
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Offering We Have Off (W.H.O.) Programs on School Days Off

Waukegan, Illinois (October 8, 2020) – The Waukegan Park District is excited to announce We Have Off (W.H.O.) Programs during upcoming school days off. Open to students from six years old to twelve years old, W.H.O. Programs will be held at the Belvidere Recreation Center and will feature crafts, games, and an in-house trip or movie. To ensure the safety of all participants, W.H.O. Programs will require face coverings and social distancing.

W.H.O. Programs will be offered on the following school days off from 7am to 6pm:

- Zombie Invasion on Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day)
- Tricks and Treats on Friday, October 23 (Schools Closed)
- Carnival on Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)
- Nature's Wild Child on Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans Day)
- Game Day on Wednesday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Week)
- Polar Pool on Monday, December 7 (Institute Day)
- With the Elves on Wednesday, December 23 (Winter Break)

Registration for the upcoming W.H.O. Programs is now open. More details, including daily activities, fees and registration links, are available at waukeganparks.org/who. For more information, contact Maria at mcontreras@waukeganparks.org or (847) 360-4708.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year-round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The District has

received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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