Yes No If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

(Park District staff is not authorized to dispense any type of medication. If your child carries an epi-pen, please contact Kristen Marks at 433-5155)

**Health Conditions** (circle all that apply and give appropriate dates)

Fainting \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impairment \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_  
Asthma \_\_\_\_\_ Seizures \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies** (circle all that apply and specify nature of reaction)

Animals/Insects \_\_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Medicine/Drugs \_\_\_\_\_ Plants \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Conditions** (circle all that apply)

Speech Impairment Emotional Disturbances Developmentally Delayed  
Attention Deficit Disorder Communication Impairment Special Diet Other

In order for the Park District to provide your child with the best possible camp experience, please provide all information in relation to any health conditions, behavioral concerns, dietary needs, or special needs. Please explain any items or conditions that are circled above. This information will remain confidential. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Dentist/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Adult/Child Release Agreement

In consideration of your accepting my entry or my child's entry, I hereby, for myself or my child, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Centerville-Washington Park District, its Commissioners, Agents, Employees and Assignees from any and all liability claims, actions, demands and judgments arising out of injury or loss sustained by me or my child while participating in activities or using facilities of the Centerville-Washington Park District.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FITNESS PROGRAMS

### HIKE FOR YOUR HEALTH SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

March 2 –  
Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge  
Road

March 9 –  
Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville  
Station Road

March 16 –  
Oak Grove Park,  
1790 E. Social Row  
Road

March 23 –  
Bill Yeck Park  
McGuffey Meadow,  
7893 Wilmington  
Dayton Road

March 30 –  
Iron Horse Park,  
6161 Millshire Drive

April 6 –  
Grant Park,  
6588 McEwen Road

April 13 –  
Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville  
Station Road

April 20 –  
Oak Grove Park,  
1790 E. Social Row  
Road

April 27 –  
Bill Yeck Park,  
8798 Rooks Mill Lane

May 4 –  
Iron Horse Park,  
6161 Millshire Drive

May 11 –  
Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge  
Road

May 18 –  
Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville  
Station Road

May 25 –  
Oak Grove Park,  
1790 E. Social Row  
Road

## Hound Hike

Adults

Fridays, 8:30 a.m.

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Join our dedicated group of dogs and owners as they explore Grant Park. These self-guided hikes provide the opportunity to socialize your dog and get in that much needed exercise. The group will meet at the kiosk just off of the parking lot and head off into the park. No registration is required for this hike. All dogs must be on a leash.

An off-leash dog park at Oak Grove Park on East Social Row Road is available for use by dogs over four months of age and their owners. Aggressive dogs are not permitted.

## Drop-In Sports - April 1 - May 31

Join your friends for some fun this spring! Special times have been set aside for drop-in sports in the parks. Please bring your own equipment (basketball, soccer ball, volleyball, etc.) and join in the fun. These sessions are self-organized. Please note: Children are not permitted on courts or fields during adult drop-in play. Registration is not required for this program.

|                    |  |                  |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Basketball</b>  | <i>Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Road</i>        |                  |
| 13-16 year olds    | Saturdays                                      | 10 a.m. - Noon   |
| 17 year olds-Adult | Thursdays                                      | 6:00 p.m. - Dark |
| <b>Soccer</b>      | <i>Oak Grove Park, 1790 E. Social Row Road</i> |                  |
|                    | <i>Field #42</i>                               |                  |
| 13-16 year olds    | Saturdays                                      | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 year olds-Adult | Sundays  | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| <b>Volleyball</b>  | <i>Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street</i>         |                  |
| 13-16 year olds    | Wednesdays                                     | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 year olds-Adult | Fridays  | 6:00 p.m. - Dark |



## Hike For Your Health

Adults

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

(See sidebar for locations.)

Jumpstart your spring fitness routine by attending these weekly hikes at parks in our community. This popular program is designed to get your heart rate up and get you moving while enjoying the fresh spring air. Park District staff will lead you on these guided, self-paced hikes. Enjoy the company of others while improving your health! Registration is required.

## Spring Into Fitness

Adults

Tuesdays

April 5 - May 31

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Schoolhouse Park,  
1875 Nutt Road

Spring's finally here and what better time to get outside, enjoy fresh air, and exercise! Spring Into Fitness will include a mix of cardiovascular and strength training exercises to condition the heart and strengthen the muscles. We will provide resistance tubing for all participants. A nationally certified group exercise instructor leads this program. Registration is required for this FREE program.

## Stroller Strength

Adult caregivers with child in stroller (6 months - Pre K)  
**Mondays and Thursdays**  
**April 4 - May 26**  
**No class April 25**  
**9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Schoolhouse Park,**  
**1875 Nutt Road**

Join other caregivers and their children in strollers for an invigorating morning exercise session. Upper and lower body resistance training (resistance tubing provided) and a cool-down stretch is included in each program. Make friends and exercise at the same time and no need to pay for childcare! Stroller Strength is led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration is required for this FREE program.

*Jenn Steward, Stroller Strength participant says, "I was not motivated to get up and exercise or take time to do something for myself but Stroller Strength class is almost like a treat I look forward to going to...The class is great for getting to know new people."*

## Adult Softball

**Fee: Men's League - \$475/team (20 games) + \$10/Nonresident Coed League - \$250/team (10 games) + \$10/Nonresident**

Adult softball leagues are now forming at the Park District. Returning teams will be given priority from February 14-18. Open registration will be held February 21-March 11. Individuals may call to be placed on an individual player's list.

Coed and men's leagues are available and all teams are ASA sanctioned. The coed league consists of 6 teams and plays a double round-robin schedule. Men's leagues will play a doubleheader schedule consisting of 20 games with six teams. Men's leagues are held on Tuesday and Wednesday and our coed league is on Thursday evenings at **Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street.**

League play begins April 19. Contracts (minimum 10) and completed rosters are due April 11-15. Schedules and softballs may be picked up when rosters are turned in. Phone Jen Brandt at (937) 433-5155 for more information

## 2011 Spring Tennis Instruction

**May 16 - June 30 (Registration Deadline: May 6)**  
**Fee: Ages 6-9 - \$55 Resident, \$75 Nonresident**  
**Ages 10-Adult - \$80 Resident, \$110 Nonresident**

All tennis classes will be taught by Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club instructors. These instructors have experience working with individuals of all ages and abilities. They will provide consistency and the highest level of instruction to our players. Tennis balls will be provided. Class ratio will be one instructor for ten participants. For additional information phone Jen Brandt, Recreation Coordinator, at (937) 433-5155. **No classes Memorial Day, May 30.** Register online via the link at [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org). Registration information is on page 14.

### Monday/Wednesday at Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Road

|                 |               |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 6-9 year olds   | Beginner      | 3:30-4:10 p.m. |
| 10-13 year olds | Intermediate  | 4:15-5:15 p.m. |
| 10-13 year olds | Beginner      | 5:15-6:15 p.m. |
| Adult           | Int./Advanced | 6:15-7:15 p.m. |
| Adult           | Beginner      | 7:15-8:15 p.m. |

### Tuesday/Thursday at Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street

|                 |               |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 6-9 year olds   | Beginner      | 3:30-4:10 p.m. |
| 10-13 year olds | Adv. Beginner | 4:15-5:15 p.m. |
| 14-17 year olds | Open          | 5:15-6:15 p.m. |
| Adult           | Beginner      | 6:15-7:15 p.m. |
| Adult           | Int./Advanced | 7:15-8:15 p.m. |

*Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, we cannot guarantee the completion of all scheduled classes. We have scheduled an additional week of instruction at no added cost in lieu of make-up classes for inclement weather.*



## Adult Tennis Leagues

**April 17 - June 23**  
**Registration Deadline: April 1**

**Fee: \$25 Residents**  
**\$35 Nonresidents**

Want to step up your tennis game? Join a Park District tennis league! Several levels of play allow multiple opportunities to match player's ability. All leagues are 10 weeks long. Minimum age for league play is 19. Register online at [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) or phone (937) 433-5155.

**Sunday 6:00 p.m.**  
 Men's Advanced  
 Women's Doubles

**Monday 6:00 p.m.**  
 Men's Intermediate

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m.**  
 Men's Intermediate 50+  
 Men's Advanced 50+

**Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**  
 Men's Advanced  
 Women's 50+

**Thursday 6:00 p.m.**  
 Women's Intermediate  
 Women's Advanced

Take the time to visit one of the Park District's 48 parks this spring. There are so many places to explore right in your own back yard!

## Spring Service Learning CITO (Cache in Trash out) Event

Saturday, March 26 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville Station Road

Attention cachers! The Park District is holding its first CITO event. Help us spruce up the trails at Bill Yeck Park by picking up trash and making sure all trails are passable. Young cachers are welcome as well as students who need service hours. The Park District will place some new caches for this event so there will be plenty of time for fun, too! Please bring your own work gloves and pruning loppers. Garbage bags, grabbers, buckets, and trail maps will be provided. For more details and to register, go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## Big Rig Gig

Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Oak Grove Park, 1790 E. Social Row Road

Beep, beep! Honk, honk! We put you in the driver's seat at our annual Big Rig Gig. Kids of all ages can climb on the trucks, honk the horns, shift gears, and touch buttons. This unique event features large trucks and heavy equipment from the Centerville-Washington Park District, the City of Centerville, Washington Township, local law enforcement, fire departments, commercial companies, and many more. The Big Rig Gig is a great family event.



## Community Creek Sweep

Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

The snow has melted and spring has arrived. The meltwater in Holes Creek has washed many things that do not belong into the creek downstream into Grant Park. Join the Park District for a day of service and fun in Holes Creek. We will sweep the creek for litter and debris, as well as have fun games and activities for children. Wear gloves and shoes appropriate for wading in the creek. No individual registration is required for this event. Church, scout and service groups can register by calling Kristen Marks at (937) 433-5155.



## Nature Literature Trail Grand Opening

Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Join Owlexander and his friends for the grand opening of our first Nature Literature Trail! Children ages 3-8 with their adult companion can hike along the storybook trail and learn about Owlexander's animal and bird friends that live in Grant Park. While reading the story, children can play active games, solve riddles, and more. This permanent trail was made possible through a partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and is fully funded by the *Yeck Family Foundation*.

## Kiddie Krafts

Ages 3-5 with adult companion  
Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. or  
Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

March 1 - May 20

No classes April 5 & 8

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for this  
FREE program

Join us to make crafts and listen to stories in this popular preschool program. Children can let their creativity flow making crafts of all kinds. Markers, glue, paint, tissue paper and no mess to clean up at home! Children are encouraged to wear old clothes. Registration is required for this FREE program. Due to the popularity of this program, if you are unable to attend the first two classes and do not contact us, you will be dropped from the class and someone from the wait list will be called.

## Grand Gifts

Ages 3-6 with grandparent(s)  
Wednesday, May 4  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for this  
FREE program.

Grandparents and grandchildren will enjoy time together at this intergenerational program! Kids will make a craft for mom for Mother's Day and a gift for dad for Father's Day with grandma's or grandpa's help.

## Preschool Series

Ages 3-PreK with adult companion  
Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.  
Registration required for this FREE program

### *Love That Red Bird*

March 17 at Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Learn about everyone's favorite bird, the cardinal. Bright red and full of cheer, he has been hanging out here the whole year.

### *Natural Music Makers*

April 21 at Beechwood Springs Park, 1141 Quiet Brook Trail

Nature is full of musical sounds-birds chirping, water moving, the wind rustling leaves. Turn your preschooler into a music maker as we first listen for nature's sounds then make natural musical instruments of our own.

### *A Seed In Need*

May 19 at Quail Run Park, 1180 Timberhawk Trail

Spring has sprung and so have little green sprouts. Take a journey through the plant cycle and learn what a seed needs to thrive and grow.



*Develop  
your  
preschoolers  
natural  
curiosity  
by  
registering  
for a  
program  
at the Park  
District.*

## Eco-Explorers

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays - 3:30 p.m.

Registration required for this FREE program

### Hear Froggy, Froggy

March 16

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Spring is almost here and that means frogs are emerging from the hibernation and singing for a mate. Come learn about Ohio's various frogs while we listen and search for tadpoles and frogs in the wetlands of Grant Park.



### Nature Appreciation Adventure

April 20 at Bill Yeck Park, 8798 Rooks Mill Lane

Celebrate Earth Day! Join us as we hike the trails and play fun nature games to fully appreciate the natural world around us.

### And So They Build

May 18

Bill Yeck Park, 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road

Spring is in full swing and so are Ohio's nesting birds. Different birds build different nests so we will search the park for these busy builders and see what they use to make their special shelters.



## Outdoor Adventure Crew

Ages 8-12 years

Mondays, April 11 - May 16  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road  
Registration required for this  
FREE program

Skip rocks. Climb trees. Build forts. Explore the creek. Studies show that children are smarter, more cooperative, happier, and healthier when they have frequent opportunities for free and unstructured play in nature. Give your child the chance to explore, dream, pretend, experiment, and come to their own conclusions. During this six week, FREE naturalist-guided program, your child will have a chance to make mud pies, look for insects, and discover nature at his or her own pace with other children outdoors. This program will be held each Monday rain, or shine. Please come dressed for the weather.

## Junior Nature Club

Grades K-2

Tuesday or Wednesday - 3:30 p.m.

Registration required for this FREE program

### What's That Habitat

March 1 or 2

Black Oak Park  
1552 Ambridge Road

Everyone needs a habitat or place to call home. Find out what makes a good habitat and discover the various habitats of Black Oak Park.

### A Pill Bug's Life

April 12 or 13

Grant Park  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Affectionately known as roly-pollies, pill bugs serve a very important role in our ecosystem. Search the leaves and soil for our many legged friend and find out for yourself what is going on in a pill bug's life.

### Rain Drop Tag

May 10 or 11

Bill Yeck Park  
8798 Rooks Mill Lane

What happens to a raindrop after it rains? How do clouds form? Follow the life of a raindrop through games and activities as we learn about the water cycle. Wear shoes that can get wet.



## Nature Discovery Zone

Register your preschool, homeschool, or scout group for a FREE educational and fun-filled hike conducted by Park District Volunteer Naturalists. We can customize hikes to meet your scout group's badge requirements or your school's curriculum goals. Morning, noon, and afternoon times are available on Mondays and Tuesdays, April 11 through May 17. Hikes are conducted at Grant Park on Mondays and Bill Yeck Park on Tuesdays. These guided hikes are FREE, however, phone-in registration is required.

## Summer Adventure Camps

### Junior Adventure Camp (Ages 10 - 12)

June 27-30 from 10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Overnight 7:00 p.m., July 1 - 9:00 a.m., July 2

### Senior Adventure Camp (Ages 12-14)

July 25-28 from 10:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Overnight 7:00 p.m., July 29 - 9:00 a.m., July 30

Fee: \$95 Resident/\$135 Nonresident (includes overnight)

Experience the outdoors through hikes, games, in-depth experiments, survival challenges, and guest speakers by participating in one of the Summer Adventure Camps. This week long format boasts loads of fun with an overnight on the last day! Practice surviving in the wilderness, search for life in

the creek, listen for owls in the night, and make new friends. In addition, EARTHJOY Tree Climbing company will take us on an adventure to the tops of the trees. Don't miss out on this fun-filled summer program. Register early to ensure your spot. See registration information on page 14.

## Homeschool Fitness Academy

Ages 5-12 years

Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Registration required for this FREE program

Homeschooled children can enjoy tennis instruction with the Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club instructors (no racquet needed) or large group recreation games.

### Time for Tennis - April 21

Activity Center Park,  
221 North Main Street

### Large Group Games - May 19

Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville-Station Road

## Earthy Evening

Ages 5-10 years with adult

Friday, April 22

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for this FREE program

Don't forget Earth Day! Join us at the Nature Nook for the 41st annual celebration of our planet. Children with adult companion will enjoy taking a nature hike, playing nature games, and making a healthy snack followed by the movie version of *The Lorax*. Feel free to bring a chair for the movie. Space is limited.



*Help your children develop a love for the world around them by registering for one of the Park District's many outdoor program offerings.*

## Homeschool Nature Academy

Ages 5-12 years

Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Registration required for this FREE program

### All About Bones

March 10 at Rosewood Park, 475 Roselake Drive

Vertebrates are unique in the animal world because they alone have backbones. Find out what animals are considered vertebrates and what makes this quality so unique.

### Nature Journaling

April 14 at Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

Discover a way to further enjoy, experience, and be closer to nature. Start with a few exercises to heighten senses and observation skills and then benefit from some time to record what we find.

### Wading Into Wetlands

May 12 at Donnybrook Park, 6161 Millbrook Drive

Also known as ponds, marshes, swamps or bogs, wetlands are home to a great diversity of plants and animals. Explore this unique habitat through hands on activities. Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration for spring programs begins at 10:00 a.m., February 14 for residents and 10:00 a.m., February 21 for nonresidents.

- Registration is EASY-choose the method most convenient for you:

A) Register online (email address required) at <http://activenet.active.com/cwpcd>. The first time you visit the site, you will need to set up an account to establish a user name and password. This site can be used for FREE programs or fee-based programs with a debit or credit card. Currently we cannot accept Discover Card. Payee will be shown as Active.com. No convenience fee will be charged!

B) Phone (937) 433-5155 during scheduled office hours. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

C) Visit the Park District Headquarters, 221 N. Main Street in Centerville during scheduled office hours if you prefer to pay with cash or check.

- Class space is limited and a minimum enrollment of ten participants is required. Please register early to reserve your spot and help ensure that the class will not be cancelled.

- You may register members of your family and one other family. In order to be eligible for the resident fee, proof of residency for both families must be provided.

- REFUNDS-Credit toward future fees will be issued in lieu of refunds. No refund credit will be issued after registration deadline or if by doing so it reduces the participation level below the required minimum. A full refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

- Make checks payable to CWPD or Centerville-Washington Park District.



## Passport To Nature

Registration required for this FREE program

### *Food for the Birds*

Saturday, March 12 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

March is a critical time to feed birds. The past autumn's crop has been gobbled up and spring has not quite sprung with its coming bounty. Cook up some special bird treats. Then go for a hike in the park to look for our feathered friends.

### *American Woodcock Walk*

Tuesday, March 15 - 7:15 p.m.

Rain date: Tuesday, March 22, 7:15 p.m.

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

The American Woodcock is a small chunky shorebird species from North America. It is popularly known as the timberdoodle and is a well-known game bird. The woodcock is also known for its mating ritual when the males make funny noises from the ground and take to the sky circling and diving, all to impress a female. Join us as we seek out the elusive woodcock in order to witness this impressive and persistent dance.

### *Spring Night Hike*

Friday, April 15 - 8:15 p.m.

Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

We will meet at Forest Field Park and enter Bill Yeck Park which is known for its resident coyotes, deer, and fox. Take a nocturnal hike through the park in hopes of seeing and hearing these and other animals. In addition, the meadow is a great place for viewing the night sky.

## Miami Valley Fly Fishers - Fly Tying Class

Ages 16 and older

Wednesday, March 2 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for this program

Fee: \$12.00 Resident, \$16.50 Nonresident

Fly fishing is an ancient angling method whereby artificial lures made of feathers, hair, fur and other natural and synthetic materials, designed to look like real flies are carried by casting a heavy fly line over the water. Fly fishing is most renowned for catching trout and salmon but a variety of other fish including pike, bass, bluegill and even marine species may be caught using this method. Join the Miami Valley Fly Fishers as they give a short overview of the tools, materials, and hooks used. With guided instruction, participants will make three flies: the Woolly Bugger, Foam Beetle, and Hare's Ear Nymph—just in time for the start of fly fishing season. Registration is required.



## Tuesday Trek

Adults 18 & over

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

March 8 & 22

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Road

April 12 & 26

Bill Yeck Park

8798 Rooks Mill Lane

May 10 & 24

Grant Park

6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for  
this FREE program

Add a little spring in your step! The birds are returning, flowers are blooming, nature is waking up! Join a Park District Naturalist for these hour-long leisure walks to explore various parks in search of nature's spring renewal.

## Pioneer Woman

### Natural Egg Dying

Ladies ages 14 and older

Saturday, April 16

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,

6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for  
this FREE program.



Bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs and we'll provide a host of natural ingredients to dye them. While our eggs soak for a darker hue, enjoy a hike in the park picking out the origins of some of our natural dye ingredients.

## Adult Nature Workshop - Spring Wildflowers

Ages 16 and older

Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Registration required for this FREE program

Trout lilies, hepatica, trilliums and more are sprouting in the park. In this workshop you will learn to identify all of the fleeting spring beauties in Grant Park along with folklore, medicinal and edible uses, and anecdotal information. A brief classroom discussion will be followed by a moderately paced hike with plenty of stops to examine ephemerals up close.



*Take some time for yourself this spring and register for one of the Park District's adult programs. Rekindle your love for nature!*

*“Providing quality parks, outdoor education, and  
recreation while preserving open space.”*

**Sprayground  
at the  
Activity  
Center Park  
will open  
Saturday,  
May 28**

