

JUNE – AUGUST 2024

# Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Summer camp  
registration  
began Monday,  
April 8.

Summer program  
registration  
begins online  
Monday, May 13.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Grant Park



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## Park Addresses

For more information and each park's address, visit [www.cwpsd.org](http://www.cwpsd.org).



### Dog Park Closures

[www.cwpsd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/](http://www.cwpsd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/)



### Athletic Field Conditions

[www.cwpsd.org/field\\_status/](http://www.cwpsd.org/field_status/)

## Area Youth

### Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League  
[www.cbltoday.org](http://www.cbltoday.org)

Centerville Recreational Soccer  
[www.centervillesoccer.com](http://www.centervillesoccer.com)

Centerville Wee Elks  
Football Association  
[www.weeelks.org](http://www.weeelks.org)

Centerville Youth Lacrosse  
[www.cvlax.org](http://www.cvlax.org)

FC Dayton  
[www.fcdayton.org](http://www.fcdayton.org)

## Commissioners' Corner



As summer's arrival nears, we are looking forward to delivering positive experiences that connect you to your community's BIG backyard. Park District staff has been

hard at work creating a diverse array of programs and events to ensure this summer is spectacular.

Who is ready for camp? CWPD summer camps are a gateway to a world of exploration and fun. Camps provide a safe environment for children to learn and make friends. We are committed to fostering an inclusive atmosphere that encourages discovery and curiosity. Staff have created brand new themes and lessons at favorite camps including AActivity Squad Camp, Hidden Meadows and Recreation Day Camp.

We have nine special events lined up for the season. Community favorites like BIG Backyard Party, YoGlow and Movie Party in the Park are coming back. We are excited to offer new events like The BIG Challenge Scavenger Hunt, as a fun, challenge-style event for the whole family. Other offerings include a variety of in-person and self-guided experiences that promise to keep you active and engaged.

Be on the lookout for some exciting park improvement projects this summer. Eighteen years after opening, it is time to update the sprayground at **Activity Center Park**. Both the mechanical room as well as the features are in the process of being updated. The picnic areas surrounding the sprayground are also being expanded. A portion of this much-needed sprayground renovation was made possible by sponsorship from Dayton Children's Hospital! Tennis courts at **Yankee Park**, water quality improvements to the pond at **Rosewood Park**, and accessibility improvements to **Village South Park** will also get underway this summer.



## SAVE A TREE

To subscribe to the CWPD monthly e-newsletter visit [www.cwpsd.org](http://www.cwpsd.org) or scan the QR code to the left.

To stop home delivery of the printed newsletter, email your name and address to [mail@cwpsd.org](mailto:mail@cwpsd.org).

## 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/](http://www.cwpsd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/)

Collaboration is key to maximizing the impact on the residents of Centerville and Washington Township. We are thrilled to continue long-time partnerships with local entities, businesses and organizations that align with our mission of providing fun, healthy, outstanding park experiences, including Bike Centerville, Centerville Noon Optimist Club, Centerville Rotary Club, Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, Eat Pretty Darling, Method Yoga, Now and Zen, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Young Birders, South Metro Optimist Club, Washington-Centerville Public Library, Up and Running, and so many more!

We value your input and invite you to actively participate in shaping the future of YOUR parks. Staff welcome your feedback on programs and projects. The Park District is also a wonderful place to volunteer your time. Whether you are interested in assisting with programs or beautifying the parks, we would love to tell you about a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Follow us on social media and subscribe to our e-newsletter to stay up-to-date with the latest news and announcements.

Here's to a summer filled with discovery, excitement and lasting memories!

Jason Riley  
Park Board Vice President



## CWPD Wins Three Statewide Awards



The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the association's annual conference in February 2024.

**The Centerville-Washington Park District (CWPD) won a first-place award in the natural resources and conservation category for the recent completion of the Bill Yeck Park master plan.**

Bill Yeck Park is a 194-acre nature park that was in need of updates. To address community concerns, the master plan was guided by

community feedback. From the public perception, the goals seemed simple: Fix muddy trails and install signs so people don't get lost! A plan was implemented as a multiyear, phased project. Utilizing GIS and mapping technology, a new trail system that followed slopes and topography optimal for drainage and trail performance was planned, including six miles of new trails. Using sustainable trail-building techniques, thousands of feet of decayed wooden steps, handrails and footbridges were removed, providing a safer and more enjoyable park experience. Additionally, trails that caused visitors to become lost or misdirected were decommissioned and restored to their natural state. The final phase of the master plan involved the design and installation of navigational signs and maps. Installation of the trail signs was completed in the spring of 2023.

**CWPD won a first-place award in the category of historical and cultural arts programs and events for The Wall That Heals exhibit, a partnership with the Washington-Centerville Library.**

Last summer, the Washington-Centerville Public Library (WCPL) was selected to host The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This project was an example of local entities working together to make a powerful community impact. CWPD provided the location for the exhibit and helped with construction and deconstruction. Exhibit locations must meet the needs of hundreds of volunteers and thousands of visitors for 24 hours each day no matter the weather or crowds. The wall was open 24 hours a day on a Thursday through Sunday in late July. Nearly 5,000 visitors accessed the exhibit.

**The Fun Run series took second place in the health and wellness programs and events category.**

Sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital, the Fun Run Series offers several opportunities throughout the year for local families to get outdoors, stay active, and learn about an environmental education topic along the way. The Fun Run series was a response to research that children are more likely to engage in and continue a healthy lifestyle when they start alongside their families. CWPD offered six Fun Runs in 2023. The events are free for attendees and are open to members of any community to attend. See page 12 for information about the next Fun Run!

A panel of parks and recreation professionals from around Ohio judge the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Awards of Excellence.

## Under Construction!

The sprayground at **Activity Center Park** is receiving a makeover this spring! While the sprayground traditionally welcomes families over Memorial Day Weekend, this year's opening may be a tad later due to the renovations.

Stay updated by regularly checking our website ([www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org)) and following us on Facebook. We'll keep you in the loop with all the latest project news. And most importantly, we'll announce the official grand re-opening date, so you won't miss the inaugural splash!



## Volunteer Spotlight

**PRISCILLA STAPLETON**



Priscilla has been a substitute teacher for the Centerville City Schools for more than 18 years. Recently she became a volunteer for the Ohio wildlife program. She teaches elementary students about the importance of wildlife developments in Ohio.

Priscilla is a middle school tennis coach in Centerville. Her love for tennis initiated Family Fun Tennis Day at Schoolhouse Park, now in its third year (see page 11). In addition, she has introduced tennis at the Adapted Action Day to give children with special needs an opportunity to experience playing tennis in a fun and safe environment. She has also been active in the Adapted Fun Run at Grant Park's Kennard Nature Nook. Her enthusiasm for tennis encourages young children to explore the game of tennis and have fun learning a new sport.

Priscilla has four grown children who all enjoyed attending CWPD summer camps when they were young. Now her four grandchildren spend time exploring the wonderful parks in Centerville as they go on their "nature walks" with grandma!

"We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful parks in Centerville. The Centerville-Washington Park District does an amazing job putting together creative and fun programs for individuals and families. I'm thankful to be a volunteer and share my love of tennis with our community," Priscilla says.

**The Centerville-Washington Park District would like to thank Priscilla, 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](mailto: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 “2024 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.

## Camp WILD Child

Ages 3 – 5  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.  
Fee/week: \$200 residents, \$220 nonresidents

**Week 1: June 3 – 7**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, May 27

**Week 2: June 17 – 21**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, June 10

Join the teachers of WILD Child Nature Preschool for a week of Wonder, Investigation, Learning and Discovery! This memorable week of camp will include unstructured nature play, creek romping and more! Your child will explore with their five senses through process art and sensory play, participate in cooperative games and investigation stations, and have the chance to truly let their imaginations run wild!

Camp held outdoors in all safe weather conditions! Remember to dress for the mess and prepare to be outdoors, rain or shine!

Campers will need to bring a small hiking backpack, reusable water bottle and a healthy snack. All campers will receive a WILD Child camp shirt. (JH)



## 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 3 – 7, Splash Into Summer!**

**Week 2: June 10 – 14, Sunny and Starry Skies**

**Week 3: June 17 – 21, Recreation Camp Olympics**

**Week 4: June 24 – 28, Safari Adventure**

**Week 5: July 1 – 3 & 5, Superheroes Assemble! (No camp July 4)**

**Week 6: July 8 – 12, Magic and Mysteries of the Enchanted Forest**

**Week 7: July 15 – 19, Musical Celebration**

**Week 8: July 22 – 26, Camp Detectives**

**Week 9: July 29 – August 2, 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](http://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 began Monday, April 8

## Sugar Valley Day Camp

9:00 a.m. – noon, half-day (Weeks 8 & 9 only)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., full-day

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 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. (KF)

### **Week 1: June 3 – 7, Adventure Explorers**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or 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 10 – 14, Water Week**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or 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 3: June 17 – 21, A Tree-mendous Adventure**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This week will be all things trees! Campers will learn the basics of tree identification and practice their skills in Bill Yeck Park. This week will feature themed games, crafts and challenges as campers learn all about the marvelous trees that surround us.

### **Week 4: June 24 – 28, Survivor (Field Trip Week)**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$165 residents, \$185 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 meet one day at Oak Grove Park to learn about fishing and archery. The cost of the field trip is included in this week's fee.**

### **Week 5: July 1 – 3 & 5, Taking Flight (No camp July 4)**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$129 residents, \$149 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or 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.

**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.**



### **Week 6: July 8 – 12, Mammal Mania**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$155 residents, \$175 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.

### **Week 7: July 15 – 19, Geology ROCKS**

Ages 6 – 12

**Fee/week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This week, campers will focus on the wonders of rocks! We will learn about different types of rock, find and identify rocks in the woods, and paint rocks to hide in the park.

### **Week 8: July 22 – 26, Little Critters (Preschool Week)**

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

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

Ages 6 – 12, full-day only

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This week will be all things soft and fuzzy! Campers will spend the week learning about the little critters that live in our parks, from fuzzy rabbits to little grasshoppers. Fun games, creative crafts, and exciting challenges await campers as they look for little critters in the park. Campers in the morning session are welcome to bring their stuffed animal friends to camp!

### **Week 9: July 29 – August 2, Colorful Creations (Preschool Week)**

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

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

Ages 6 – 12, full-day only

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

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!



Online nonresident camp registration began  
Monday, April 15

## 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 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. (KF)

### Week 1: June 3 – 7, Creek Week Camp

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Start summer off with a splash! Learn all about our creeks and get your feet wet as you explore the wonders of Grant Park. Make sure to bring your creeking shoes for this adventure!

### Week 2: June 10 – 14, Pollinator Week

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 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 which pollinators are their favorite!

### Week 3: June 17 – 21, Creepy Crawlers

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 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 4: June 24 – 28, Nature Superheros

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Grab your capes and your hiking shoes and get ready to learn about our home and how we can take care of it. This earth-focused week will be full of creative projects and activities to help us care for the earth and start making a difference — because you're never too old or young to be an earth superhero.

**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.**



### Week 5: July 1 – 3 & 5, Wonders of Water (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:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

We will spend the week learning all about the types of water 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.

**Week 5 full-day campers will have the opportunity to participate in tree climbing if they would like. The cost of tree climbing is included in this week's fee.**

### Week 6: July 8 – 12, Fantasy Week (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:** \$155 residents, \$175 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 7: July 15 – 19, Hidden Gems

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 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 resident camp registration began Monday, April 8





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

## **Week 8: July 22 – 26, Survivor (Field Trip Week)**

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$165 residents, \$185 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!

**Week 8 full-day campers will meet at Oak Grove Park to learn about fishing and archery. The cost of the field trip is included in this week's fee.**

## **Week 9: July 29 – August 2, Nocturnal Animals**

Ages 5 – 12

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

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

Learn all about the creatures who explore our parks at night. This week will be focused on all things nighttime. Campers will make crafts, complete activities and play games all while learning about nocturnal creatures.

## **Week 10: August 5 – 9, Camp Conservation (Full-day Only)**

Ages 5 – 12

**Fee/full-day week:** \$155 residents, \$175 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This week will be focused on being responsible stewards. Campers will learn about how to be conservation superstars at home and in the parks, complete projects and crafts to help take care of the earth, and wrap up the summer in style.



Online nonresident camp registration began  
Monday, April 15





## 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)

### **Week 2: June 10 – 14, Fairy Tales and Artistic Adventures**

Ages 3 – 5

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

We are going to have lots of art projects and lots of fairy tales to explore. We will have a fairy tale storybook walk in the park, make a mini fairy house, and have lots of other abstract art projects and games inspired by our favorite tales!

### **Week 3: June 17 – 21, Camp Rocks! Silly Science and Ooey Gooey Fun**

Ages 4 – 6

**Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon**

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

It's science week at camp! We will test lots of fun science experiments, explore nature, and make some ooey-gooey projects like slime and oobleck!

### **Week 4: June 24 – 28, Space Explorations!**

Ages 5 – 7

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

We are focusing on the final frontier this week! We are going to be exploring planets, stars and rockets for some exploration 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 in the great unknown? Guest artist Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush, LLC will join us this week!



### **Week 7: July 15 – 19, Bubble-palooza and Water-ful Fun**

Ages 3 – 5

**Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon**

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

It's 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 water and bubble-inspired crafts. Get excited — it's bubble-palooza!

### **Week 8: July 22 – 26, Magician Mysteries and Circus Celebrations!**

Ages 4 – 6

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

Our youngest magicians are taking the center ring! We will be looking at great "magic tricks" in nature (and learning a few simple magic tricks we can show off ourselves). We will have fun with optical illusions and crafts with epic transformations! Campers will enjoy a variety of fun circus and carnival-themed games and crafts. Guest artist Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush, LLC will join us!

### **Week 9: July 29 – August 2, Imagination, Creation and Artful Investigation**

Ages 5 – 7

**Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon**

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

This week our focus is on art and exploring our creative side! We will have a variety of art projects that incorporate a wide variety of materials. We'll throw in some STEM, process/active artwork, and some detective-theme crafts and activities! Jim McCutcheon of McCutcheon Music is joining us for a special camp concert this week as well!

**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.**



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## Activity Squad Camp

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

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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 10 – 14, 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 17 – 21, STEM-sational!**

Ages 8 – 12

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

Science, technology, engineering and math are taking center stage this week. From science experiments to design challenges, this week is action-packed and ready for fun (and some learning too!).

### **Week 4: June 24 – 28, 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 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 8 – 12, 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, 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 15 – 19, Artistic Adventures!**

Ages 10 – 15

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

It's time to break out the inner artist in us all! This week we will be focusing on artwork that challenges our creative side. Projects like paint pouring and rock art are on the agenda, and we will throw a few camp-favorite games into the mix as well!

### **Week 8: July 22 – 26, Outside C.S.I.: Campfires, Survival Skills and Innovation (Field Trip Week)**

Ages 8 – 12

**Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon**

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

A week focused on building our outdoor skills! Learn how to cook over a campfire, make a walking stick, read a map and compass, tie knots and much more! We will throw in some outdoor detective skills and orienteering as well. We will finish our week with a field trip to Grant Park's Kennard Nature Nook for hiking and creeking!

### **Week 9: July 29 – August 2, Camp Olympians!**

Ages 8 – 12

**Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

The torch is lit! Join us for some friendly competition as we launch our camp Olympics. We will have a variety of activities including traditional Olympic sports, like archery and table tennis, and some camp-competition games that will have you going for gold!

### **Week 10: August 5 – 9, Camp Battles! Adventure Games in the Great Outdoors!**

Ages 9 – 13

**Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon**

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

One of our most popular themes is back for round two!

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.

## Animal Grossology with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 12

**Monday – Friday, June 3 – 7**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

**Fee:** \$145 residents, \$165 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, May 27

Have you ever pondered the weird behaviors of animals, like why hippos fling their poop or why vultures pee on their legs? Unearth the answers to these questions and many more. Be guided through the fascinating and sometimes cringe-worthy world of animals, where “grossome” (gross but undeniably awesome) discoveries await! (KF)

## Animal Robot-Palooza with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 12

**Monday – Friday, July 29 – August 2**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

**Fee:** \$180 residents, \$200 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 22

The robots are coming! Each day we'll learn about a new animal and then build a robot inspired by it. Come hang out with Stemily Studios as we dive into the world of robots and build a total of five awesome bots — a fresh one every day! (KF)

## Classic Archery Camp

Ages 8 – 12

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

**Fee:** \$40 residents, \$50 nonresidents

### Afternoon Camp

**Tuesday – Thursday, June 4 – 6**

**(Rain date: Friday, June 7)**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Monday, May 27

### Evening Camp

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, June 17 – 18 & 20**

**(Rain date: Friday, June 21)**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Monday, June 10

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. (KL)



## 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 10 – 14**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$165 residents, \$185 nonresidents

### Adventure Camp B

Ages 10 – 12

**Monday – Friday, June 24 – 28**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$165 residents, \$185 nonresidents

### Adventure Camp C

Ages 12 – 15

**Monday – Thursday, July 8 – 11**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Overnight: Friday – Saturday, July 12 – 13**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Fee:** \$195 residents, \$210 nonresidents

### Adventure Camp D

Ages 12 – 15

**Monday – Thursday, July 22 – 25**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Overnight: Friday – Saturday, July 26 – 27**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Fee:** \$195 residents, \$210 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, hiking, creeking and a field trip to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm.

Adventure Camps A and B include tree climbing with EarthJoy.

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.**

## Archery Adventures Camp

Ages 9 – 14

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

**Fee:** \$55 residents, \$65 nonresidents

### Camp A

**Monday – Wednesday, July 1 – 3**

**(Rain date: Friday, July 5)**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Monday, June 24

### Camp B

**Monday – Wednesday August 5 – 7**

**(Rain date: Thursday, August 8)**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 29

Archery and nature education combined! Campers will learn the basics of archery, go creeking, learn about local wildlife, play archery tag and complete a work of art — archery style! (KL)





## SPECIAL EVENTS



### YoGlow

Ages 18 and up

**Friday, June 7**

**(Rain date: Friday, June 14)**

9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Ommmmm ... Method Yoga Studio owner and instructor Megan Lees will lead this outdoor yoga class in the peaceful park setting. We will provide glow bracelets for all participants to wear!

This yoga class is for all levels and will include a warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring your yoga mat and water. Dress comfortably.

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive reminder and/or cancellation emails. (AS)

### Sunday Sundaes:

#### **Americana Kick Off**

All ages

**Sunday, June 30**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Kick off red, white and blue week with live music from the Mountain Dulcimer Society of Dayton and a free sundae at the Smith House! Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon with music, yard games and themed crafts. Bring your own picnic blanket or lawn chair.

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive reminder and/or cancellation emails. (AB)



### Americana Festival Children's Area

All ages

**Thursday, July 4**

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park*

*221 N. Main St.*

Celebrate Independence Day at the Americana Festival!

Visit our booth on Main Street and walk down the Activity Center Park driveway to enjoy a variety of children's activities!

For the most up-to-date information on this year's festival, visit [americanafestival.org](http://americanafestival.org) or the Americana Festival Facebook page. (AB)

Registration is not required.



### Family Fun Tennis Day

All ages

**Saturday, July 6**

10:00 a.m. – noon

*Schoolhouse Park*

*1875 Nutt Rd.*

A fun-filled day enjoying tennis! Visit stations with games that will show you the tennis basics. Join in on a quick game! Participants should wear tennis shoes and are encouraged to bring their own racquet. Kona Ice will be in attendance to purchase to help you beat the heat! (AS)

Registration is not required.

### Movie Party in the Park: *Coco*

All ages

**Saturday, July 13**

**(Rain date: Saturday, July 20)**

7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

*Yankee Park*

*7500 Yankee St.*



Crafts, musical activities, and Spanish-learning games will kick off the night! Bring a picnic blanket dinner, or have the professionals from What the Taco food truck cook for you. Purchase a sweet treat from Sweet P's Handcrafted Ice Pops. At sunset, we will gather around the big screen for a showing of *Coco*. (KF)

Registration is requested.

### BIG Backyard Party

All ages

**Saturday, July 27**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*



The 8<sup>th</sup> annual BIG Backyard Party is here! Join us for an afternoon full of hands-on activities all ages and abilities can enjoy. Activities will include inflatables, fishing, archery, field games and so much more! What the Taco food truck and Kona Ice will be there to purchase for all to enjoy. The Juju Plant Co. bus will also be in attendance! Free fishing poles are available for children ages 14 and under while supplies last. This program is made possible by several ongoing community partnerships. Attendees are encouraged to bring unopened/unexpired canned or boxed food items to support The Foodbank. (AS)

Registration is requested.



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

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



## Tools to Trek

Attend Tools to Trek programs to earn a free Trek Pack! Print your Tools to Trek tracking sheet on [www.cwpcd.org](http://www.cwpcd.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!



## Movie Party in the Park: *Ratatouille*

All ages  
**Saturday, August 17**  
(Rain date: **Saturday, August 24**)  
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.  
*Forest Field Park*  
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Join us for a movie party in the park featuring a wholesome screening of *Ratatouille*! The night will begin with an appetizer of good-enough-to-eat games, activities and crafts. But of course, for the main course this evening, the professionals from Claybourne Grille food truck would be pleased to serve you! You may also bring a picnic blanket dinner. At sunset, we will gather around the big screen for the main movie event!

This event is made possible by a partnership with Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners. (KF)

Registration is requested but not required.



## National Dog Day!

All ages  
**Friday, August 23**  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
*Oak Grove Park, Dog Park*  
1790 E. Social Row Rd.



Let's Pawty! Join us for an evening of spoiling your dogs with fun activities, a photo booth, giveaways and a puppachino bar. Activities will be held outside the dog park and the gated areas will remain open for off-leash play. In honor of National Dog Day, we will be collecting donations for SICSA, a pet adoption and wellness center in our community. Check our Facebook event or contact us for specific wish list needs.

Frios will be there to provide you and your pup a sweet treat! The evening will end with a glow-in-the-dark mini rave for you and your pup! Bring glow gear for yourself and your dog. We may have some glow collar giveaways! (KF)

Registration is not required.

**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.**

## Sunday Sundaes: *End of Summer Celebration*

All ages  
**Sunday, August 25**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*  
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Celebrate the end of summer with a free sundae at the Smith House! Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon with yard games and a guided hike to admire the wildflowers. Bring your own picnic blanket or lawn chair.

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive reminder and/or cancellation emails. (AB)

## Bubble-palooza Fun Run

All ages  
**Saturday, August 10**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
*Forest Field Park*  
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

A fun run with bubbles everywhere! Learn about where you can spot bubbles in nature as you stop by stations with ... you guessed it ... bubbles! This will be a one-mile course with a 100-meter dash option for ages 10 and under. Hometown Swirls Ice Cream Truck will be in attendance for everyone to purchase and enjoy.

The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. For the one-mile course, you have the option to use your favorite fitness tracking app to record your time, and then share on our event page on Facebook! This is a Tools to Trek Program.

This event is sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital. (AS)



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



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 7 AND UNDER)



### Early Adventures Hikes

Ages 0 – 5 years with adult companion  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Fee/session/family:** \$4 nonresidents

#### June Adventure

**Tuesday, June 4**

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance  
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.  
(natural path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 2

#### July Adventure

**Tuesday, July 2**

*Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance  
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.  
(natural path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 30

#### August Adventure

**Tuesday, August 6**

*Schoolhouse Park  
1875 Nutt Rd.  
(paved path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, August 4

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.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. Strollers are not recommended at parks with natural terrain. These are Tools to Trek programs. (KL)



### Critters & Crawlers in the Garden

*New!*

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

**Saturday, June 15**

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

**Registration deadline:** Friday, June 7

From wriggly worms and crawly millipedes, to buzzing bees and leaping grasshoppers, the garden is full of critters! At this fun-filled program, you will get hands-on with the creatures that call gardens home. Play games, read stories and meet garden critters up close and personal. All participants will plant a flower to take home in their very own flower pot! (KF)

### Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

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

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

#### Session A

**Wednesdays, June 5 – July 17**

(No class July 3)

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 2

#### Session B

**Wednesdays, July 24 – August 28**

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 21

Balance! Run! Jump! Catch! Kick! Come 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!

Class will be held outdoors with the option to go inside for inclement weather. Please dress accordingly.

Visit [www.amazingathletes.com](http://www.amazingathletes.com) for more information. (AS)

### Preschool Play Yard

Ages 4 – 5

**Tuesdays, June 4 – 25 OR**

**Thursdays, June 6 – 27**

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Oak Creek South Park*

*790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.*

**Fee/child:** \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, May 28

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

**This is a once a week program. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the same program. Only sign up for one session.**



### Intergenerational Series

Ages 4 – 7 with grandparent(s)

**Fee/child/session:** \$4 residents, \$7 nonresidents

#### Popsicles & Playtime

**Friday, July 12**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Activity Center Park  
221 N. Main St.*

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 8

Cool off from the summer heat with a frozen treat while enjoying time together! Participants will play games and listen to a story in the shade of the shelter before enjoying time on the playground. (AB)

#### Bubbles & Bubble Art

**Friday, July 19**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

*Oak Creek South Park*

*790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 15

Let's explore bubbles together with a bubble party! We will make a unique craft using bubbles, enjoy bubble playtime and finish the session with a fun hike! (AB)

**The Intergenerational Series is only for grandparents and their grandchildren. Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.**

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

## DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity in 2023!

The Blessing Family  
Centerville Noon Optimist Club  
Centerville-Washington Diversity Council  
Cub Scout Pack 616  
Dayton Children's Hospital  
FC Dayton  
Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks  
Modern Woodmen of America  
Penbrooke Garden Club  
The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams  
Community Partners  
Rumford Industrial Group  
William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation  
Tammy Zell of the Sasser Group/KW Advisors Realty

Additional donations were made to honor:

Daniel Colon Alfaro  
Dianne Chanatry  
Larry & Carol Fox  
Graham Thomas Hacker  
Eliza Kelley  
Marty Kien  
Eleanor Kumer  
Kelley Kuntz McDonald  
Patricia & Dennis Whalen  
Bill Yeck

2023  
**30**  
UNDER 30

**2 staff members** named to the National Recreation and Park Association's 30 under 30 list.

# 2023 Annual Report

## Follow the trail through your community's BIG backyard!

Visit [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) for the full 2023 Centerville-Washington Park District Annual Report!

APR

**1,000 invasive species** (trees, shrubs and vines) removed from Bill Yeck Park with help from CHS Environmental Science students.

Picnic tables and permanent cornhole boards added to Activity Center Park.

MAY



Large group shelter added to the Bill Yeck Park Smith House entrance.

MAR

**71 trees** donated by Rumford Industrial Group.



**1,325 lbs.** broken holiday string lights collected for recycling.

New wayfinding system added to Bill Yeck Park.

FEB



*Ohio Business Magazine* awards CWPDP with **2022 Ohio Success Award** for community partnerships.



Named City of Centerville's Community Partner of the Year.

JUN



**369 bags** of invasive garlic mustard removed from your parks by volunteers!

JAN



**8,500 lbs.** of Styrofoam collected at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Styrofoam Recycling Event — a partnership with the City of Centerville and Montgomery County Environmental Services.

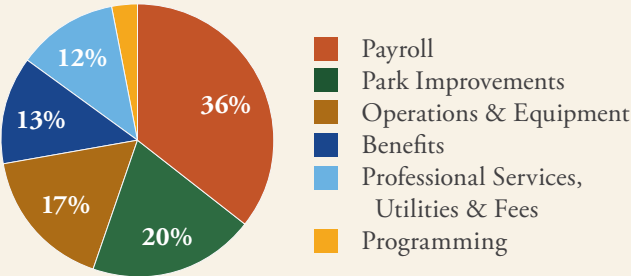
Received **\$12K** ODNR Division of Wildlife grant to purchase archery and fishing equipment for events.



## 2023 FINANCES

Receipts totaled \$6,288,305; expenses totaled \$5,961,285. Of the receipts, \$110,422 was grant-funding (actually received) and \$195,797 was donations.

## 2023 EXPENDITURES



Keep in touch with us — we want to hear your suggestions as we strive to meet the community's outdoor recreation needs!  
 - Your Board of Park Commissioners

**3,614 hours** volunteered to CWPDP! Thank you for your support!

**28** special events and more than **500** programs scheduled this year!

More than **525** park shelter reservations in 2023!



Dog Park at Oak Grove Park voted Best of Dayton in Dayton.com poll.

Schoolhouse Park awarded SFMA Certified Facility for demonstrating best management practices for environmentally sustainable sports facilities.

**DEC**

**200 trees** planted at Pleasant Hill Park by Girls Scouts! Project funded by Modern Woodmen of America.



Received two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

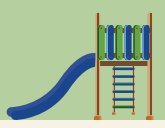
**10-year** levy passed by the community. Thank you for your support!

**SEP**

**0.6-mile** paved perimeter path added to Iron Horse Park.



Grant Park bank barn renovation completed and new picnic area added.



New playground equipment added to Fence Row Park.

New playground equipment added to Waterbury Woods Park.



Explore Full Circle interpretive signs added to the Kennard Nature Nook paved path thanks to a donation from Centerville Rotary Club.

**OCT**

Year-long Path Finder and Trail Master Challenges launched.



**2 AEDs** added to the shelter at Bill Yeck Park and the Grant Park Kennard Nature Nook. 50% funding provided by Centerville-Washington Foundation.

**AUG**

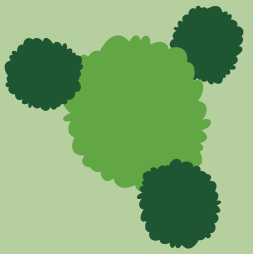
**650 families** sent their children to CWPDP summer camps!



Partnered with the Washington-Centerville Public Library to host The Wall That Heals Exhibit at Yankee Park. **4,700 people** visited over a 4-day period. Thanks for bringing the exhibit to the community, WCPL!

**JUL**

**32** butterfly species recorded during the Grant Park Butterfly Surveys.



## CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS (AGES 8 – 18)

### Fantastical Creations Art Design

*New!*

Ages 8 – 11

**Monday – Wednesday, June 3 – 5**

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$94 residents, \$114 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Monday, May 27

Kick off summer with this new immersive art program dedicated to all things whimsical and fantastical! We will draw inspiration from nature, life, fantasy and stories to bring our art to life! From dragon eggs, canvas painting, polymer clay creatures holding crystal treasures, kiln fire clay, pottery painting and more, this specialty art program would be great for young artists who enjoy fantasy!

Some projects will require firing in a kiln, and will be ready approximately 2 – 3 weeks after the last day. Participants will be notified when projects are ready for pickup. Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC will lead participants through these fun skill-building sessions. (AB)

### Intergenerational Series:

#### Wildflower Walk

Ages 8 – 12 with grandparent(s)

**Thursday, August 22**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park  
221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$4 residents, \$7 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Monday, August 19

Celebrate golden hour in the meadow! We will pack a creative trail mix to snack on while we take a walk around the park admiring wildflower blooms. (AB)

**The Intergenerational Series is only for grandparents and their grandchildren. Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.**



### Salamander Slicker Hike

Ages 8 – 12

**Saturday, June 15**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday, June 13

Take a hike through the creek while we look and learn about salamanders and other slippery wildlife. Prepare to get muddy as we slip and slide along the way. (RF)

*New!*

### Summer Slime Making

Ages 8 – 14

**Wednesday, June 19**

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

*Yankee Park  
7500 Yankee St.*

**Fee/child:** \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, June 5

What better place to make slime than outside? We will responsibly clean up our mess, but also have fun making it! This program is a great way to make new friends and try some new slime recipes for fun and stress relief! Due to the variety of types of slime, please be sure to note any allergies. (AB)

*New!*

### Teen BIG Games Challenge

Ages 9 – 14

**Thursday, August 8**

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Robert F. Mays Park  
10553 Paragon Rd.*

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday, August 1

Let's take it to the BIG field and get some energy out before heading back to school! This afternoon will include all your favorite versions of dodgeball, Nerf challenges and capture the flag. We will cool down with water games and frozen treats! (AB)

*New!*

### Intro to Charcoal & Pastels for Teens

Ages 10 – 15

**Tuesday, August 6**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$30 residents, \$39 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, July 30

For teens who enjoy drawing and don't mind getting their hands messy, this class led by Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC is a great fit! Class will be split between learning to draw with charcoal and learning to draw with soft pastels. It will include exercises with both before we begin a larger drawing for each medium. We will also play some drawing games! (AB)

**This class can get quite messy so be sure to dress appropriately! Sketchbooks are encouraged but not required.**

*New!*

### Teen Adventure Challenge

Ages 10 – 15

**Friday, July 19**

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday, July 11

This evening adventure combines teens' favorite outdoor adventure and nature education activities! Activities will include games, such as capture the flag, and survival skills, such as fire building and knot tying! We will provide snacks and drinks so please be sure to note any allergies. (AB)

*New!*



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



## Young Birders Club Chapter Meetings

Ages 10 – 18  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



### June Meeting

**Saturday, June 22**

*Hill and Dales MetroPark, Pawpaw Shelter  
2471 Deep Hollow Rd, Kettering*

**Registration code:** 03-30240-A

### July Meeting

**Saturday, July 20**

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

**Registration code:** 03-30240-B

### August Meeting

**Saturday, August 10**

*Pondview Park  
2320 Pondview Dr, Kettering, OH*

**Registration code:** 03-30240-C



Kettering PRCA and CWPD are collaborating to bring youth the joy of birdwatching! It is a fun and rewarding hobby and also a great place to make friends. Light snacks are provided. Participants must become members of the Ohio Young Birders Club.

Register at [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org). (KL)

## Teen Creative Art Workshop

Ages 11 – 14

**Monday – Wednesday, July 8 – 10**

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$94 residents, \$114 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 1

Does your teen have a wide array of interests in arts and crafts? Each day involves a new project and material! Creating with clay; drawing from observation and imagination (cosplay is welcome!); a fun twist on shrinky dinks using recycled plastics; designing a detailed original character doll using wire, embroidery thread, beads and other materials; fun art prompts and games to start each day!

Students are encouraged to bring their sketchbooks; however, paper, pencils and all other materials will be provided. Some projects will require firing in a kiln and will be ready approximately 2 – 3 weeks after the last day. Participants will be notified when projects are ready for pickup. Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC will lead participants through these fun skill-building sessions. (AB)

## Intro to Oil Painting for Teens

Ages 11 – 16

**Monday, August 5**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$45 residents, \$59 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 29

Oil painting is one of the best ways to showcase the beautiful textures in nature. This new teen art skills class with Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC is recommended for any avid young painter who's tried watercolor, acrylic or tempera and wants to learn more! In this class, we will use a limited color palette, discuss color mixing with oil painting, and experiment with visual texture! Students are welcome to bring a small nature-themed object of interest as inspiration. (AB)

**We will be working with oil paint which tends to have an odor. If your child has a sensitive nose, please use discretion when registering. Gloves will be provided as oil paint can temporarily stain skin.**

*New!*



## Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

### Herpetological Survey

**Thursday, June 6**

**(Rain date: Friday, June 7)**

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, June 4

CWPD is partnering for a second year with the Ohio Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation (OHPARC) to learn more about Ohio's herpetofauna through a field camera survey. Conservation Crew members will train to assist CWPD staff in checking and maintaining equipment and monitoring the field study area. Registrants will be required to attend the training session and then will sign up for dates and times throughout the summer to complete a field check. Participants will earn volunteer hours they can use to fulfill school, scout or other community service projects. Each field visit is expected to take one hour, including time to remotely enter information in a database. (KL)

### Collecting Natural Items

**Tuesday, July 30**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 28

We will be collecting natural items for our Fairy and Gnome Home Festival. Tasks include drying wildflowers, making leaf confetti, and collecting seeds and bark. (KL)

## D&D with CWPD

Ages 12 – 17

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/child/session:** \$24 residents, \$28 nonresidents

### Session A

**Monday, June 17; Tuesday, June 18;**

**Thursday, June 20 & Friday, June 21**

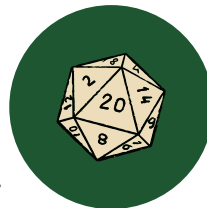
**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, June 12

### Session B

**Monday – Thursday, July 15 – 18**

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 10

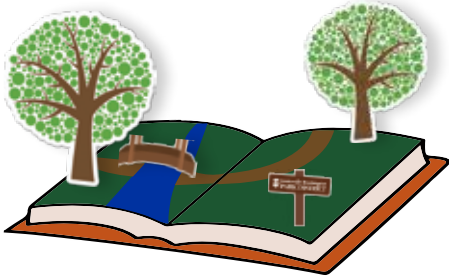
Set out in search of adventure while playing Dungeons & Dragons! Participants will play as members of a Forest Ranger's Guild, working to protect and conserve a vibrant fantasy world. Stretch your imagination, work as a team and remember to watch out for the wildlife! This four-day program will teach you everything you need to know about playing D & D. Each participant will be given their own set of dice. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. (KL)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

# FAMILY PROGRAMS



## Summer POPUP Park Challenge



All ages  
Begins Monday, June 3

Are you up to the challenge?

The Pop-Up Park Challenge is back for more summertime fun! Throughout the summer months we'll be posting challenges on our Facebook page. Complete eight out of ten posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 Whit's Frozen Custard gift card! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing!

Most challenges will involve visiting a specific park location to fulfill a task or to find a landmark. Other challenges will involve attending one of our events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge time clock begins, and then you'll have a deadline to complete it! Post a photo proving challenge completion as a comment on the original Facebook challenge post.

Like us on Facebook to get more updates about this summer's Pop-Up Park Challenge!

Registration is not required. One prize per household. (LJ)



## The BIG Challenge Scavenger Hunt

All ages

**Saturday, June 8**

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, May 31

Looking for a challenge for the whole family? Select your level of challenge and we will pack a backpack for you and your family to use as you complete tasks in Grant Park. Start at the Kennard Nature Nook to pick up your backpack and head out as a family to see if you can beat the clock!

The blue pack is designed for all ages and all abilities. This route is entirely on paved paths. Our green pack is designed for families looking for a more advanced challenge with the route being on both paved and unpaved paths. The orange pack is designed for families up for a tough challenge. Most of this challenge will take place on natural trails. (KF)



## Butterfly Surveys

Recommended for ages 8 and up

**Saturdays, June 15, July 6 AND/OR August 10**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

*Grant Park  
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Registration deadlines:** Thursday prior to the butterfly survey

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 necessary. Trail is approximately one mile in length on uneven terrain. These are Tools to Trek programs. (KL)



## Family Fun: Salsa Growing

Recommended for ages 8 and up

**Friday, June 21**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, June 14

Enjoy family time together tasting different types of salsa! Then plant everything you need to make your own! You will plant tomatoes, cilantro, onion and peppers in compostable peat pots to transplant to your own garden or larger planter. We will also have supplies to decorate garden stakes.

We will provide snacks and drinks so please be sure to note any allergies.

Register one person per family/salsa kit. (AB)



## Creek 'n Seek

All ages

**Saturday, June 22**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance  
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, June 20

Learn what factors are needed for a healthy creek while participating in a scavenger hunt! After we search for our creatures and habitat elements, we will compare what we found! This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



## Nature Fun: An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

**Mondays, June 24, July 22 & August 26**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Schoolhouse Park  
1875 Nutt 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. (KF)

Registration is not required, but is recommended.



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



## AccessAbility



A collaboration between the Centerville-Washington Park District, Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Washington Township RecPlex! AccessAbility rotates locations based on the monthly host. Activities will be adapted to give participants of all ages and abilities an enriching sensory, social and physical experience.



### Bee Day Party

All ages

**Saturday, June 29**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, June 27

Happy Birthday, bees! Join us for bee crafts, snacks, and activities. Take a closer look at our honey bee hive. Learn about basic beekeeping and how to support native bees. Did you know Ohio has over 400 recorded species of bees? This is a Tools to Trek program. (RF)



### Singing Books and Story Songs with Joanie Calem

All ages

**Friday, July 19**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Woodbourne Library  
6060 Far Hills Ave.*

Songs can take us on adventures the same way that books can! Singer/songwriter and inclusion advocate Joanie Calem will lead us in interactive singing stories that we will act out together. She will use puppets, pantomime, and picture books that can be sung, with audience participation, in this sensory-friendly program for the family to enjoy together.

### Beginner Archery

Ages 8 and up

**Sunday, July 7**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 3

We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery and put the skills learned to practice. No experience is required! By the end of the program, you'll be firing arrows on your own and competing in friendly competitive games to enhance learning! All equipment is provided.

Please register each participating person. If a child is participating, they may have an adult participate (if registered) or simply stay and observe (no registration required). (KF)



## Fairy Garden Decorations

All ages

**Thursday, July 11**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$6 residents, \$9 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 5

Have recycling lying around? Join us and turn that recycling into a beautiful fairy garden. We will be providing art materials and extra building materials. (RF)



### Let's Meet Up: Nature Playce

All ages

**Thursday, July 18**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Grant Park, Mark Kreuzsch Nature Playce  
6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 14

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 Kreuzsch Nature Playce during an unstructured and casual meet-up! An activity will be planned that children can participate in before or after unstructured playtime. This is a Tools to Trek program. (AB)



### Creek Chic

All ages

**Saturday, July 20**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, July 18

What are those creatures wearing? We will learn about the physical adaptations of critters that live in and around our local creeks while we search for them! This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



### Creek Speak

All ages

**Saturday, July 6**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, July 4

Listening ears! While hiking to the creek spot, we will learn about the amazing summer migratory birds that nest and sing along our creek! This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

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



## Family Camping

All ages

**Saturday, August 3 – Sunday, August 4**

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$34 residents, \$39 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 29

Camp at Forest Field Park! We will have crafts, nature lessons, a night hike to search for nocturnal friends, and s'mores around the campfire!

Flush restrooms are on site. We will provide s'mores supplies, but no other food or camping gear. No pets, please. (RF)

## Summer Archery:

### Family Battles

All ages

**Sunday, August 4**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, August 1

Looking for some family-friendly competition? We will learn the basics of archery 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. (KF)



## Creek Antiques

All ages

**Thursday, August 8**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, August 6

Holes Creek has a great deal of history associated with it! We will hike to a lesser-known creeking spot and learn about the history of Grant Park along the way. Once we get to the creek, we will discuss and identify fossils! (KL)



## Create Together Workshop with Now and Zen

Ages 6 and up with an adult companion

*(Adults can register as well to create their own terrarium)*

**Saturday, August 10**

11:00 a.m. – noon

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 28

This adult and child sand art workshop is a perfect opportunity to have a fun bonding experience with your favorite little one! Kids and adults alike will enjoy being creative with sand art — with the bonus of adding live air plants. All materials are included for this fun project, including the choice of a vertical or horizontal vessel. (AB)

## Family Fun: Wildflower Evening

New!

Recommended for ages 8 and up

**Friday, August 30**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/family:** \$16 residents, \$21 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, August 23

Enjoy family time together on a sunset walk through our wildflower meadow. Each family will get a wildflower identification guide and choose two types of seeds to take home, including instructions on how to plant them!

Register one person per family. (AB)



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Birdwatching 101

Ages 14 and up

**Saturday, June 1**

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/person:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, May 28



Learn tips and tricks for starting your birdwatching journey. We will start indoors with a chat about best practices and helpful information. Then we will head outside to learn common summer birds at Bill Yeck Park. Please dress to be outside. Bring binoculars if you have them. A limited supply will be available to borrow. (KL)

## Relaxation Meetup

New!

Ages 16 and up

**Thursdays, June 13, July 11 & August 8**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 2

Join us each month to try out a different mode of relaxation as it connects to nature! Monthly themes will be geared around participant feedback but ideas include: gardening, yoga, meditation, cooking, gratitude journals, crafting, etc!

Please be sure to note any allergies. (AB)

## Needle Felting

Ages 16 and up

**Thursday, June 20**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/person:** \$12 residents, \$15 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, June 14

Do you enjoy fiber arts? Have trouble keeping real plants alive for long? Make a cute fake plant in this beginner-friendly needle felting class. This class is designed for all skill levels, providing as much or as little assistance as you would like. (LP)

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





### Glass Fusing: Whimsical Garden Décor

Ages 16 and up  
**Thursday, June 20**  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 16

Catch your garden's beauty with glass décor in this glass fusing class. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will lead participants through the basics of glass fusing. Create two small pieces to stake in your garden. (AB)

### Glass Fusing: Let's Go to the Beach

Ages 16 and up  
**Thursday, August 22**  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Sunday, August 18

It's time for a creative beach vision! Create a relaxing beach scene on a 10.75" square of glass, which includes a metal hanger. All materials, except a stand for your project, are included. Instructor Kathy Woodruff will provide glass fusing instruction and creative ideas. (AB)



### Hike with a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up  
**Fee/household:** \$4 nonresidents

#### June Hike

**Thursday, June 20**  
8:00 – 9:30 p.m.  
*Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance*  
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, June 18

#### July Hike

**Thursday, July 11**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
*Grant Park, McEwen Entrance*  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, July 9

#### August Hike

**Thursday, August 15**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
*Woodbourne Springs Park*  
220 W. Whipp Rd.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, August 8

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)



### Watercolor Fish Class

Ages 18 and up  
**Saturday, June 22**  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Friday, June 14

We'll be swimming with the current in this class! We will create fish-themed watercolor paintings, focusing on Ohio species! We will utilize basic brush and watercolor techniques using studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting. Beginners welcome. (KF)

### Continuous Line Drawing & Watercolor Washes Class

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

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

**Fee/person:** \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Friday, July 12

We will work with a wildflower theme to explore combining continuous line drawings with watercolor washes to create a unique aesthetic. This technique will increase observation skills and brush dexterity. We will be using studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting. Beginners welcome. (KF)

### Summer Garden Watercolor Class

Ages 18 and up  
**Saturday, August 3**  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Friday, July 26

So many amazing colors and textures show up in our gardens! Spend this class painting fruit and vegetable themes utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. We will be using studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting. Beginners welcome. (KF)



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



## Summer Pressed Flowers

Ages 14 and up

**Thursday, July 18**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$26 residents, \$34 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, July 12

This class will begin with an introduction to various methods of flower pressing and preserving. After that, we will be pressing some flowers of our own and making art with dried flowers. Each participant will receive a wooden flower press to keep. (LP)

## Tree ID

Ages 16 and up

**Saturday, August 3**

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

**Fee/household:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, August 1

The leader of this hike will point out key characteristics and fun facts about the trees of Grant Park. (KL)

## Beaded Embroidery:

**Beetles & Bugs**

Ages 16 and up

**Thursday, August 22**

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, August 15

Learn how to use thread, felt and beads to mimic the beauty of nature in this mixed-media embroidery class. We will cover the basic stitches and techniques required to make your own colorful critter. No previous experience is needed to participate. (LP)

*New!*

## Living Wall Art with Now and Zen

Ages 12 and up

**Saturday, June 8**

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

**Fee/person:** \$59 residents, \$77 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 2

Join local business Now and Zen Terrariums to create a one-of-a-kind 8" x 10" wall art project with live air plants. You will be able to select from a variety of unique embellishments to add to your piece to reflect your style and vibe! (AB)

## Succulent Terrarium

**with Now and Zen**

Ages 12 and up

**Saturday, July 13**

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

**Fee/person:** \$59 residents, \$77 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 7

In this fun and creative workshop with Now and Zen Terrariums, you'll fill a beautiful 8" round glass vessel with an array of succulents, cacti and embellishments to create a unique indoor landscape design. All materials, care information and a box to carry your project home are included. (AB)



## Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up

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

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

### Session A

**Saturdays, June 1 – July 13** (no class July 6)  
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, May 29

### Session B

**Saturdays, June 1 – July 13** (no class July 6)  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, May 29

### Session C

**Saturdays, July 20 – August 24**  
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 17

### Session D

**Saturdays, July 20 – August 24**  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 17

Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

**Classes are held on the deck overlooking the meadow with the option to move inside for inclement weather.**



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



## Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

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

### Session A

**Wednesdays, June 5 – July 17** (no class July 3)

**Registration deadline:** Monday, June 3

### Session B

**Wednesdays, July 24 – August 28**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 22

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)

## Neighborhood Yoga

Ages 18 and up

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Gentle Yoga

**Thursday, June 6**

*Cherry Hill Park*

*10244 Cherry Tree Terrace*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, June 4

### Vinyasa Flow

**Thursday, July 18**

*Hithergreen Park*

*5900 Hithergreen Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, July 16

### Breathwork + Meditation

**Thursday, August 8**

*Rosewood Park*

*475 Roselake Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, August 6

Exploring various yoga styles is as easy as walking down to your neighborhood park. Gentle yoga, vinyasa flow and breathwork + meditation classes will be offered in a soothing neighborhood park setting, led by Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees. Each class is suitable for all levels. Please bring a mat and water bottle. Classes are weather dependent. (AS)

## Firefly Yoga

Ages 18 and up

**Thursday, June 20**

**(Rain date: Thursday, June 27)**

8:45 – 10:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, June 18

Enjoy a relaxing night of yoga with Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees while we watch the park sparkle! Learn about the bioluminescence of the firefly after practicing breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and ending with relaxation surrounded by the glittering forest.

Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

## Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays, August 6 – September 10**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

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

**Registration deadline:** Friday, August 2

Join us for a gentler, more adaptable yoga program. This class will feature additional guidance, modifications and props to assist in supporting postures and a slower pace. Taught by certified yoga instructor Kathleen Crosby. (AS)

## Goat Yoga

Ages 18 and up

**Saturday, August 24**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Yankee Park*

*7500 Yankee St.*

**Fee/person:** \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, August 21

Join us for a one-of-a-kind morning filled with lots of fun and a bit of yoga! Goat Country, LLC. will bring their adorable goats for a special program. Practice some classic poses while interacting with the goats. Time for pictures and cuddles with the mini goats will be included at the end.

While unlikely, it is possible that the goats could nibble on items like yoga mats, loose clothing, etc. We suggest bringing an old mat if you have one and wearing clothes that you would not mind getting dirty. (AS)

## Strollers in Motion

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

*Schoolhouse Park*

*1875 Nutt Rd.*

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

### Session A

**Mondays, June 3 – July 8** (no class July 1)

### Session B

**Mondays, July 22 – August 19**

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! All new participants will receive a water bottle. Strollers in Motion is led by Casie Boebinger.

The week after the session ends will be used for make-up days. Weather cancellations will be posted on the Strollers in Motion Facebook page. (AS)

## Strollers in Motion Summer/Fall Bundle

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

**Mondays, June 3 – July 8; July 22 – August 19; September 9 – October 7**

*Schoolhouse Park*

*1875 Nutt Rd.*

**Mondays, October 21 – November 18**

*Activity Center Park*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/adult:** \$90 residents, \$110 nonresidents

Sign up once for all of the summer and fall classes and get a discount! (AS)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



## A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4 – August 29**

(no walk July 4)

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!

Walk locations are available online. (AS)

## Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, June 5 – August 28**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Fee/person:** \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this summer! What better way than through guided hikes in your parks? Staff and volunteers will lead groups at 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 or slick.

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

Hike locations are available online. (AS)

## Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays & Fridays, June 4 – August 30**

9:30 – 10:30 a.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!

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

Tuesday Trail Trekking locations will be the same as the A Walk in the Park program.

Locations are available online. (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

**Tuesdays & Fridays, June 4 – August 30**

9:30 – 10:30 a.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 summer. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

## Trail Running

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, June 5 – October 30**

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 locations 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.**

## Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, June 5 – July 17** (no class July 3)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 2

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.

Please bring a light set of weights and a towel or yoga mat. (AS)

## Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays, July 23 – August 27**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 21

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!

Please bring a bottle of water. (AS)



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

**Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.**



## Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The rides 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)



Date & Registration deadline	Location
<b>Sunday, June 9</b> <b>Registration deadline:</b> Thursday, June 6	<i>Robert F. Mays Park</i> <i>10553 Paragon Rd.</i>
<b>Sunday, June 23</b> <b>Registration deadline:</b> Thursday, June 20	<i>Activity Center Park</i> <i>221 N. Main St.</i>
<b>Sunday, July 21</b> <b>Registration deadline:</b> Thursday, July 18	<i>Rahn Park</i> <i>223 W. Rahn Rd.</i>
<b>Sunday, August 25</b> <b>Registration deadline:</b> Thursday, August 22	<i>Schoolhouse Park</i> <i>1875 Nutt Rd.</i>

## Bike Centerville Advanced Rides

Ages 18 and up  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

### Ride A

**Sunday, July 7**  
*Iron Horse Park*  
*6161 Millshire Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, July 4

This ride will take our Bike Centerville Community Rides up a level and be approximately 22 miles starting at Iron Horse Park, exploring Centerville, Kettering, Oakwood, and the Oregon District, before ending back where you started. (AS)

### Ride B

**Sunday, August 11**  
*Wagon Trail Park*  
*8450 Washington Village Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, August 8

This ride will take our Bike Centerville Community Rides up a level and be approximately 22 miles starting at Wagon Trail Park, exploring Springboro before ending back where you started. (AS)

## Tai Chi for Wellness: Intermediate

Ages 18 and up  
**Mondays, June 10 – August 5** (no class July 1)  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*  
*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/person:** \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Friday, June 7

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.

Continue 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. (AS)

**This class will take place outdoors with the option to move indoors for inclement weather.**



## Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up  
**July 7 – September 16**  
(no league play Labor Day weekend)  
6:00 p.m.

Various locations

**Fee/person:** \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 23

Join a Park District tennis league and play tennis in the parks this summer! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are 10 weeks long. League schedules and rules are emailed out prior to league play. (AS)

Day	Level of Play
<b>Sunday</b>	Men's Advanced
<b>Monday</b>	Men's Intermediate
<b>Wednesday</b>	Men's Advanced

## Pickleball Leagues

Ages 18 and up  
6:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park*  
*221 N. Main St.*

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

### Session A

**July 8 – August 8**

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, June 16

### Session B

**August 19 – September 23**

(no league play Labor Day weekend)

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, July 28

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this summer! 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
<b>Monday</b>	Any Doubles Intermediate+
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mixed Doubles Intermediate+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Any Doubles Beginner
<b>Thursday</b>	Mixed Doubles Beginner

**There are no refunds after the pickleball schedules have been posted.**

### NEED A PICKLEBALL PARTNER?

**Sign up for the 'Will Call' list and we'll match up partners when we can!**

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

The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks. Visit [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) for detailed information and a map to each park.

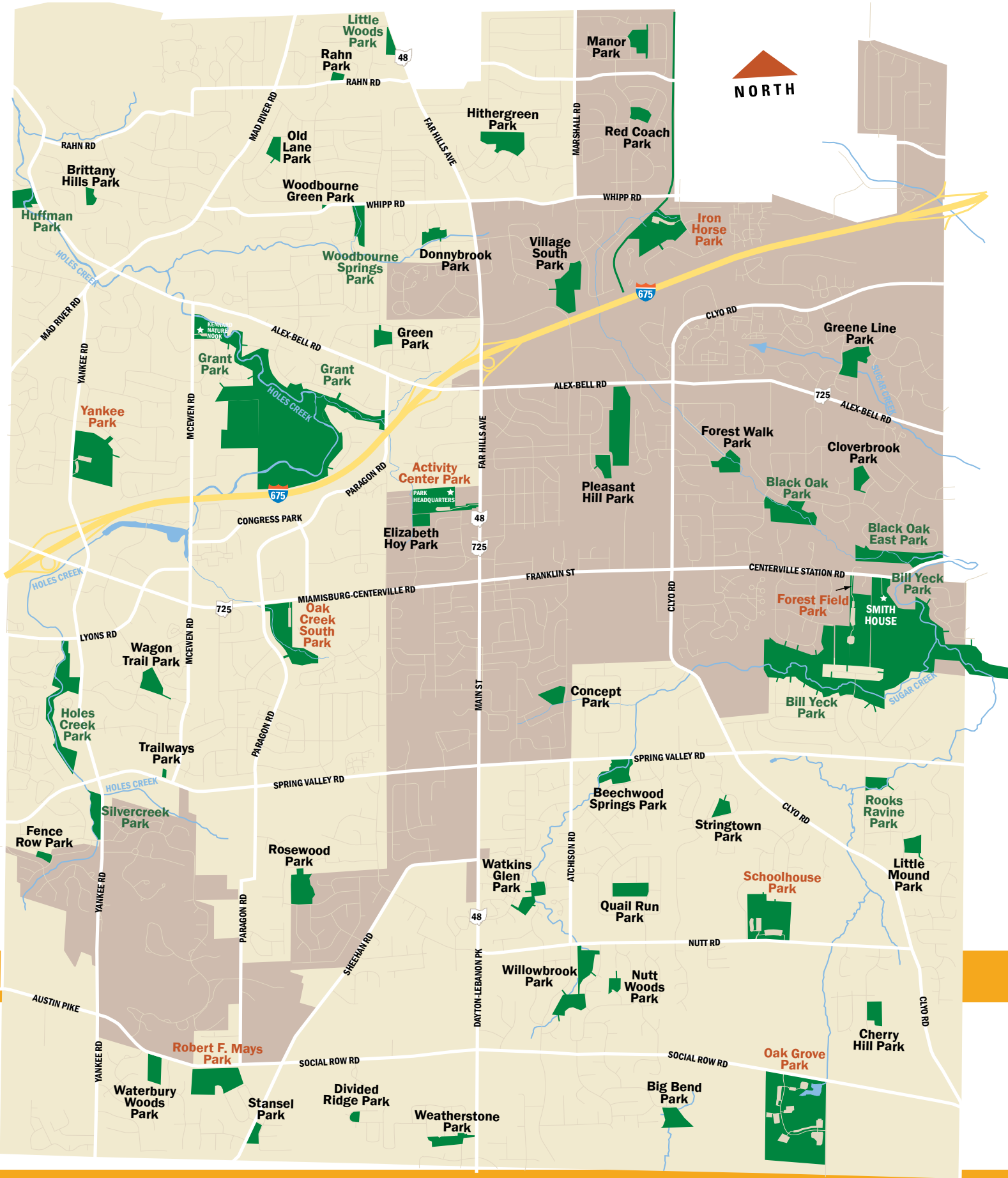
**Community Park**

**Nature Park**

**Neighborhood Park**

**City of Centerville**

**Washington Township**





## HOW TO REGISTER

### WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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#### 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 May 13.

### Online (first day of registration is online only)

Visit <https://cwpd.recdesk.com> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on May 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 pages 4 – 10 began on April 8.

### 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 later than 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 later than 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 CWPDP's program manager at (937) 433-5155 x215 if you require any additional modifications or support because of a disability.

### Financial Assistance

We hope to provide park experiences for all members of the Centerville and Washington Township community. Financial assistance is available for residents to participate in Park District programs. Visit [www.cwpd.org/forms/](http://www.cwpd.org/forms/) for more information

### 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.*

Online Resident Registration Begins  
**Monday, May 13**  
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins  
**Monday, May 20**  
at 10:00 a.m.

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Look inside for popular series programs like A Walk in the Park, Bike Centerville Rides, Early Adventures and more!