

MARCH – MAY 2023

Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **NEWS & EVENTS**

Spring program
registration
begins Monday,
February 13.

Summer camp
registration
begins Monday,
April 10.

ChairBigBackyard



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Teddy Bear Picnic at Bill Yeck Park, see page 12

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Park Addresses

For more information and each park's address, visit www.cwpsd.org.



Dog Park Closures

www.cwpsd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpsd.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League
www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer
www.centervillesoccer.com

Centerville Wee Elks
Football Association
www.weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.cvlax.org

FC Dayton
www.fcdayton.org

Commissioners' Corner



Each year the Centerville-Washington Park District facilitates hundreds of opportunities to explore YOUR Community's BIG Backyard, and 2023 is no exception!

The Park District maintains spaces for individuals of all ages to thrive. Whether it is a family event, a nearby playground, hiking trails, a fitness program, spring sports or even the archery range — the Park District provides experiences for all. Spending time at a park or program will improve fitness, reduce stress, increase self-esteem and foster social connections.



We are excited to welcome the community back to the McEwen Road entrance of **Grant Park**. With improved parking and accessibility, Grant Park will be able to host an expanded list of special events and gathering opportunities for the whole community. Did you know you can rent the **Kennard Nature Nook** for private events? Conveniences of the Nature Nook, mixed with access to the outdoors is a unique amenity. This year, you may see work taking place on the **Grant Park Barn**. The historic bank barn will be repaired and preserved. The northern addition of the barn is in a state of disrepair. It will be removed and a picnic area will be added in its place.

Six special events are being planned for this season, including a soccer-themed Movie Party in the Park, two fun runs, and the return of Eggs-tra Special Doggy Day. Be sure to check out the health and wellness offerings beginning on page 22. New this

DID YOU KNOW?

The Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month.

View the schedule at

www.cwpsd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

season is a healthy recipe series called Healthy Simplified, as well as pickleball and tennis leagues, and the popular bike rides with Bike Centerville. Mark your calendar for April 10, the date of resident registration for summer camps! Staff is excited to offer both additional capacity and new themes in 2023.

The community has asked the Park District to continue to prioritize trails and paths. This year, a paved perimeter path will be added to Iron Horse Park, allowing visitors a new way to experience this park located at the northern end of the District. Look for this to be completed in early summer. At **Bill Yeck Park**, new wayfinding signage throughout the trail system is in the process of being installed. This project should be completed by early spring, as weather permits.

Lastly, I want to highlight the Park District's Outreach Team who, in 2022, instructed 1,200 Centerville City School students! The team designs creative, engaging programs that connect directly to the curriculum for each grade. The Park District loves being part of the students' learning journey and supplementing the outstanding work teachers are doing.

I encourage you to enjoy all the sights and sounds of spring in YOUR 51 parks. Wildflowers are amazing in April and May. It seems there are new blooms to observe every week! Please explore the following pages to learn about the countless opportunities available in a park near you!

Alex Pearl
Park Board President

Save a Tree

To subscribe to the CWPD e-newsletter visit www.cwpsd.org.
To stop home delivery of the printed newsletter, email your name and address to mail@cwpsd.org.



Summer Employment Opportunities



We are now accepting applications for part-time, seasonal employment.

Seasonal **program staff** can work at nature day camps, at Recreation Day Camp or as summer naturalists. All program staff must be enthusiastic about working with children, enjoy the outdoors and be willing to make an 11-week commitment beginning the last week of May. Program staff must be 16 years or older. Positions for applicants under age 18 are limited.

Seasonal **operations staff** assist with the day-to-day maintenance of 51 parks. Work includes mowing, trimming, painting, athletic field preparation, nature trail improvement, park clean-up, vehicle/equipment maintenance and building maintenance. Hours may include weekends and evenings. Second shift openings are available. Operations staff must be 18 or older and insurable to drive Park District vehicles.

All seasonal employees must pass a background screening. Visit www.cwpd.org/careers/ for the most up-to-date information on employment opportunities.

Summer Camp Volunteers



Volunteer opportunities are available for ages 14 and up at CWPDP summer camps! Volunteering allows for a flexible schedule and is a great way to earn service hours, gain experience and learn job skills.

If you or your child are interested in volunteering at one of our summer camps this year, please visit our volunteer page at <http://www.cwpd.org/support/volunteer/> for more details and to find the volunteer application. Once you sign up, you will receive an email to sign up for an interview with Community Engagement Coordinator Ginger Clark. Volunteers must be screened and complete required training to become a camp

volunteer. We ask that volunteers commit to at least three or more days during the course of the summer. We will work around your schedule! You will be given different camp options in order to make it the best experience for you.

Interviews will begin on April 10 and continue on a rolling basis.

Donate Your Water Jugs!



We are hoping to extend the annual Luminary Walk route in December 2023! In order to do so, we need approximately 750 additional one-gallon water jugs. If you'd like to help, drop off your empty water jugs to the CWPDP headquarters building at Activity Center Park, 221 N. Main St. Water jugs only, please.

We will post on our social media accounts when we have met our goal. Thank you for helping us expand this special event for the community!



Volunteer Spotlight: Shane Dawalt



Shane was born in Mississippi. In 1977 his parents settled in Ohio and he moved to the Centerville area in 1995. At the time, his

hobbies were computers, electronics and driving in time-speed-distance road rallies. Anything but exercise!

Then Shane purchased a hybrid-style bike from a friend and started riding the bike paths popping up in the area. He eventually got hooked on mountain biking and helped build the Metroparks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA). He focused on removing invasive honeysuckle from the trail corridor.

Shane joined an orienteering club in 2013. It got him off of trails and into the woods. He continues mountain biking, but has added hiking and trail jogging to the list. He enjoys following old fence rows and is excited when he finds an old, rusting fence post in the middle of a wooded area! Orienteering has taken him to parks outside of Ohio where he was astounded to see forests completely empty of honeysuckle! Only tree trunks limited the view.

"I enjoy volunteering with CWPDP to help complete work the park would otherwise not even get to begin. Parks do not have the personnel or money to do it all! As a bonus, the work usually supplies an opportunity for exercise. Exercise while doing something interesting doesn't seem like exercise!" Shane says.

In the last year alone, Shane has spent more than 300 hours removing invasive honeysuckle from Bill Yeck Park!

The Centerville-Washington Park District would like to thank Shane, and all volunteers for giving their time and talents to our community! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Community Engagement Coordinator Ginger Clark at 937-433-5155 x234 or gclark@cwpd.org.

SUMMER CAMPS



JUMP ON THE SUMMER CAMP FAST TRACK!

In an effort to improve your camp registration experience, we have created a way for you to fill out the required camp forms PRIOR to the first day of camp registration. This will make your camp registration go faster, and decrease the chance that your child will be placed on a camp waiting list.

STEP ONE: Register your child for “2023 Forms Fast Track”

STEP TWO: At checkout, complete the required Medical History Form and Authorized Pick-Up Form as instructed.

By registering for this fast track “program”, you will bypass the forms step during the camp checkout process!

Please note, this does NOT register your child for any camps. It simply serves as a way to expedite your camp registration by completing the required forms ahead of time. Additionally, Park District staff will be able to send you updates and reminders leading up to camp registration by using the list of those who have completed the forms.

If you do not take this step, you can complete the Medical History and Authorized Pick-Up forms during regular camp registration. However, the registration system will not hold the camps/programs in your “cart” or hold your child’s spot until all forms have been completed and payment is received.

Preschool Play Yard

Ages 4 – 5

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Oak Creek South Park, 790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee/week: \$27 residents, \$32 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Week 1: Monday – Wednesday, June 5 – 7, Rawr! Dino Days

(Rain date: Thursday, June 8)

Week 2: Monday – Wednesday, June 12 – 14, Summer Safari

(Rain date: Thursday, June 15)

Week 3: Tuesday – Thursday, June 20 – 22, Wacky Water Week (No camp June 19)

(No rain date this week)

Week 4: Monday – Wednesday, June 26 – 28, Snakes and Scales!

(Rain date: Thursday, June 29)

Children will enjoy songs, crafts, hikes and games. This station-based drop-off program is sponsored by the South Metro Optimist of Centerville Women’s Club. (AB)

Inclement weather cancellations will be posted on www.cwpd.org. Opt-in for text alerts on your RecDesk account to receive weather cancellations via text message.

Maximum enrollment of two weeks per child. All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.



Recreation Day Camp

Ages 5 – 11

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd. OR

Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Dr.

Fee/week: \$65 residents, \$75 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Week 1: June 5 – 9, Recreation Olympics!

Week 2: June 12 – 16, Let’s Build It!

Week 3: June 20 – 23, Dinosaur Expeditions! (No camp June 19)

Week 4: June 26 – 30, Earth Superheroes!

Week 5: July 3, 5 – 7, Musical Celebration (No camp July 4)

Week 6: July 10 – 14, Everything Magical and Mystical

Week 7: July 17 – 21, Exploring the Deep Blue Sea

Week 8: July 24 – 28, Blast Off to Space

Week 9: July 31 – August 4, Wacky Water Days!

Recreation Day Camp (RDC) offers a variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more! All RDC sites are led by trained recreation leaders. This fun program keeps children outdoors and active all week! (AB)

Inclement weather cancellations will be posted on www.cwpd.org. Opt-in for text alerts on your RecDesk account to receive weather cancellations via text message. Pro-rated refunds will be provided when two or more days of RDC are canceled due to weather.

All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.



Online resident camp registration begins Monday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.

Sugar Valley Day Camp

Ages 6 – 12

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Before care is available 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. After care is available 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sugar Valley Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Bill Yeck Park, learning new games and engaging in nature play. Each day of camp is predominately spent outdoors. Campers will be in the woods and exploring the creeks. Campers should expect to wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and dirty. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. The Smith House will be used as an indoor option during severe weather. (KT)

Week 1: June 5 – 9, Adventure Explorers

Fee/week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and after care

Explore Bill Yeck Park in a whole new way. Up the trails, through the woods and down the creek we go! Follow clues, games and other activities to get a feel for the park and summer fun.

Week 2: June 12 – 16, Survivor (Field Trip Week)

Fee/week: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

It will be a competition all week long! We will participate in nature trivia, animal identification games and much more! Teams will tie-dye team bandanas that they are invited to wear on the last day for the ultimate challenge! Campers will take a field trip to Oak Grove Park to learn about fishing and archery. The cost of the field trip is included in this week's fee.

Week 3: June 20 – 23, Splashtacular Adventures (No camp June 19)

Fee/week: \$120 residents, \$140 nonresidents, \$30 before and after care

Let's spend a week doing all things water! Campers will learn about the water in the parks, explore all the splashtacular things water is capable of, and play a variety of water games.

Week 4: June 26 – 30, Taking Flight

Fee/week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and after care

Let's explore all the nature above our heads. There are many critters that live in our treetops. We will spend the week learning all about which animals can fly and how they use flight to help them survive.

Week 5: July 3, 5 – 7, Nocturnal Nature (No camp July 4)

Fee/week: \$120 residents, \$140 nonresidents, \$30 before and after care

We may not see them while we are in the parks, but critters roam the trails of Bill Yeck Park at night! Join us for a week of learning all about nocturnal animals. Campers will participate in games where they can pretend to be nocturnal. There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4.

Week 6: July 10 – 14, Land of the Lost

Fee/week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and after care

What was it like to explore the landscape of our parks before we had trails, maps and compasses? Campers will search for fossils and seek historical answers while exploring as 21st-century humans!

Week 7: July 17 – 21, Mammal Mania (Field Trip Week)

Fee/week: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Mammals far and wide will find this week's camp fur-tastic! We will search the park for native mammals and talk about mammals from across the globe with guest speakers and games. Campers will take a field trip to Learning Tree Farm. The cost of the field trip is included in this week's fee.

Sugar Valley Day Camp

(Preschool Weeks)

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Sugar Valley Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Bill Yeck Park, learning new games and engaging in nature play. Each day of camp is predominately spent outdoors. Campers will be in the woods and exploring the creeks. Campers should expect to wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and dirty. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. The Smith House will be used as an indoor option during severe weather. (KT)

Week 8: July 24 – 28

Colorful Creation

9:00 a.m. – noon OR 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All the different colors in nature are what make your parks so beautiful! We will spend each day looking for a featured color. At the end of the week, we will explore all the colors we learned about. Campers are encouraged to wear the featured color each day to camp!

Week 9: July 31 – August 4

Furry Frenzy

9:00 a.m. – noon

A week of camp where your teddy bear is welcome to tag along! We will learn all about mammal friends living in Bill Yeck Park. Make memories on picnics and hikes, and with games and crafts. You and your stuffed friend will enjoy a week of exploring with new friends!

All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.



**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Hidden Meadows Day Camp

9:00 a.m. – noon, half-day

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., full-day

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Before care is available from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. After care is available from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Hidden Meadows Day Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Grant Park, learning new games and engaging in nature play. Each day of camp is predominately spent outdoors. Campers will be in the woods and exploring the creeks. Campers should expect to wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and dirty. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. (KT)

Week 1: June 5 – 9, Camping 101

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Let's start the summer off by learning how to be expert campers! Join us for a week exploring the ins and outs of Grant Park. Learn how to build a fire, pitch a tent, build forts and more!

Week 2: June 12 – 16, Creepy Crawlers

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

A week of all things bugs, insects and underground creepy crawlers. Campers will spend the week exploring Grant Park from the bug's eye view! We will learn about the creepy crawlers that roam your parks and spend time learning new insect-themed games and making bug crafts.

Week 3: June 20 – 23, Pollinator Week (No camp June 19)

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$60 residents, \$78 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$120 residents, \$140 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

How much do you know about pollination? Your parks are full of flowers and unique pollinators. Campers will explore the park looking for signs of pollination and identify what pollinators are their favorite!



Week 4: June 26 – 30, Fantasy Week

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

We will use our imaginations and search for our favorite mythical creatures in the woods. Campers will learn all about the mythical creatures lurking in the parks and create homes for fairies, gnomes and more!

Week 5: July 3, 5 – 7, Little Critters (Preschool Week) (No camp July 4)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$60 residents, \$78 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 5 – 12, full-day only

Fee/full-day week: \$130 residents, \$150 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Little critters roam the trails of Grant Park. Some are cute, some love the water, and some critters are so small we might not see them! We will spend the week looking for little critters and will learn how they survive in such a big park! Our older campers will have the opportunity to participate in tree climbing and all campers will enjoy a visit from the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. The fee for these special experiences is included in this week's camp fees.

Week 6: July 10 – 14, The Wonders of Water (Preschool Week)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 5 – 12, full-day only

Fee/full-day week: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

We will spend the week learning all about the types of water that are at your parks, playing a variety of water games, and searching for unique creatures in the water. Campers will also get the chance to learn about and test the water quality around Grant Park.

All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.

**Online resident camp registration begins
Monday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.**



They don't know they're making memories, they just know **THEY'RE HAVING FUN!**

Week 7: July 17 – 21, Crafting Nature

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Nature houses so many wonderful resources. We will spend the week learning how we can use nature to make crafts! Campers will make a different craft to bring home and share each day. They will learn the benefits of each natural resource in their craft and how it helps support the ecosystem.

Week 8: July 24 – 28, Survivor (Field Trip Week)

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$85 residents, \$95 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

It will be a competition all week long! We will participate in nature trivia, animal identification games and much more! Teams will tie-dye team bandanas that they are invited to wear on the last day for the ultimate challenge! Full-day campers will go on a field trip to Oak Grove Park to learn about fishing and archery. The cost of the field trip is included.

Week 9: July 31 – August 4, Hidden Gems

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$75 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Your parks are full of hidden gems! We will spend the week finding all the Grant Park gems! In order to find our hidden gems, we have to learn all about navigating the woods. We will learn tasks like hiking, orienteering, reading maps and trekking new terrain. On the last day, we will put our new knowledge to the test for a day full of adventure!



**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Junior Activity Squad Camp

Activity Center Park, Community Room, 221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Let's stay active and healthy, all while trying new outdoor activities! We'll learn neat nature education topics along the way! Each week has different themes and activities. (AS)

New!

Week 2: June 12 – 16, Budding Artists and Active Artworks

Ages 3 – 6

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We are focusing on our budding artists! It's active artwork week! We are going to be looking at flowering plants for artistic inspiration. Not only are we going to be making some really cool artwork — we are going to learn some fun ways to develop our motor skills! Things may get messy, but that is part of the fun!

Week 3: June 20 – 23, Bubblepalooza and Water-ful Fun (No camp June 19)

Ages 3 – 6

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$79 residents, \$99 nonresidents

It is water week! Throughout the week we will be participating in activities centered around bubbles and water! Not only will we play games that use water, we will also make some awesome crafts. Bubbles are going to join in on the fun too! Get excited — it's bubblepalooza!

Week 4: June 26 – 30, Amazing Nature! Young Explorers and Musical Happenings

Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We are focusing on the music around us this week! We are going to be looking at insects, birds, trees and flowers for musical inspiration. Along the way, we are going to be making some really cool crafts and artwork — fun ways to develop our motor skills! What will we discover?



Week 7: July 17 – 21, Fabulous Flowers and Nature Artworks

Ages 3 – 6

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We are focusing on our budding artists! It's nature artwork week! We are going to be looking at flowering plants for even more artistic inspiration. Not only are we going to be exploring nature — we are going to learn some fun ways to turn it into art! Things may get messy, but that is part of the fun! Guest Artist Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush will be joining us one day!

Week 8: July 24 – 28, Camp Rocks! Young Scientists and Adventure Art

Ages 3 – 6

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

Calling our youngest scientists! It's science week! We will be doing some awesome science experiments, art projects and adventures in Activity Center Park. Rocks and fossils are going to take center stage for the science fun.

Week 9: July 31 – August 4, Outdoor Detectives and Adventure Art!

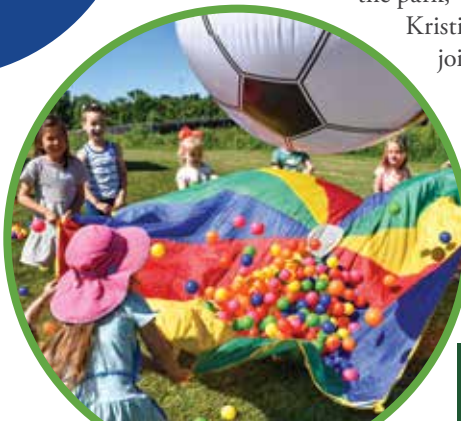
Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

Let's focus on our detective skills! We will solve mysteries and go on adventures throughout Activity Center Park! We will refine our observation skills and look for clues in nature. While we trek through the park, we will make adventure art! Guest Artist Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush will be joining us one day!

All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.



Online resident camp registration begins Monday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.

Activity Squad Camp

Activity Center Park, Community Room, 221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Let's stay active and healthy, all while trying new outdoor activities! We'll learn neat nature education topics along the way! Each week has different themes and activities. (AS)

Week 2: June 12 – 16, Camp Battles! Adventure Games in the Great Outdoors

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We will split into teams to play games outdoors! Activities will include laser tag, archery tag, water tag, capture the flag and a Nerf battle! We will learn about creatures in nature that also work in teams. We will mix up teams throughout the day.

Week 3: June 20 – 23, The Camp Lab (No camp June 19)

Ages 8 – 12

Tuesday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$79 residents, \$99 nonresidents

Calling all scientists! This week we are going to be focusing on some awesome science experiments! We will look at the science present in the nature around us, build some cool projects and make a tasty treat!

Week 4: June 26 – 30, Nature's Ninjas! (Field Trip Week)

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$109 residents, \$129 nonresidents

We will be joined by a special guest speaker, Valor Martial Arts! Let's learn some ninja skills and practice our dexterity, agility and power! We will discuss animals with ninja-like skills and finish our week with a field trip to Ninjobstacles — an American Ninja Warrior-inspired obstacle course!

Week 6: July 10 – 14, Culinary Adventures

Ages 10 – 15

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

Calling all foodies! This week we will be joined by culinary professionals from local restaurants, including Power Plant Juice Bar, to learn healthy and yummy recipes and refine our cooking skills.

We will learn about the life cycle of the foods we love, while learning different ways to prepare them! We will cook outside if weather permits! Campers will take home their culinary creations to enjoy and will get their very own herb garden!



Week 7: July 17 – 21, Time Travelers! Teamwork Adventures through Time and Space

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We have a mystery on our hands! We built a time machine! But alas, what time period have we landed in? Join us each day as we find out. We will play a variety of games themed around where we land each day. We will solve mysteries and teamwork challenges that will help us recalibrate the time machine and bring us back to the present!

Week 8: July 24 – 28, The Great Adventure: Camp Detectives

Ages 10 – 15

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

We have a mystery on our hands! We will refine our observation and deduction skills and put them to the test. We will play a variety of camp games that focus on detective skills, will create some art projects and will turn the community room into an escape room for a day!

Week 9: July 31 – August 4, Outdoor Skills (Field Trip Week)

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$109 residents, \$129 nonresidents

A week focused on building our outdoor skills! Learn how to put up a tent, cook over a campfire, read a map and compass and so much more! We will learn about Leave No Trace and how we can be stewards of nature while we have fun in the great outdoors! We will finish our week by visiting Grant Park for our field trip and participating in orienteering, hiking and creekking!

This is a field trip week. Parents/guardians will be dropping campers off and picking up from our field trip location at Grant Park's Kennard Nature Nook on Friday, August 4.

Week 10: August 7 – 11, Medieval Adventures

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee/week: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

Ready the castle! Medieval times are here! Our theme this week will take us to fantastical lands to learn skills like archery, cartography and engineering. We will design our own castles, play some awesome medieval-themed games, and make some awesome art projects!

**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Old World Explorers with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21

9:00 a.m. – noon

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee: \$125 residents, \$145 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 10

What was it like for adventurers discovering new lands? How were maps created? Join Stemily Studios as we answer these questions and explore just like old world explorers! (KT)

Youth Archery Camp

Ages 8 – 12

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

Fee: \$40 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Youth Archery Camp A

Tuesday – Thursday, June 20 – 22

(Rain date: Friday June 23)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, June 12

Youth Archery Camp B

Tuesday – Thursday, July 18 – 20

(Rain date: Friday, July 21)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 10

Youth Archery Camp C

Tuesday – Thursday, August 8 – 10

(Rain date: Friday, August 11)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Registration deadline: Monday, July 31

Youth Archery Camp D

Monday – Wednesday, August 8 – 10

(Rain date: Thursday, August 11)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 31

This introductory archery camp will teach the basics of competition-style archery. Using technique, range safety and basic archery terms, campers will enjoy games and gain a new hobby to enjoy with friends. All equipment will be provided. (AS)

Forts: Build and Conquer with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Monday – Friday, August 7 – 11

9:00 a.m. – noon

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Fee: \$125 residents, \$145 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 31

A great fort has strong walls and a good defense — but even great forts fall sometimes. Join Stemily Studios as we explore the history of forts and make our own. Will you be a builder or a conqueror? (KT)



Adventure Camp

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Adventure Camp A

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 12 – 16

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents

Adventure Camp B

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 26 – 30

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150 residents, \$170 nonresidents

Teen Drawing Camp

Ages 11 – 15

Wednesday – Friday, July 5 – 7

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$62 residents, \$78 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 28



Teen Drawing Camp is back this summer with more fun drawing activities! In addition to drawing, cartooning, still life, games, and portraiture, this summer students will get to explore the world of art journaling and create their own functional drawing ink to take home! Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC will lead a variety of fan-favorite and brand-new projects. (AB)



Adventure Camp C

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Thursday, July 10 – 13

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Overnight: Friday – Saturday, July 14 – 15

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Fee: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents

Adventure Camp D

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Thursday, July 24 – 27

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Overnight: Friday – Saturday, July 28 – 29

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Fee: \$140 residents, \$160 nonresidents

Combine outdoor adventure and nature education with this week-long camp. Adventure Camp focuses on immersion in the outdoors and works to build confidence through activities, outdoor skills, play, hiking, creeking and a field trip. Adventure Camps C and D include an overnight at Bill Yeck Park. (KL)

Adventure Camp registration is limited to one week per camper. Activities are similar.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Eggs-tra Special Doggy Day

All ages
Friday, March 31
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Park, Dog Park
 1790 E. Social Row Rd.



This egg-tra special dog day is back for an extra special 2nd annual egg hunt! Join us at the dog park for a dog-friendly egg hunt, fun dog-themed activities, giveaways and more! All activities will happen right outside the dog park and the off-leash areas will remain open for dogs to play. Egg hunt prizes available while supplies last.

Registration is not required. (KT)

All are welcome, however, for their safety, children under 8 are not permitted within the off-leash areas of the dog park. Children ages 8 – 14 must be accompanied by an adult in the off-leash areas.

Earth Month Scavenger Hunt

All ages
Friday, April 7 – Friday, April 28

With the power of the 3 Rs — Reduce, Reuse and Recycle — you can solve riddles to help save the planet! Unscramble the puzzles to learn ways to save the Earth a little each day throughout the year. Each Friday a new clue will be released to a park location and activity to help you achieve Planeteer superhero status!

After successfully completing each week's location and activity, prizes will be awarded to all participants. One lucky participant will win a grand prize! (KT)



Pull Your Weight! 7th Annual Garlic Mustard Challenge

All ages
Monday, April 10 – Monday, June 5

Pull Your Weight to protect your parks!

Garlic mustard is an aggressive, nonnative plant taking over natural areas. Help restore and protect your native ecosystems with this fun volunteer challenge! Drop off 13-gallon garbage bags filled with garlic mustard to the CWPDP Operations Facility, 354 Congress Park Blvd., April 10 – June 5.

Each team submitting at least five full bags will receive a Pull Your Weight t-shirt for each team member. The team or individual to bring the most full bags will win a grand prize!

Each registered team will be given a box of biodegradable garbage bags to start.

Contact CWPDP Community Engagement Coordinator Ginger Clark at gclark@cwdpd.org to register your team and receive all the necessary information to get started.

The Pull Your Weight challenge is a great opportunity for individuals, families, scouting groups, corporate service groups, church groups and students looking for service hours! (GC)

Pollinators and Flowers Colorful Fun Run

All ages
Saturday, April 15
 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Forest Field Park
 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Learn about pollinators and their favorite native flowers while you stop by stations with color powder! Visit all the stations to get all the colors and finish the 2nd annual colorful fun run! This will be a one-mile course with a 100-meter dash option for ages 10 and under. The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Use your favorite fitness tracking app to record your time and then share it to our Facebook event page! Register by March 31 to receive a t-shirt.

This event is sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital.

This is a Tools to Trek Program. (AS)



Rainbows and Raindrops Adapted Fun Run

All ages
Saturday, May 6
 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
 6588 McEwen Rd.

New!



A fun run for everyone to enjoy! Participants can enjoy our new paved path at the Kennard Nature Nook while stopping at various booths along the way. Each booth will have interactive games, giveaways, and all things rainbows and raindrops! The Kennard Nature Nook will also have various activities. Participants are encouraged to travel along the path visiting booths at their own pace. The last time to start is noon.

This event is made possible by the Washington-Centerville Public Library, the Washington Township RecPlex, the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, 4 Paws for Ability and various other sponsorships. (AS/KT)

Online resident registration begins
 Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.

Online nonresident registration begins
 Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Movie Party in the Park

All ages

Friday, April 28

(Rain date: Friday, May 5)

7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Kick-off warmer weather with an evening in the park! We will start out with interactive games and crafts. Bring a soccer ball to kick around before the movie! Grab dinner from

Claybourne Grill and popsicles from Frios Gourmet Pops and claim the perfect spot with a picnic blanket and chairs. As the sun sets over the park, settle in to watch “Kicking & Screaming” under the stars.

Registration is requested. (KT)

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park

All ages

Friday, May 12

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.



Let's celebrate spring with a Teddy Bear Picnic!

Bring your own dinner and/or enjoy free light refreshments while supplies last! Spread out on the Kennard Nature Nook lawn to enjoy the fresh spring air with your family and stuffed furry friends!

The Teddy Bear Picnic will include themed activities including a scavenger hunt along the newly paved path.

Registration is requested. No pets, please.
(AB)



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 8 AND UNDER)



Reading in the Wild

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee/session/child: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

March Storytime

Tuesday, March 21 OR Friday, March 24

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 14

April Storytime

Tuesday, April 18 OR Friday, April 21

Yankee Park

7500 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 11
OR Friday, April 15

May Storytime

Tuesday, May 16 OR Friday, May 19

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 9

Let's get together to read a story! We will interact with stories, complete crafts with sensory themes and take short hikes in the park — sparking a love of nature in our youngest community members! This program is limited to one adult companion per registrant.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. Strollers are not recommended at parks with natural terrain.

(KT)

The Reading in the Wild programs are identical within each month. Please only select one.

Early Adventures Hikes

Ages 0 – 4 years with adult companion

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee/session/child: \$4 nonresidents

March Adventures

Tuesday, March 7

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

April Adventures

Tuesday, April 4

Willowbrook Park

10225 Park Edge Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 2

May Adventures

Tuesday, May 2

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 30



Hit the trail with us! These exploratory hikes foster curiosity and confidence in young children. Your leader will point out seasonal changes and other natural points of interest in the parks. Lanterns will be available to borrow.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking.

These are Tools to Trek programs. (KL)

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Canvas Painting & Storytime with The Purple Paintbrush

Ages 2 – 5 with adult companion

Friday, March 10

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$27 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

Children will choose a canvas design that fits the story theme during this fun evening with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. This session's theme is rainbows in spring and will include a springtime-themed story and canvas workshop full of color-mixing fun! (AB)

Pottery Painting & Storytime with The Purple Paintbrush

Ages 2 – 5 with adult companion

Monday, April 3

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$32 residents, \$41 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 28

“Hop into spring” with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush! Create a cute and cuddly-looking bunny rabbit pottery project and enjoy a storytime to go along with it! Pottery will be painted with acrylic and ready to take home the same day! (AB)

Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, March 9, April 13 & May 11

Fee/child: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 2

This take-home kit features crafts and activities revolving around a fun seasonal theme! There will be three different kits — one for each month! (AB)



Tools to Trek

Attend Tools to Trek programs to earn a free Trek Pack! Print your Tools to Trek tracking sheet on www.cwpd.org. Bring your tracking sheet to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full, turn it in to collect your prize! (KL)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.**

Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

Fee/child: \$4 nonresidents

Starry Nights

Thursday, March 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 14

At night, we can see so many stars in the sky! We will learn what a star is made of and how people have used them to navigate and tell stories! Then, we will imagine and create our own star maps. (KL)

Wildflower Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, April 20

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 18

What makes our spring wildflowers special? We will go on a scavenger hunt to learn all about them! (KL)

Mini Campout

Thursday, May 11

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Registration deadline: Friday, May 5

Let's camp without spending the night! We will put up a tent, share stories and s'mores by the campfire and go on a short hike! (KL)

Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/session/child: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, March 8 – April 12

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

Session B

Wednesdays, April 19 – May 24

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 16

Balance! Run! Jump! Catch! Kick! Join Amazing Athletes as we practice our coordination, fine motor skills and gross motor skills! This program uses the fundamentals of 10 different sports to help build and develop motor skills, nutritional knowledge and body awareness. Sign up for both sessions and receive an Amazing Athletes t-shirt!

This class will be held outdoors when possible with the option to go inside for inclement weather, so please dress accordingly.

Visit amazingathletes.com for more information on the Amazing Athletes program. (AS)

Reckits

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Fee/child: \$12 residents, \$15 nonresidents

We prepare the activities and gather the materials and you just pick up and create! Pick up information will be emailed after the registration deadline. (LP)

Earth Day Celebration! Jr.

Monday, March 27

Registration deadline: Monday, March 20

Earth month is quickly approaching! This kit is full of crafts and activities you can do to celebrate the Earth! Learn all about how you can be a part of protecting our Earth!

A Day with Mom! Jr.

Monday, April 24

Registration deadline: Monday, April 18

Mother's Day is just around the corner! Let's celebrate a special person in your life on this special day! This kit includes activities for quality time together. The crafts double as gifts and cards great for letting moms, grandmas, aunts or anyone else you want to know just how much they mean to you!





Intergenerational Series

Ages 4 – 8 with grandparent(s)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee/child: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Spring Showers

Friday, March 10

Registration deadline: Friday, March 3

Join us for a drop-in spring celebration! Grandchildren will enjoy checking out the Mark Kreusch Nature Play Playce, a storytime and creating a spring craft with their grandparents!

Registration is required, but you can arrive anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

(AB)

May Flowers

Friday, May 5

Registration deadline: Friday, April 28

Join us for a drop-in flower power afternoon! Grandchildren will enjoy a scavenger hunt along the paved path, a storytime and creating a flower jar with their grandparents!

Registration is required, but you can arrive anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

(AB)



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 6 – 17)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

Tuesdays, March 14, April 11 & May 9

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 7

Does your child love art time? This drop-off program is designed to give your child an opportunity to get creative! They will try new techniques and design unique projects based on a monthly nature theme. (AB)



Explorers

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/child: \$11 residents, \$14 nonresidents

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, April 5 – May 10

Registration deadline: Monday, April 4

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, April 3 – May 8

Registration deadline: Monday, March 27

Outdoor play is vital to child development and well-being. Children will learn about nature and the outdoors in this program designed to allow children to interact with nature in unique ways. Activities include discovery, games and creeking. (KL)

Spring Gardening Projects

Ages 6 – 10

Thursdays, March 9, April 13 & May 11

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee/child: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 2

This new program will introduce participants to different types of gardening opportunities from pollinator flowers to fruits and vegetables. Participants will learn when and where to plant them! (AB)

An Evening at Camp

Ages 6 – 12

Thursday, May 18

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee/child: \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 11

Summer camp is just around the corner and we are so excited! Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities to celebrate the start to summer. Finish the night sharing your favorite camp stories around a campfire with s'mores. (KT)

RecKits

Fee/child: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

We prepare the activities and gather the materials and you just pick up and create! Pick up information will be emailed after the registration deadline. (LP)

Earth Day Celebration!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Monday, March 27

Registration deadline: Monday, March 20

Earth month is quickly approaching! This kit is full of crafts and activities you can do to celebrate the Earth! Learn all about how you can be a part of protecting our Earth!

A Day with Mom!

Recommended for ages 7 – 10

Monday, April 24

Registration deadline: Monday, April 17

Mother's Day is right around the corner! Let's celebrate a special person in your life on this special day! This kit includes activities for quality time together. The crafts double as gifts and cards great for letting moms, grandmas, aunts, or anyone else you want to know just how much they mean to you!



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Nature Design Challenges

Ages 7 – 13

Mondays, March 6, April 3 & May 1

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, February 27

All engineers on deck! Meet us at the park for a fun-filled afternoon of science and engineering using materials from nature! Participants will get to plan, build and test their designs for the surprise STEM challenge of the day! (AB)

Tropical Art Staycation with The Purple Paintbrush

New!

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, March 27 – 29

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/child: \$95 residents, \$115 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 21

Whether it's sunny or chilly (it is Ohio after all!) there will be no shortage of artful fun with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush! Spend some of your vacation learning fun bubble glazing techniques (with actual bubbles!) on pottery, creating and glazing a fun aquatic-themed clay piece using seashell impressions and designs, and learning tips and tricks for creating a colorful beach-themed painting! (AB)

Mad Science University

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesdays, May 3 – 24

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

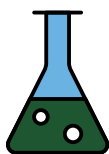
Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/child: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, April 24

Science is all around us! Children will experience science firsthand through hands-on, and sometimes messy, activities! We will explore fascinating science concepts with a new theme each week. We are putting science to the test as your child learns about chemistry, biology and physics. (KL)



Wild Animal Automaton with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, March 14

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 7

Automatons are incredible contraptions that can make sculptures move in exciting ways! Create an owl that swoops or a coyote that runs! The possibilities are endless with just the turn of a crank! (KT)

New!

Adventures in Nature Zines with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Thursday, April 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/child: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 30

Zines (pronounced zeens) are miniature magazines that have exploded in popularity! Learn about what they are and where they came from. Become an artist and illustrator as you create your own nature-based adventure! (KT)

New!

Pinhole Camera with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Thursday, April 20

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/child: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 13

Have you ever wondered how a camera works? Can you take a picture without using electricity? How do our eyes really see the world around us? Learn all of this and more in this exciting class as we create our own pinhole camera that really takes pictures! (KT)

New!

Nature Derby Cars with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 9

Can you harness the power of gravity and create the fastest derby car? Using nature as our muse, participants will build, decorate and race derby cars to see who is the ultimate champion. (KT)

New!

Spring into Archery

Ages 8 – 15

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/child: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesday, April 12

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 5

Session B

Wednesday, May 24

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 17

We will learn the basics of archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will compete against each other in friendly competition. All equipment is provided. (KT)



“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”

~Margaret Atwood

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Introduction to Jewelry Making with The Purple Paintbrush

Ages 10 – 15

Friday, April 28

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, April 20

Try out a new art skill with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush! In this class, students will learn a little history of jewelry making and how it has evolved through the years. They will get an introduction to the tools, wires, stones, pottery, beads and more, that they will use to create their first pendant! We will learn basic wire-wrapping techniques. With the information learned and materials provided, students will get to create a 2nd jewelry piece design on their own!

In addition, this class also satisfies the requirements for the Girl Scouts Junior Jewelry Making Badge. Please note badges themselves are not provided by CWPDP or The Purple Paintbrush. (AB)

Teen Volunteer Afternoon

Ages 11 – 14

Sunday, April 16

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 11

An afternoon of pizza and projects that give back to your community! There will be multiple project options for teens to choose from. Projects will focus on opportunities that help our natural environment since it's the week before Earth Day! Project options may include making seed bombs and seed packets, seed cleaning, etc! (AB)

Flora and Fauna Plaster Casting Workshop New!

Ages 11 – 15

Fridays, May 12 & 19

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/child: \$35 residents, \$45 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, May 7

Make a unique plaster mask with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush LLC! Using inspiration from nature, teens will create their own decorative mask using plaster gauze and an assortment of mask molds as a foundation. From here students can layer and build up structures and facial features to create masks inspired by their favorite animals or plant life.

In the second class, we will sand and prime masks to receive acrylic paint and other fun embellishments. Masks will be ready to take home in the second class. Vinyl gloves and dust masks will be provided during the sanding process.

You must be able to attend both sessions.
(AB)



Young Birders Club: Southwest Chapter Meetings

Ages 11 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

*Grant Park, McEwen Entrance
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

*Forest Walk Park
1193 Deer Run Rd.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 2

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 30

Welcome to the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Young Birders Club! Bird watching and identification are fascinating subjects. You will walk away with a greater knowledge of birds and their role in the ecosystem. Club activities are based on participant feedback, so you direct the focus of the study. Participants must be members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. (KL)

Capture the Flag & Bonfire

Ages 12 – 17

Saturday, April 15

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/child: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, April 7

The ultimate game of capture the flag! Participants will be broken into two teams. Each team will have to make it back to their side of the field with the other team's flag while protecting their own. After the winning team is determined, we will enjoy s'mores and music by the fire. (KT)

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 17

Seed Sowing and Prep

Thursday, March 2

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 1

We will spread the seeds we collected and cleaned in the fall in the McEwen meadow to encourage wildflower diversity in the new meadow. After measuring and sowing, we will work on packaging and preparing additional seeds for other purposes. This program will take place indoors and outdoors. (KL)

Eco Brick Build

Friday, April 28

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 26

The time has come to build our Eco Brick creation! Crew members should wear work clothing that can be stained. If the weather is not ideal, a rain date will be arranged. (KL)



Porch Stitching: Embroidery Journaling

Ages 13 – 17

Thursdays, April 13 & 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/child: \$20 residents; \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 6

Explore the world of 3D art journaling with us! We will be creating our own journals with an embroidered cover. Learn tips to create a beautiful dimensional art piece using embroidery, watercolor and paper piecing. No experience required. (LP)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Let's Meet Up: Nature Playce

All ages

Wednesdays, March 1, April 5 AND/OR
May 3

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Grant Park, Mark Kreusch Nature Playce
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session/family: \$4 nonresidents



Enjoy fresh air and nature playtime. Meet other parents/caregivers and their children. Stop by the Kennard Nature Nook for a free snack. Then, explore the Mark Kreusch Nature Playce during an unstructured and casual meet-up! Staff will have one activity planned for each session that children can participate in before or after unstructured playtime. This is a Tools to Trek Program.

The meet-up will not be held in inclement weather. This is not a drop off program; parents/caregivers are required to stay with their children. (AB)

National Plant a Flower Day!

All ages

Sunday, March 12

Noon – 1:30 p.m. OR 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/flowerpot: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day! Join us to decorate a flowerpot as a family. While it dries, we will take a hike through the meadows to look for signs of spring! We will return to our flowerpots to plant a flower of your choice.

Please register individually if your group would like more than one flowerpot. This is not a drop-off program. (KT)



Nature Fun:

An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

Mondays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24,
May 8 & 22

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Families are invited to join us outside to listen to a story brought to you by the Washington-Centerville Public Library! Participate in nature-themed activities following the story. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. All sessions are Tools to Trek programs. (LP)

Registration is not required, but is recommended.



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It Comes Full Circle:

The "Pi Day" Hike

All ages

Tuesday, March 14

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park
2100 E Centerville Station Rd.

It's Pi Day! A whole day to celebrate our favorite never-ending number: 3.14159265... and a favorite dessert!

Join us for either an approximately 3.14-mile hike on natural and paved trails or a 1-mile hike on crushed limestone and paved paths. Staff and volunteers will guide you through the park, perfect for those just getting acquainted with Bill Yeck and Forest Field Parks and for those who have been hiking in the park for years. A limited number of custom CWPD Pi Day stickers and special treats will be available at the end!

Walk-up registration is permitted for this program. Preregistration is requested so we can plan accurately.

Please dress for natural trails and bring water. Strollers are not recommended on natural trails. (AS)

Wooden Egg Painting

All ages

Friday, March 24

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/family: \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 22

Wooden eggs can be reused in your holiday traditions or used as décor. Your family will get one dozen wooden eggs to paint and personalize. During the painting process, the instructor will discuss why bird eggs are different colors. Price includes one dozen 2.5-inch flat-bottomed eggs. Paint is provided. (KL)

Nocturnal Nature Series

Dancing Woodcocks

Ages 8 and up

Monday, March 27

7:45 – 9:15 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, March 24



We will head out at dusk to search for the American Woodcock and observe their spectacular dance! This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Celestial Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Friday, April 7

8:15 – 9:30 p.m.

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 5



Search for planets along a lighted, paved path! Can you find all the planets in our solar system and other fun things from the night sky? The trail should take between 30-45 minutes to complete. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



TREEster Egg Hunt

Recommended for families

with children ages 6 and up

Tuesday, March 28 – Monday, April 10

Bill Yeck Park, all entrances



We have hidden 12 giant leaves at Bill Yeck Park. For every four leaves you find, you will get one entry into a TREEmendous prize raffle! Turn in the leaf names by scanning the QR code once you have finished the hunt. Enter the code words for each leaf into the form!

Questions? Contact Katy Lucas at klucas@cwpsd.org. Winners will be notified on April 12.

This is a Tools to Trek program. The T2T password will be listed on the entry form.

Registration is not required. (KL)

Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Wednesday, March 29

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 22

A fun evening for the whole family! Participants will explore the park through a photography scavenger hunt. Following the scavenger hunt, families will share photos with one another and the team with the most items found on the list will receive a prize!

All families need to bring a device to take photos, preferably one that has a screen to view the photos. Cell phone cameras are acceptable! (KT)



New!

Eggstravaganza!

Recommended for families

with children ages 8 and under

Saturday, April 1

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (staggered start times)

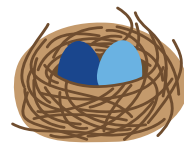
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 30

Celebrate spring by learning about animals that lay eggs. Search for and collect an egg from twelve stations and turn them in for a prize! Each egg will represent an animal you can find in your parks. This year, we will be celebrating local egg layers with unique adaptations! Glen Helen Raptor Center will be bringing some feathered friends. The trail and stations will take about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete. (KL)



Beautiful Blooms Wildflower Tour

All ages

Saturday, April 8

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 6



These tiny treasures can only be seen for a short time! An instructor will lead you along the path to search for all the spring wildflowers the forests have to offer. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Into Archery:

Family Battles

Ages 8 and up

Sunday, April 23

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

Fee/family: \$30 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 14

Looking for some family friendly competition? We will learn the basics of archery with basic instruction and will use the skills you learn in a friendly competition against your own family. Please register just one family member. Maximum four people per family. All equipment is provided. (KT)

Butterfly Surveys

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturdays, April 29 AND/OR May 13

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.



Registration deadline: Thursday, April 27 AND Thursday, May 11

Help contribute to research by joining the naturalist on butterfly surveys. Identify and count butterflies while observing other seasonal wildlife as we stroll. No experience is necessary. Trail is approximately one mile in length on uneven terrain. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Chalk on the Block!

All ages

Sunday, April 30

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Friday, April 14

We will provide a variety of chalk and stencils.

Your job is to

decorate the

path around

the Kennard

Nature Nook!

There will be

additional activities

for families. This is a

come-and-go event. This is

not a drop-off program. (KT)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.**

New!

The Traveling Picnic Basket

Ages 6 and up

Sunday, May 7

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/picnic basket: \$30 residents, \$39 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, April 28

Celebrate the women you love with an afternoon picnic in the park! Participants will begin by using felt to create their own floral design on the provided picnic basket. Families will put their lunch in their new picnic basket and hike with a naturalist half a mile of the orange trail to a beautiful new picnic spot.

Please register individually if your group would like more than one picnic basket. This is not a drop-off program. (KT)

New!

World Migratory Bird Day Activities

All ages

Saturday, May 13

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Friday, May 12



A special day to celebrate migrating birds! We will have signs featuring local birds you can find in your parks! Complete the loop around the paved path, take our bird quiz and earn a prize! This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

New!

Homesteading Ohio

Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up

Saturday, May 20

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (staggered start times)

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 18

Did you play Oregon Trail as a child? Join the Park District and Centerville-Washington History to experience a simulation of Centerville's founders! Your family will meet some of Washington Township's early citizens and learn about the hardships they faced traveling to the area! Pack your wagons, encounter scenarios and challenges and hunt for food. Trail is approximately one mile in length on a crushed limestone path. (KL)



Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Floral Design Classes

New!

Ages 16 and up (*Children 8 – 15 can be registered as participants alongside a paying adult.*)

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

Session A

Saturday, March 11

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, March 6

Join Oberer's Flowers for a relaxing evening learning, step-by-step, how to create a beautiful arrangement with flowers emerging for spring! Bring the sunshine in with a unique seasonal arrangement featuring hyacinths, tulips and/or daffodils. All supplies are included! (AB)

Session B

Saturday, April 22

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, April 17

Join Oberer's Flowers for a relaxing evening learning, step-by-step, how to create a beautiful arrangement with flowers emerging for spring! Bring the sunshine in with a unique seasonal arrangement featuring hyacinths, tulips and/or daffodils. All supplies are included! (AB)

Session C

Friday, May 26

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 21

Join Oberer's Flowers for a relaxing evening learning, step-by-step, how to create a sunshine-y arrangement with beautiful bright flowers, including sunflowers! All supplies are included.



Porch Stitching

Floral Monograms

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, March 16

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$15 residents; \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 7

This program will go over some of the basics of embroidery as we complete a hand-embroidered monogram. After that, we will embellish the embroidery hoops with flowers and leaves to make a perfect, personalized, spring decoration! No previous experience is necessary. (LP)

Embroidery Journaling

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, April 11 & 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$20 residents; \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 4

Explore the world of 3D art journaling with us! We will be creating our own journals with an embroidered cover. Learn tips to create a beautiful dimensional art piece using embroidery, watercolor and paper piecing. No experience required. (LP)



Request a Chat With a Naturalist

Does your special interest group want to learn more about Centerville and Washington Township wildlife? Groups of 10 or more can book a naturalist to speak at their gatherings for 45 minutes to an hour. Groups are limited to two requests per year and six weeks notice is required for planning purposes. Please call (937) 433-5155 for a list of topics.

Watercolor Butterflies & Beetles

New!

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 18

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$25 residents (class only) **OR**

\$40 residents (class and kit),

\$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$48

nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, March 10

Explore the beauty of the world of insects through watercolor painting! We will create colorful paintings of butterflies and beetles utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. **This is a beginner-level class.**

Material kit includes; paint palette, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #8 round brush, and six sheets 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)

Watercolor Floral Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, April 15

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$25 residents (class only) **OR**

\$40 residents (class and kit),

\$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$48

nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, April 7

Celebrate spring by learning how to paint watercolor florals! We will use basic brush and watercolor techniques to create spring watercolor floral paintings. **This is a beginner-level class.**

Material kit includes; paint palette, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #8 round brush, and six sheets 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Watercolor & Ink Botanical Class

New!

Ages 18 and up
Saturday, May 20
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$25 residents (class only) **OR** \$55 residents (class and kit), \$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$68 nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, May 12

Familiar with watercolors and drawing, but want to take your skills to the next level? Join us and learn techniques like how to add interest to backgrounds, work with a limited palette to improve mixing skills, and work with limited brushes to improve dexterity. **This is an intermediate-level class.**

Material kit includes; Aureolin Yellow or Cadmium Yellow Pale, Rose Madder or Alizarin Crimson, Cobalt Blue or Ultramarine Blue, #8 round brush, #10 flat brush, mixing tray, water cup, spray bottle, watercolor paper of choice, micron pen. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)

Introduction to Italian

New!

Ages 14 and up
Tuesdays, April 4 – May 9
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$65 residents, \$85 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, March 31

Broaden your cultural knowledge while taking in spring beauty. Italian instructor Nicoletta Serenata of “When I am in Rome” will introduce participants to the basics of the Italian language. Participants will receive a syllabus and materials to practice in class and at home. Each class will focus on a different subject from introducing yourself, numbers, expressions and more! (AB)

Hike with a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

April Hike

Thursday, April 13
Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill Entrance
8798 Rooks Mill Dr.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 11

May Hike

Thursday, May 4
Willowbrook Park
10225 Park Edge Dr.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 2

Join us on this monthly stroll through your parks. A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. Hike is on a natural path. (KL)



Clay Fairy Houses

Ages 14 and up
Friday, April 14, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. AND
Friday, April 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, April 9

Join Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC to make your own unique fairy house out of two pounds of clay! We will spend the second evening painting the fairy houses. They will be fired and available for pickup in approximately one to two weeks.

Participants must be able to attend both nights, the second night is a bit shorter due to less time needed for glazing. (AB)

Fire Building 101

New!

Ages 18 and up
Wednesday, May 3
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 26

Are you looking to have bonfires this summer? Or planning a camping trip? Join us for an evening of learning the basics behind building a fire. Practice making your own fire and even have a chance to roast a s'more on the fire you built. (KT)



Painting in the Landscape with The Purple Paintbrush

Ages 16 and up
Monday, May 15
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, May 8

Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush LLC for a relaxing evening overlooking the meadow. No painting experience is required. This class is a fun and enjoyable way to learn some color theory, basic drawing and observational painting with helpful tips and guidance! (AB)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

ADULT WELLNESS

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 1 – May 31

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this spring! What better way than through guided hikes in your parks? Staff and volunteers will lead groups for different paces. Hike for Your Health is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get to know some of your parks better. All hikes are on natural trails. Please wear appropriate shoes for trails that may be muddy.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the schedule for Hike for Your Health on <https://cwpgd.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. (AS)

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 2 – May 30

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors, enjoy sunshine and fresh air while meeting other walking enthusiasts. These are self-guided walks around your community parks! Walking helps maintain a healthy weight, increases energy, lifts your spirits, strengthens memory and protects from heart disease and high blood pressure. Enjoy reduced stress, improved quality of sleep and the many benefits from an improved quality of life. It will be A Walk in the Park!

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the schedule for A Walk in the Park on <https://cwpgd.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. (AS)



Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Fridays, March 3 – May 26

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **AND/OR**

Tuesdays, March 14 – May 30

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Trekking with Nordic poles is a wonderful way to cross-train or try something new. The American Nordic Walking Association notes that this form of exercise engages 80% of your muscles while still remaining low impact.

Meet up with other trail trekking enthusiasts to trek through the parks during this self-guided meet-up program! Staff and volunteers will join in periodically.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the Trail Trekking schedules on <https://cwpgd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/> (AS)

You must bring your own Nordic poles if you sign up for this option.

Trail Trekking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

Fridays, March 3 – May 26

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **AND/OR**

Tuesdays, March 14 – May 30

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Sign up to rent Nordic poles before you purchase your own set. You will be contacted to sign a borrower's permit and pick up your set for the spring. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee/session/person: \$52 residents, \$67 nonresidents

Session A

Mondays, March 6 – April 10

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 2

Session B

Saturdays, March 11 – April 15

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 8

Session C

Saturdays, March 11 – April 15

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 8

Session D

Mondays, April 17 – May 22

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 13

Session E

Saturdays, April 22 – May 27

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 19

Session F

Saturdays, April 22 – May 27

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 19

Method Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. (AS)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**



Strollers in Motion

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

Fee/adult: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Session A

Mondays, March 6 – April 10
(No class March 27)

Session B

Mondays, April 17 – May 15

Strollers in Motion is a stroller-based workout for moms, dads or other caregivers. Each total body workout incorporates power walking and strolling, strength training, balance work and toning. Strollers in Motion is an awesome way to get fit, meet new people and have fun with your little ones! And, after some classes, special activities will be planned for the children! Strollers in Motion is led by Kenzie Potts.

For inclement weather, Strollers in Motion will move inside the Activity Center Community Room for a modified class. (AS)

Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, March 7 – April 25

(No class March 14 or April 4)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee/session/person: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

This class is a total body workout designed to bring people (like you!) together through music and dance. We dance to various styles of music (Latin, hip hop, pop, global rhythms, etc.) which provides a good mix of low to high-intensity moves. There are no wrong moves ... just keep moving with the cues! Instructor Emily Chandler strives to make this class high-energy and a lot of fun! We can guarantee you'll leave this class feeling great! (AS)

Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, March 8 – April 12

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 5

Session B

Wednesdays, April 19 – May 24

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 16

You will get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout, yoga practice, as well as mindfulness and functional movement for vitality and longevity. All levels welcome. Taught by certified yoga instructor Dan Loofboro. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Harvard School of Integrative Medicine tells us that the slow meditative movements, deep breathing and relaxation that is characteristic of Tai Chi practice creates a special biological state that activates our own capacity for body/mind wellness and healing. Great for stress relief, post-illness or with managing a chronic health condition. Improves coordination, balance and attention. Facilitates cardiac rehab, lowers blood pressure and helps maintain strong bones.

Tai Chi is held outdoors, moving indoors for inclement weather. (AS)

Tai Chi Beginner Session A

Thursdays, March 9 – April 20

(No class April 6)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, March 6

Tai Chi Beginner Session B

Saturdays, March 11 – April 22

(No class April 8)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 8

An introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong (pronounced Chi Kung) principles and form through Tai Chi Easy — a form created by Roger Jahnke, O.M.D. — to make Tai Chi accessible and fun for everyone. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor.

Tai Chi Intermediate

Mondays, March 13 – April 24

(No class April 3)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 9

Continuing to develop Tai Chi and Qigong principles moving from Tai Chi Easy into Dr. Jahnke's Integral Tai Chi Form. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor.



There is another park option designed to meet your outdoor fitness needs! Try the fitness equipment at **Oak Grove Park!**

There are two types of outdoor exercise equipment at the park. The complete ENERGI™ system is for active individuals ages 13 and up. The LifeTrail® system is geared toward those ages 50 and over. The LifeTrail® system includes ADA accessible pieces.

Instructions are on the equipment. You can also use your mobile device to watch instructional videos for each piece.

Oak Grove Park, located at 1790 E. Social Row Rd., is open during daylight hours.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Native Wildflower String Art & Pure Barre

Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, March 14
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, March 10

A little bit of art and a great workout! We have teamed up with Pure Barre to work on our minds and bodies! Participants will create string art with designs inspired by our native wildflowers!

This Pure Barre classic class provides a low impact, high intensity, total body workout in just 50 minutes! You'll leave the workout feeling refreshed and stress-free! (AS)

String Pull Painting & Pure Barre

New!

Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, May 2
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, April 28

A little bit of art and a great workout! We have teamed up with Pure Barre to work on our minds and bodies! Participants will use a string/chain pull painting technique to create an abstract floral artwork!

This Pure Barre classic class provides a low impact, high intensity, total body workout in just 50 minutes! You'll leave the workout feeling refreshed and stress-free! (AS)

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up
Wednesdays, March 15 – November 1
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Join Up and Running trail leaders as you enjoy running on natural trails. This running group is for experienced runners and includes meadows, trails and hills. Meet at the Normandy Entrance (501 Normandy Ridge Rd.) of Grant Park or the Smith Entrance (2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.) of Bill Yeck Park. Please check online schedule for dates and locations for each week. Sign up once for the entire year!

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime! (AS)

If running group is canceled due to inclement weather, Up and Running will post a notification on social media.

Women in Motion Running Group

Ages 18 and up
 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Iron Horse Park
 6161 Millshire Dr.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 19

Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Tuesdays, March 21 – May 16 AND
 Thursdays, March 23 – May 18**

Fee/person: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents

Tuesdays Only

Tuesdays, March 21 – May 16

Fee/person: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents

Thursdays Only

Thursdays, March 23 – May 18

Fee/person: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents

A 9-week course for women who want to successfully run a 5k! Perfect for new runners and those returning from a running hiatus. This course includes a mix of walking and running that gradually builds up your stamina to run for a full 30 minutes. Enrollment in either or both days includes a 9-week walk/running plan to go from couch to 30 minutes of running. Each class, with RRCA certified running coaches from the Ohio Coaching Collective, will include additional strength and core training to prevent injury. If you've always wanted to be a runner but didn't know where to start, this is the program for you! (AS)



Healthy Simplified!

New!

Ages 18 and up
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.*

Overnight Oats

Thursday, March 23

Fee/person: \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, March 20

Mason Jar Salads

Thursday, April 27

Fee/person: \$34 residents, \$45 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, April 24

Charcuterie Boards

Thursday, May 11

Fee/person: \$38 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, May 8

Learn how adding or swapping simple nutritional options can add up to a healthier lifestyle. Join Holistic Health Coach Michelle Daniel of The Lifestyle Technique as you learn the basics of nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. Gather with others and have fun preparing your own make-and-take meal! (AS)

**Online resident registration begins
 Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up

April 1 – June 12

(No scheduled matches Memorial Day Weekend)

Various locations

Fee/person: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 19

Join a Park District tennis league and play tennis in the parks this spring! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are 10 weeks long. (AS)

Day, Time	Level of Play
Sunday , 6:00 p.m.	Men's Advanced
Monday , 6:00 p.m.	Men's Intermediate
Wednesday , 6:00 p.m.	Men's Advanced
Saturday , 8:00 a.m.	Women's Intermediate

Pickleball Leagues: Mixed Doubles

Ages 18 and up

6:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Session A

April 4 – May 4

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 19

Session B

May 9 – June 8

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 24

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this spring! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are 5 weeks long. Five Franklin X-40 pickleballs per team are included and can be picked up from Park District Headquarters prior to league play. (AS)

Day	Level of Play
Tuesday	Experienced
Thursday	Beginner

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.**

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, April 12 – May 24

(No class May 17)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Robert F. Mays Park

10553 Paragon Rd.

Fee/person: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 9

Fitness Fusion incorporates cardio, circuit training, resistance training, pilates and compound exercises. Each class will vary in the types of exercises and will help you build speed, power, strength and endurance. We will target different muscle groups using different methods of training, allowing you to experience a jump start in fat loss and muscle definition. Modifications provided. No guts, no glory! Taught by Emily Chandler, a certified group fitness instructor. You will need a light set of weights, and a towel or yoga mat. (AS)

Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Ride A

Sunday, May 7

Concept Park

345 Claveridge Ln.

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 4

Ride B

Sunday, May 21

Yankee Park

7500 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 18

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The ride will be led by trained and experienced bike leaders and will help you learn routes to shopping, parks and more! Rides will be an easy-paced 10 to 15 miles that start and end at a park. (AS)



Wildflower Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, April 27

(Rain date: Thursday, May 4)

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Fire Circle

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 25

Enjoy a relaxing evening of yoga while we watch the flowers bloom! Learn about our native ephemeral (short-lived) forest wildflowers after practicing breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and ending with relaxation surrounded by the spring forest. (AS)

Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, May 18

(Rain date: Thursday, May 25)

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Fire Circle

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Celebrate the spring season with Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees! Enjoy some downtime next to the warm and cozy fire! This outdoor yoga class will include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation around the campfire. (AS)



The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks. Visit www.cwpd.org for detailed information and a map to each park.

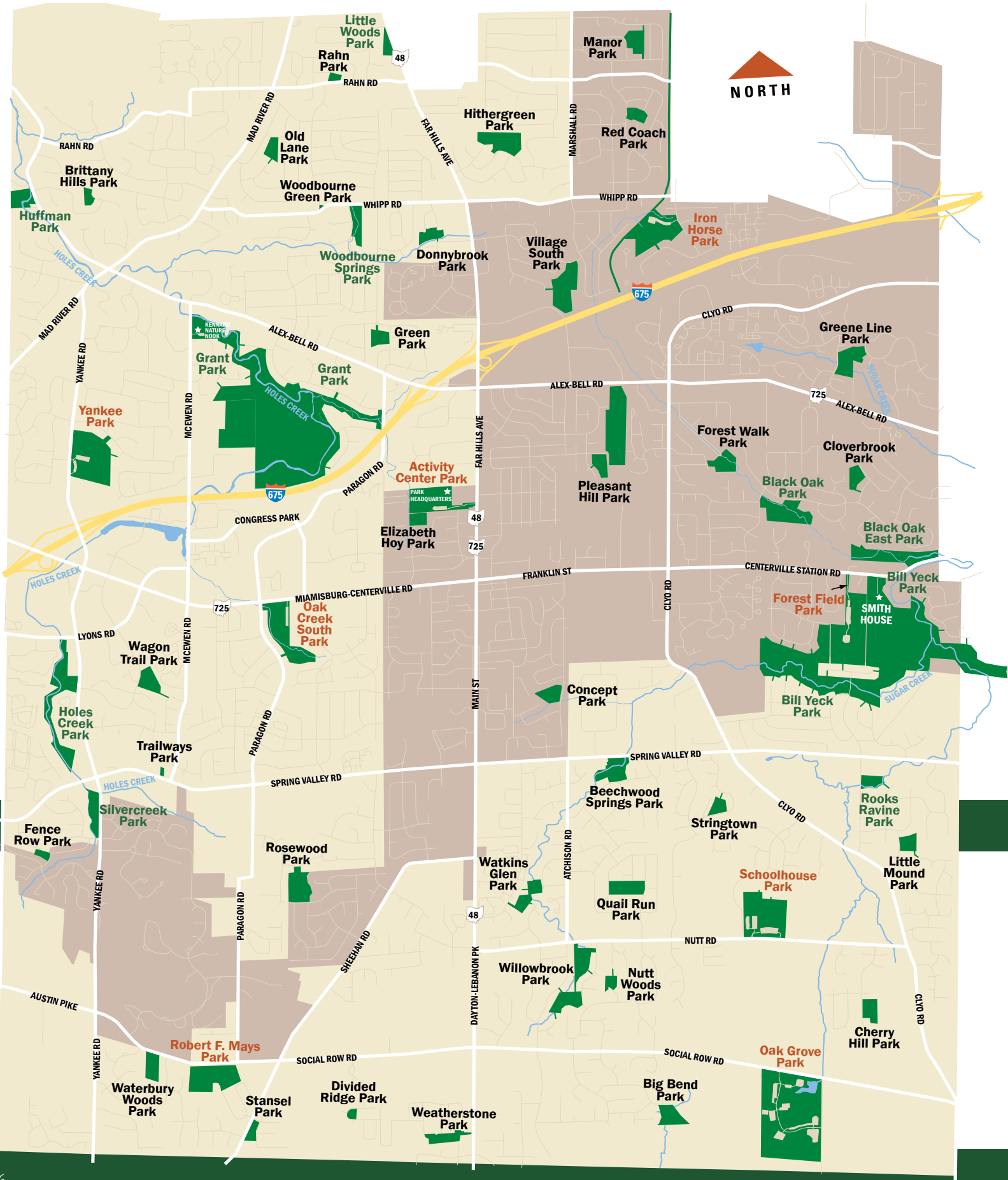
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER



WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

#1

You're first in line!

Online registration takes place the day before phone or walk-in registration.

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It's convenient

The flexibility to register and pay at your convenience, anytime, from anywhere.



It saves time

In less than five minutes, you can set up your account and enroll in your program.



It's easy

Three simple steps, and you'll be enrolled in the program of your choice.



It's environmentally friendly

No need to use gas driving over to register in person. And it saves paper.

Online resident registration begins February 13.

Online (first day of registration is online only)

Visit <https://cwprd.recdesk.com> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on February 13. This site can be used for free programs and for fee-based programs with a debit or credit card.

Registration for the camps on page 4 – 9 begins online April 10. The first day of registration is online only.

By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please have your credit card ready for fee-based programs. Phone registration begins one day after online registration.

In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. You may pay with cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to CWPDP or Centerville-Washington Park District. In person registration begins one day after online registration.

Registration and Refund Policy

Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.

If a program is canceled by the Park District, you will receive a full refund. If you can no longer attend a program, you may cancel seven days prior to the program's start date to receive a full refund as household credit or back to the original payment method. Cancellations made less than seven days prior to the program's start date will be offered household credit. Cancellations made during or after the program are not eligible for a refund.

Access to All

We are committed to providing programs, services and facilities that ensure inclusive and adapted access for all. Please contact us if you require any additional modifications or support because of a disability.

Centerville-Washington Park District Program Release

When registering for or attending any Park District program, you are required to agree to the following statement:

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.

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**Online Nonresident Registration Begins
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