

MARCH – MAY 2025

Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Spring program
registration begins
Monday, February 10.

Summer camp
registration begins
Monday, April 14.

Explore your community's **BIG** backyard!



Color Fun Run, Forest Field Park

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Park Addresses

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



Dog Park Closures

cwpcd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/



Athletic Field Conditions

cwpcd.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League
cbltoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer
centervillerecsoccer.net/

Centerville Wee Elks
Football Association
weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
cvlax.org

FC Dayton
fcdayton.org

Commissioners' Corner



Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes an exciting season of renewal and activity for our parks and recreation programs!

As your Park

Commissioner, I'm thrilled to share a few updates and upcoming opportunities to enjoy and engage with your incredible parks.

First, mark your calendars for the first day of camp registration on April 14! The Park District is offering options for all ages and interests. From recreation and outdoor adventures to arts and science-based camps, there's something for everyone. These programs are a fantastic way for children and teens to connect with nature, learn new skills, and create lasting memories.

This spring there will be hundreds of program opportunities for you and your loved ones to choose from, including 10 special events, six days a week of fitness and wellness programming, crafts and hobbies, and children's nature and enrichment classes. Please reach out if you would like to discuss modifications to accommodate attendance at any CWPDP program.

We're excited to announce that **Yankee Park's** tennis courts will receive a much-needed makeover this spring. This project includes resurfacing the courts and converting the space into two tennis courts and two pickleball courts. Pickleball has become an increasingly popular activity, and this upgrade will ensure our facilities meet the varied needs of our court users.

Improving the health of our natural spaces remains a top priority. **Rosewood Park's** pond will soon undergo water quality enhancements to improve this aquatic ecosystem for wildlife and maintain this enjoyable feature for park visitors. This project is funded by a Clean Ohio grant.

We believe parks and programs should reflect the needs and desires of the people who use them. This spring, staff will be conducting a community survey to gather your input. Your feedback is invaluable as we work to shape the future of our parks, programs, and facilities. Keep an eye out for details on how you can share your thoughts and ideas!

DID YOU KNOW?

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

View the schedule at

cwpcd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

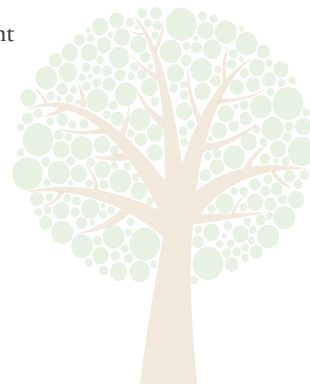
Creating spaces where everyone can play is at the heart of our mission. This year, we're focusing on improvements to playgrounds to enhance accessibility and promote inclusivity. These updates will ensure children of all abilities can enjoy your playgrounds and experience the joy of outdoor play. You will see new safety surfaces at **Iron Horse** and **Robert F. Mays Parks**, as well as a new Communication Board at **Activity Center Park**. Additionally, be sure to check out **Village South Park** for a new playground and accessible path to the various park features.

Strong partnerships are key to the success of your parks and programs. From collaborative conservation projects to community-based programs, these connections help us provide exceptional experiences for our residents. We're grateful for the support of local organizations and individuals who share our vision of vibrant community events and park spaces. If you are interested in partnering in the future, please reach out to us at mail@cwpcd.org!

I look forward to seeing you out in the parks this season! Whether it's a hike on a trail, a game of pickleball, or simply a picnic with family and friends, your parks offer endless opportunities to enjoy the beauty of spring.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for your parks and programs. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community.

Jason Riley
Park Board President



Join Our Team: Summer Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

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



Summer Camp Volunteers



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

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

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



SAVE A TREE

To subscribe to the CWPD monthly e-newsletter visit cwpd.org or scan the QR code to the left.

To stop home delivery of the printed newsletter, email your name and address to mail@cwpd.org.

Become a Park Commissioner!

The Park Board will seat a new commissioner in May 2025. Commissioner Jason Riley will step down after completing a three-year term.

Serving on the Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Commissioners is a rewarding way to contribute to the quality of life in Centerville and Washington Township!

Here are some basics to consider:

- Commissioners serve without compensation;
- Commissioners must be a resident of Centerville or Washington Township and a U.S. citizen;
- There are three commissioners on the Board;
- Terms are for three years and service is limited to three terms (nine years);
- Commissioners apply to and are selected by the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas;
- Commissioners attend monthly board meetings, generally held the second Tuesday of the month, and any special meetings or work sessions as needed;
- Commissioners attend grand openings, community-wide events and select programs throughout the year;
- Commissioners are advocates and ambassadors for the Park District, assisting in public relations, outreach, levy campaigns and fundraising;
- Commissioners represent the mission and vision of the Park District.

Interested residents may visit cwpd.org to read more information about the requirements, the position and the application process. **Applications are due by February 24, 2025.**

Call 937-433-5155, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. if you have additional questions. You may also contact us via email at mail@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 “2025 Forms Fast Track” on cwpd.recdesks.com

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.

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 creek. 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 2 – 6, Happy Habitats

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

What’s a habitat? An animal home! Join us for a week of exploring habitats at Grant Park! From squirrels and owls to salamanders and snails, we will answer the question of ‘where do wild things live?’ Each day will feature hikes to different parts of Grant Park to explore forests, creeks, ponds, meadows, and even the leaf litter on the edge of the trails!

Week 2: June 9 – 13, Creeks, Ponds & Puddles

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

Start summer off with a splash! Learn all about creeks, play water-filled games, and go on adventures to, and sometimes even through, the water habitats of Grant Park! Bring your creek shoes for this adventure!

Week 3: June 16 – 18 & 20, Fast & Furious (No camp June 19)

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$64 residents, \$74 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Fee/full-day week: \$128 residents, \$148 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This week is all about speed! We will learn about some of Ohio’s fastest animals, from the coyote to the peregrine falcon! We will also show off our own speed in your favorite camp games, relay races and hikes. Think you can keep up for this week of competitive, outdoor fun?

Week 4: June 23 – 27, Camp Community

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

Your parks are part of one awesome community! This week, our campers will learn about nature, kindness, and being a good neighbor from various guest speakers. Crafts and activities will focus on giving back! Team-building games, litter cleanup hikes and meeting community heroes are what your camper can look forward to this week.



Online resident camp registration begins Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.



Let nature be your teacher!

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Financial Assistance for Fees Is Available!

The Park Board understands that residents may encounter financial challenges that could limit their ability to participate in camps or programs. Fees should not be a barrier to participation for residents who are experiencing financial challenges. Assistance is available to Centerville and Washington Township residents! The financial assistance guidelines and an application may be found on cwpcd.org/forms/.

Week 5: June 30 – July 3, Color Wonders (Preschool Week) (No camp July 4)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$64 residents, \$74 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 5 – 12, full-day only

Fee/full-day week: \$128 residents, \$148 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This camp is about to get colorful! Join us for tie-dye, crafts, colorful guests, exploring colors in nature and more! Your camper's creative side will bloom at this camp.

Week 6: July 7 – 11, Fantasy Week (Preschool Week)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 5 – 12, full-day only

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

It's fantastical out here! We will use our imaginations to search for our favorite mythical creatures in the woods. Campers will create homes for fairies and gnomes, learn about mythical creatures lurking in the parks, and bring imagination to the forefront of this camp.

Week 7: July 14 – 18, Camp Wildflower

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

Botanists are scientists who study plants, and your camper gets to become one this week. Learn about trees, plants, wildflowers, and the meadows and forests they call home. We will also learn about pollinators! All of your favorite camp games will be played along the way.

Week 8: July 21 – 25, Survivor (Field Trip Week)

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

It will be a competition all week long! Your camper will play their favorite camp games, tie-dye team bandanas, and join in friendly, outdoor competitive activities.

Week 8 full-day campers will meet at Oak Grove Park one of their camp days to fish, participate in archery, and for their grand competition! Field trip fees are included in the cost of camp.

Week 9: July 28 – August 1, Nocturnal Wildlife

Ages 5 – 12

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

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

WHOO do you think roams the park at night? This camp will be all about nocturnal wildlife! Games, activities, crafts and guest speakers will turn this day camp into a nocturnal novelty — no flashlight needed.



Online nonresident camp registration begins Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

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.

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 Day 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 creek. 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 2 – 6, Adventure Explorers

Ages 6 – 12

Fee/week: \$160 residents, \$180 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! Complete scavenger hunts, play classic camp games and complete crafts to get a feel for the park and summer fun!

Week 2: June 9 – 13, Swim, Crawl, Fly

Ages 6 – 12

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

We are going wild for wildlife this week! Your camper will explore the park, play games and complete crafts all while learning about the wildlife that call Bill Yeck Park their home. Wildlife in different habitats move in different ways, and your camper will follow along as each day will focus on a different critter that crawls, hops, soars, swims or leaps!

Week 3: June 16 – 18 & 20, Water Week (No camp June 19)

Ages 6 – 12

Fee/week: \$128 residents, \$148 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

This camp will be about all things water! Campers will play in the creek, learn about mud and fossils, play water games, and explore all the splashtracular things that water can do!

Week 4: June 23 – 27, Survivor (Field Trip Week)

Ages 6 – 12

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

It will be a competition all week long! Your camper will play their favorite camp games, tie-dye team bandanas, and join in friendly, outdoor competitive activities.

Week 4 campers will meet at Oak Grove Park one of their camp days to fish, take part in archery, and for their grand competition! Field trip fees are included in the cost of camp.



Week 5: June 30 – July 3, Camp Meadow Hikers (No camp July 4)

Ages 6 – 12

Fee/week: \$128 residents, \$148 nonresidents, \$30 before and/or after care

The meadows of Bill Yeck Park are stunning and important habitats, and we cannot wait to explore them together! This week, campers will learn about wildflowers, explore pollinators up close, go birdwatching and take hikes to see meadows they have not yet explored at camp.

Week 6: July 7 – 11, Where Wild Things Live

Ages 6 – 12

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

Habitats are animal homes, and Bill Yeck Park is full of them! On top of the usual classic camp games and crafts, each day will focus on a different habitat and the wildlife that rely on it. Hike through the forest, explore the seed nursery, learn about the bee hives, go creeking, and even learn about the Smith House and how it served as a home for people AND wildlife.

Week 7: July 14 – 18, Camp Mystery

Ages 6 – 12

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

Nature is full of mysteries, and your camper gets to be a detective this week! From guest speakers to experiments, your camper will learn about some of nature's most fascinating mysteries! There will also be some great big mysterious things happening at camp, and we need your camper's help to solve them all week long.



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

Online resident camp registration begins Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.



Week 8: July 21 – 25, Muddy Messes (Preschool Week)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 6 – 12, full-day only

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

Mud, marvelous mud! This week, we will explore camp to its messiest. We will go creeking, make slime, play water games, finger paint and more! There is so much messy fun to be had, and we hope you will join us!

Week 9: July 28 – August 1, Colorful Creations (Preschool Week)

Ages 3 – 5, half-day only

Fee/half-day week: \$80 residents, \$90 nonresidents, \$30 before care

Ages 6 – 12, full-day only

Fee/full-day week: \$160 residents, \$180 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!

Week 10: August 4 – August 8, Camp Cryptid

Ages 6 – 12

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

We all know about the classic cryptids — Bigfoot, moth man, and such. But, what about the ‘mystical’ creatures that live in our parks and are very much real? From the Unicorn Clubtail Dragonfly, the polka-dotted Northern Flicker, and Southern Flying Squirrel, your camper will learn about the cryptids of Bill Yeck Park — both real and imagined.



Camp WILD Child

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, June 16 – June 20

9:00 a.m. – noon **OR** 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee/week: \$200 residents, \$220 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 9

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 is 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 labeled zip lock bag with a change of clothes and a reusable water bottle. A daily snack will be provided. All campers will receive a WILD Child camp shirt. (JH)

**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.**

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.

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 9 – 13, Harmonies, Melodies & Musical Memories

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Percussion, woodwinds, brass and strings — it is music week! We will have a wide variety of art projects that feature musical elements and dance parties. We will make our own instruments and check out some lesser-known instruments from around the world! Jim McCutcheon, the Guitar Man of McCutcheon Music, will be joining us for a special camp concert this week as well.

Week 3: June 16 – 18 & 20, Ooey Goey, Markers & Gluey (No camp June 19)

Ages 4 – 6

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

It's science week! We will test lots of fun science experiments, explore nature, work on art projects, and make some ooey-goey projects like slime and oobleck! Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush, LLC will stop by for a special art project!

Week 4: June 23 – 27, Starships, Planets, Rockets, Oh My!

Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Space week is back! Our art and activities will be centered around exploring the final frontier. We will bring in some junior STEM and engineering design challenges, explore the science of the universe, and put some creative thinking to the test! Kristin Bailey of the Purple Paintbrush, LLC will stop by for a special art project! All aboard, T-minus 10, 9, 8 ...



Week 7: July 14 – 18, Bubble-palooza & Water-ful Fun

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

It is water week! We will participate in activities centered around bubbles and water! Not only will we play games that use water, but we will also make some awesome water and bubble-inspired crafts. Get excited — it's bubble-palooza!

Week 8: July 21 – 25, Hues & Clues & Abracadoos

Ages 4 – 6

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Our youngest magicians are center stage! We will have fun with some optical illusions and crafts with epic transformations! Don't forget your detective hat as we figure out the science behind some favorite tricks and put it to the test in our art. We will also include a variety of fun, colorful crafts and magic-themed games to fill our week.

Week 9: July 28 – August 1, Dino Digging & Discovery

Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

Calling our junior paleontologists! Dinosaurs have been found in Activity Center Park! Let's get digging and investigate the mystery of these giant creatures. Don't forget your detective hats and magnifying glasses! What will we discover?

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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Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.**

Activity Squad Camp

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

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

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

Week 2: June 9 – 13, 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 16 – 18 & 20, Up and Atom! (No camp June 19)

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Science and engineering are taking center stage this week. From science experiments to design challenges, this week is action-packed and ready for fun.

Week 4: June 23 – 27, Ninja Stars

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

Welcome, young ninjas! This week focuses on building our ninja skills, including coordination, agility, and strategy. Stealth and creativity will be tested through a variety of challenges. Valor Martial Arts will join us to build some taekwondo skills. We will also practice our archery skills using inflatable S.A.F.E. Archery equipment!

Week 6: July 7 – 11, 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 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!



Week 7: July 14 – 18, Mission Impossible: Spy Kids

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Top secret! This week of camp is full of mysteries, decoders and spy thrillers. We will have lots of challenges to solve, so get your disguise ready, secret agent!

Week 8: July 21 – 25, Outside C.S.I.: Campfires, Survival Skills and Innovation (Field Trip Week)

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

A week focused on building outdoor skills! We will cook over a campfire, make a walking stick, read a map and compass, tie knots and so much more! We will throw in some outdoor detective skills and orienteering/geocaching as well. Wednesday will be a field trip to Grant Park for hiking and creeking!

Week 9: July 28 – August 1, The Amazing Race: Challenge Accepted

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

We have a variety of teamwork-based games and activities ready for you, should you accept the challenge. Our fan-favorite camp version of The Amazing Race is back! Make sure your shoes are tied and gear is packed, because the clock starts now!

Week 10: August 4 – 8, 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.

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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Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.**

Preschool Play Yard: *The Enchanted Forest*

Ages 4 – 5

Monday – Friday, June 23 – June 27

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, June 16

Preschool Play Yard has been restructured with an indoor option and will be held rain or shine! Preschoolers will discover secret trails and hidden islands, find creek treasures, participate in hands-on science experiments, and create frame-worthy crafts at The Enchanted Forest! Other activities will include a magical scavenger hunt, silly obstacle courses and interactive story times! This program is held in partnership with the South Metro Optimist of Centerville Women's Club. (AB)

New location!

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.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Week 1: June 2 – 6, Splash Into Summer!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 2: June 9 – 13, Dinosaur Dig!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 3: June 16 – 18 & 20, Astronaut Academy! (No camp June 19)

Fee/week: \$60 residents, \$75 nonresidents

Week 4: June 23 – 27, Under the Sea Adventure!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 5: June 30 – July 3, Stars and Stripes Celebration! (No camp July 4)

Fee/week: \$60 residents, \$75 nonresidents

Week 6: July 7 – 11, Eco-Friendly Exploring!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 7: July 14 – 18, Craft & Create Week!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 8: July 21 – 25, Silly Science Experiments!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 9: July 28 – August 1, Summer Send-Off Carnival!

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Week 10: August 4 – August 8, Summer's Last Splash! (Forest Field Park only)

Fee/week: \$75 residents, \$90 nonresidents

Recreation Day Camp offers a variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more! Descriptions for each week can be found on cwpd.org/programs-events/childrens-programs/recreation-day-camp/. This fun program keeps children outdoors and active all week! (AB)

Recreation Day Camp is weather-dependent; you will receive a refund for any canceled days at the end of the week. Inclement weather cancellations will be posted on cwpd.org. Opt-in for text alerts on your RecDesk account to receive weather cancellations via text message.

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.



Galactic Engineers

with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Thursday, June 30 – July 3

9:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$145 residents, \$165 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 23

Welcome to Galactic Engineers: Eco-Tech Camp with Stemily Studios! Each day, campers embark on eco-missions to distant planets, designing sustainable tech to preserve unique habitats. From water collectors to pollution-free pod racers, they'll learn how science and creativity can protect our universe! (KF)

Wilderness Architects

with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Thursday, June 30 – July 3

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$145 residents, \$165 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 23

Welcome to Wilderness Architects: Fantasy Fortresses with Stemily Studios! Here, campers become architects of magical realms, tackling daily building quests in diverse terrains — from hidden forest hideouts to floating water forts. With each new environment, they'll master survival skills and creative construction using natural resources. Perfect for adventurous builders and fantasy fans! (KF)

Is your camper registered for both Stemily camps? You may enroll them in Lunch Buddies! Send your camper with a packed lunch, and they will remain at the Kennard Nature Nook between camps. No additional fee.



Online resident camp registration begins Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.



Classic Archery Camp

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, June 16 – 18

(Rain date: Friday, June 20)

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

Fee: \$40 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 9

Afternoon Camp

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Evening Camp

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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)

Archery Adventures Camp

Ages 9 – 15

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

Fee: \$55 residents, \$65 nonresidents

Camp A

Monday – Wednesday, July 14 – 16

(Rain date: Thursday, July 17)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 7

Camp B

Monday – Wednesday August 4 – 6

(Rain date: Thursday, August 7)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 28

Archery and nature education combined! Campers will learn the basics of archery, play water games, learn about local wildlife, play archery tag and practice with 3D targets. (KL)

Junior Naturalist & Naturalist Camp

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee/week: \$160 residents, \$180 nonresidents

Creeks and Ponds

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 2 – 6

Registration deadline: Monday, May 26

Forest Dwellers

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 9 – 13

Registration deadline: Monday, June 2

Insects

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Friday, July 7 – 11

Registration deadline: Monday, June 30

Scientific Surveys

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Friday, July 21 – 25

Registration deadline: Monday, July 14

Do you have a nature enthusiast in your household who wants to learn about and play in forests, creeks and meadows? These camps combine environmental education, outdoor play, fun games, team challenges and camaraderie all in one!

We will conduct wildlife surveys, climb trees with EarthJoy, hike, go creeking, and take on silly team challenges. Each week will have a different nature theme to study. We will spend one day each week at Oak Grove Park where we will focus on archery, special activities and challenges related to our weekly theme. (KL)



Cooking Around the World

Ages 12 – 17

Monday – Friday, June 23 – 27

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Fee/week: \$145 residents, \$165 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 13

Join Katie Blausner from Eat Pretty Darling for an exciting teen summer camp cooking series! We will embark on a delicious journey around the globe! In each session, we'll explore and create iconic dishes like vibrant Mexican tacos, handmade Italian pasta, fresh Asian sushi, and savory Mediterranean hummus with pita. Perfect for budding chefs eager to expand their culinary skills and taste the world from the comfort of the kitchen!

(AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this camp.

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

**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Equinox Celebration

All ages
Thursday, March 20
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

New!

Welcome the spring season with a brand new family event! We will have a variety of flower-themed activities, including story time and crafts. Participants will receive native wildflower seeds to take home and plant in their gardens.

Registration is requested. Registered participants will receive a cancellation notice if necessary due to inclement weather. No pets, please. (AB)

Eggstra Special Doggy Day

All ages (children must be 8+ to enter dog park)
Friday, April 11
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Park, Dog Park
1790 E. Social Row Rd.



Your pup is eggstra-special at this annual event! Join us at the dog park for an ‘egg’ hunt for your dog(s), dog-themed crafts, special activities, community partners, giveaways and more! Egg hunt prizes are available while supplies last. The off-leash dog park will remain open for your dog(s) to socialize and play.

Registration is not required. Please review the dog park rules at cwpd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/ before attending! (KF)

Cue the Hue!

Color Fun Run
All ages
Saturday, April 26
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Colors everywhere! Learn about some of nature’s most colorful and vibrant animals and plants. Visit color powder stations along the way! There will be a one-mile course plus a 100-meter dash option for ages 10 and under. The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Use your favorite fitness tracking app to record your time and share it on our Facebook event page!

White/light t-shirt colors are recommended for the most vibrant results. Please be aware that leather and suede tend to stain with the color powder. (AS)

LIZard Apparel and Promotions is generously sponsoring this event, providing t-shirts for the first 100 youth participants registered by March 30. Please register children individually.



Teddy Bear Brunch in the Park

All ages
Saturday, May 3
10:00 a.m. – noon
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Celebrate spring with a Teddy Bear Brunch! Spread out on the Smith House lawn to enjoy brunch in the fresh spring air with your family and your stuffed

friends! Bring your own brunch or purchase treats from BabyCakes Mini Pancakes, featuring mini fluffy pancakes topped with fresh fruit, house made sauces and various other toppings! They also have locally sourced Nitro Brewed Coffee.

The Teddy Bear Brunch will include themed activities, including crafts, games and a scavenger hunt.

Registration is requested. Registered participants will receive a cancellation notice if necessary due to inclement weather. No pets, please. (AB)



Tools to Trek

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

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

 **Flower Power
Adapted Walk & Roll**

All ages
Sunday, May 4
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

Participants can enjoy the paved path at the Activity Center Park while stopping at various booths along the way. Each booth will have interactive games, giveaways, and all things flowers! Participants are encouraged to travel along the path visiting booths at their own pace. The last time to start the route is 2:30 p.m. The fully paved path is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. (AS)

This event is possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council.



Glow in the Park Pickleball

All ages
Friday, May 9
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.
Fee/person: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 7

New!

Join us on the courts for a special glow-in-the-dark evening of pickleball! The court will be lit with fun colors and there will be light-up pickleballs! Wear colors that will shine under black light and glow/light-up accessories!

To maximize the number of people who can participate, these just-for-fun matches will be to lower points than traditional pickleball games. Please sign up each person who would like to play and note if you have a partner with whom you would prefer to play. Otherwise, we will mix up teams for this any doubles-style (men's, women's or mixed doubles) event! (AS)

**Movie Party in the Park:
Night at the Museum**

All ages
Saturday, May 10
(Rain date: Saturday, May 17)
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.
Yankee Park
7500 Yankee St.



Yankee Park comes alive at night with this screening of *Night at the Museum*! The evening will kick off with games, activities, and fun reminiscent of the various exhibits featured in the film.

For a late dinner or dessert, our wonderful community food trucks, Claybourne Grill and Kona Ice, will be pleased to serve you. Or, bring your own food/snacks for the whole family! At sunset, we will gather around the big screen for the film. *Night at the Museum* is rated PG.

Registration is requested but not required. (KF)
This event is possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from Dayton Children's Hospital.



Celebrating All Mothers

All ages
Sunday, May 11
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

New!

Celebrate all kinds of mothers with Mother Earth herself! This event will include flower bouquet making, floral photo opportunities and crafts made with love! Musical entertainment will be provided by pianist Jim Douglass.

Travelin' Toms refreshments will be available to purchase. The first 25 mothers will receive a complimentary drink ticket for a Travelin' Toms beverage.

Registration is requested. Registered participants will receive a cancellation notice if necessary due to inclement weather. (AB)



Safety on Wheels

All ages
Sunday, May 18
Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Join the **Noon Optimist Club of Centerville**, in partnership with the Centerville-Washington Park District, the Centerville Police Department and Bike Centerville, to promote youth bicycle safety in the community. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend and bring their bicycles. Free bicycle helmets will be available, along with helmet fittings, and bikes will be given a safety check before kids ride the fun obstacle course! There will also be raffle prizes throughout the event, including grand prize bicycles. (JH)



Penbrooke Garden Sale

All ages
Saturday, May 10
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Yankee Park
7500 Yankee St.

The annual sale includes perennials, herbs, other gardening-related items and baked goods. Since the plants are from members' own gardens, they are hearty for this planting zone. Proceeds go to local organizations to support and promote gardening. (JH)

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 AND UNDER)



Early Adventures

Ages 0 – 5 years with adult companion
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fee/child/session: \$4 nonresidents

March Adventures

Tuesday, March 4
Willowbrook Park
10225 Park Edge Dr.
Registration deadline: Sunday, March 2

April Adventures

Tuesday, April 1
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance
6588 McEwen Rd.
Registration deadline: Sunday, March 30

May Adventures

Tuesday, May 6
Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance
8798 Rooks Mill Rd.
Registration deadline: Sunday, May 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. Lanterns will be available to borrow.

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

These are Tools to Trek programs. (KL)



Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Fee/child/session: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

All Things Green

Tuesday, March 18
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.
Registration deadline: Thursday, March 13

Incredible Journeys

Tuesday, April 15
Yankee Park
7500 Yankee St.
Registration deadline: Thursday, April 10

Wildlife Moms

Tuesday, May 13
Schoolhouse Park
1875 Nutt Rd.
Registration deadline: Thursday, May 8

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

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



Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5
Thursdays, March 13, April 10 & May 8
Fee/child: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, March 6

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



Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fee/child/session: \$4 nonresidents

Make a Map

Thursday, March 20
Rosewood Park
475 Roselake Dr.
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 18

We will explore the park and learn what it takes to make a map. Then in family groups, you will get to make your very own park or yard map. (KL)

Honeybees

Thursday, April 17
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.
Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 15

Did you ever wonder about the Bill Yeck Park apiary and how it works? We will explore a model beehive together and learn how the honey bees are cared for. (KL)

Butterflies

Thursday, May 15
Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.
Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 13

Butterflies have complex life cycles that allow them to fit right into our ecosystem. We will search for butterflies and learn about supporting them in our own yards and spaces. (KL)



Young Gardeners:

Grow a Sunflower

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion
Wednesday, April 16
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.
Fee/child: \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 9

Learn about sunflowers with us! We will learn about the life cycle of a sunflower and how they grow. Then we will plant our own seeds. This program will be outside, weather permitting.

Please register individually if your group would like more than one flowerpot. (LP)

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

Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

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

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

Session A

Wednesdays, March 12 – April 16

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 9

Session B

Wednesdays, April 23 – May 28

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 20

Balance! Run! Jump! Catch! Kick! Join Amazing Athletes to practice coordination, fine motor 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 is held outdoors when possible with the option to go inside for inclement weather. Please dress accordingly.

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

Canvas Painting & Storytime:

Hello, Spring!

Ages 4 – 6 with adult companion

Friday, March 14

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 9

Children will design a spring-themed canvas and enjoy an interactive story during this fun evening with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. (AB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 4 – 18)

Safari Fitness Adventure

Recommended for ages 4 – 8 with adult companion

Saturday, May 17

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Children will embark on an exciting imaginary safari through the park! Participants will visit various stations, each featuring fun fitness challenges inspired by incredible animals — leap like frogs, crawl like bears and sprint like cheetahs. Upon completing the journey, they'll earn special safari badges to celebrate their achievements. Get ready for a wild time filled with movement, learning and fun! (AL)



Mom & Me Brunch

Ages 4 – 10 with adult companion

Sunday, May 4

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, April 28

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special "Mom & Me Brunch" cooking class! Together, you'll whip up delicious brunch favorites like French toast casserole and fresh fruit parfaits, all while creating memories in the kitchen. Join Katie Blausner from Eat Pretty Darling for a delightful day of cooking laughter, and bonding over tasty dishes to enjoy together!

Please register the mom attending. Up to two children within the age range are included in the price. (AB)

Please note: all major food allergens could be present at this program.

Spring Forward with CWPD

Ages 5 – 8

Sunday, March 9

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$7 residents, \$10 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 2

Spring forward with a variety of amphibian-themed activities! Jump like a frog through relay race obstacles, explore new habitats like a tadpole, take home a life cycle craft and more! (AB)

Egg-cellent Fitness Challenge

Ages 5 – 9 with adult companion

Saturday, April 12

11:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, April 7

A fun-filled series of egg-themed activities designed to get kids moving and having a blast! Parents will work with their children to build teamwork skills while tackling exciting challenges like egg-and-spoon races and a thrilling relay race. The program ends with an egg hunt starting at 11:30 a.m. (AL)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 AND/OR

May 13

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child/session: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday before each session

This drop-off program is designed to give your child the opportunity to get creative! They will design a variety of projects based on a monthly theme. Outdoor activities will be included when weather permits. Sign up for one or multiple sessions. (AB)





Explorers

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, March 31

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, April 9 – May 14

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, April 7 – May 12

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

Garden Treats

Ages 6 – 10

Saturday, April 12

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$26 residents, \$34 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, April 7

Join instructor Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling for a fun-filled cooking class where we'll plant a mini herb garden and whip up a delicious treat! Kids will learn how to grow tasty herbs and then create their own delightful Garden Treats — chocolate avocado pudding layered with crushed cookies and topped with fresh herbs and fruit flowers. Get ready for a hands-on experience that combines gardening and cooking in the most delicious way! (AB)

Please note: all major food allergens could be present in this class.

New!

An Evening at Camp

Ages 6 – 12

Thursday, May 1 AND/OR Thursday, May 8

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, April 25
AND/OR Friday, May 2

Summer camp is just around the corner, but we just can't wait to kick it off! Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities to celebrate the start of summer. Finish the night sharing your favorite camp stories around a campfire with s'mores. (KF)

Both sessions will be similar, but, participants are welcome to sign up for both to get maximum camp fun!

Flapping Dragon Sculpture with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, March 11

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 5

Bring a dragon to life with this fun, hands-on workshop! You'll build and decorate your own moving dragon sculpture that flaps its wings and looks ready to take flight! (KF)

Constellation Lantern with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

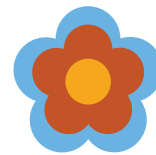
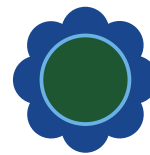
Thursday, April 17

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 9

Light up the night with your own constellation lantern! Design and assemble a lantern that showcases your favorite star patterns and casts a cozy glow filled with constellations when lit up! (KF)



DIY Flower Coasters with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 7

Create your own vibrant, custom flower coasters in this hands-on workshop! From assembling a wooden base to designing with acrylic mosaics and filling in the final details, you'll bring home a set of coasters as unique as you! (KF)

New!

Spring Into Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Thursday, March 27

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, March 20

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

Sushi Roll Adventure

Ages 8 – 15

Tuesday, April 29

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 22

Learn the art of sushi making with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! From rolling your own sushi rolls to crafting delicious fillings and sauces, this hands-on experience will unleash your culinary creativity. Perfect for sushi lovers and beginners alike, you'll leave with delicious veggie rolls to enjoy and the skills to impress! (AB)

Please note: all major food allergens could be present in this class.

New!

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

Pop Bottle Gardens

Ages 9 – 12

Saturday, March 8

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 4

Start a garden using two-liter bottles! We will build three separate garden designs together while learning a little about gardening and plant physiology. All materials will be provided. (KL)

New!

Mad Science University

Ages 9 – 12

Wednesdays, May 7 – 28

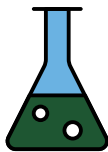
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday, April 28

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



Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, March 13, April 17 & May 15

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

Fee/child/session: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday before each session

Try new art skills during this fun, nature-themed crafting program. Each session will offer different options for participants to choose from, allowing them to work independently or get creative together! (AB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.



Build-A-Boat

Ages 9 – 15

Sunday, May 4

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 30

Do you have what it takes to build the fastest boat? Participants will assemble their hand-held boats using only natural materials (some provided, some found); some bark here, some twine there and some mud to fill in the gaps ...

Once done, participants will unleash their boats in the creek to see which boat makes it to the end! We will finish the program with some classic creeking and hiking! Wear your creek shoes! (KF)

New!

Young Birders Club:

Southwest Chapter Meetings

Ages 12 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.



March Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 9

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 6

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 11



Join the OYBC Southwest Chapter! Kettering PRCA and Centerville-Washington Park District are collaborating to bring the joy of bird watching

to our youth through the Ohio Young Birders Club.

Bird watching and identification is a fun and rewarding hobby and a great place to make friends!

Light snacks are provided. Participants must become members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. Registration is required through the Centerville-Washington Park District for the spring sessions. (KL)

Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Vernal Pool Construction

Wednesday, March 19

Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.

Registration deadline: Monday, March 17

Shovels ready! We will be designing, learning about and digging a vernal pool meadow. A pair of work gloves and clothing/boots that can get muddy are recommended. (KL)

Tree Mapping

Thursday, April 24

Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 22

Put your tree ID and measuring skills to the test! We will be entering trees into our database using tablets at Forest Field Park. No experience needed. (KL)

Native Plantings

Wednesday, May 21

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

Registration deadline: Monday, May 19

We will be planting Royal Catchfly plugs in the seed nursery. Come ready to dig! (KL)



See page 24 for
information about
a new pickleball
opportunity for teens!

FAMILY PROGRAMS



National Plant a Flower Day!

Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/flowerpot: \$10 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, March 7

March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day! Join us to decorate a flowerpot as a family. While it dries, we will take a hike through the meadows to look for signs of spring! We will also learn about and explore the seed nursery, deciding which of our native wildflowers we are most excited to see this spring.

Please register individually if your group would like more than one flowerpot. (KF)

Loose Parts Play Family Workshop

All ages

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 13

Loose parts play theory offers the idea that adding ambiguous objects to a play space sparks creativity and learning through play in young children. As more objects are added, the more creative the space becomes. Join Meredith Florkey of Ohio Naturally to learn about the benefits of unstructured outdoor play and the implementation of loose parts to enhance your young child's experience. Parents, grandparents and children will learn together about spending quality play time outdoors and building a deeper connection to the natural world. (KL)



New!

Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Sunday, March 23

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, March 17

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

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



Dancing Woodcocks

Ages 8 and up

Wednesday March 26

7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, March 24

We will head out at dusk to search for the American Woodcock and observe their spectacular dance! (KL)

Family Wind Chime Workshop

Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up

Friday, April 4

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$42 residents, \$55 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 27

Use natural materials to create a beautiful wind chime. First, we will take a short walk to collect the stick to hang the chimes. Each family will get approximately one pound of clay to make impressions with natural textures and then glaze to make beautiful and unique chimes. The wind chimes would make great Mother's Day gifts! (AB)



Spring Stargazing

Ages 6 and up

Friday, April 4

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$8 residents, \$11 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, March 28

Let's enjoy an evening of stargazing! Boonshoft Museum of Discovery will have an indoor planetarium to view the night sky inside the Kennard Nature Nook. There will also be opportunities for various outdoor stargazing activities, such as enjoying a campfire with hot chocolate, and a short night hike with a naturalist to see the stars (weather-dependent).

Please register each member of the family who will be attending. The dome has limited space. Please note: this program may not be for individuals with motion or light-related sickness or sensitivities. (KF)

Eggstravaganza!

Recommended for families with children ages 8 and under

Saturday, April 5

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (staggered start times)

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 3

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



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

Beautiful Blooms Wildflower Tour

All ages

Saturday, April 12

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 10

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

Fungi Frenzy: The Hidden World Beneath Our Feet

All ages

Saturday, April 19

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 17

Welcome to the hidden world of fungi, where every step tells a story and every discovery feels like magic. Join us for an educational hike that delves deep into the forest floor into the captivating world of fungi and their vital role in the ecosystem. Bring your sense of wonder and a sturdy pair of hiking boots — adventure and discovery lie just beneath our feet! Hike is on a natural path. (KL)

New!

Nature Fun: An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

Fridays, April 25 & May 30

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen 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.

Registration is not required but is recommended. (LP)

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Spring Into Archery:

Family Battles

Ages 8 and up

Sunday, April 27

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 23

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)

Fin-tastic Adventures

All ages

Tuesday, April 29

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 27

Prepare to embark on an aquatic journey like no other! Join us as we investigate the creek and explore the fascinating lives of freshwater fish. We'll uncover their hidden habitats, witness their survival tactics, and discover the delicate balance of their ecosystems and their importance. Close-toed shoes are required. (KL)

New!

Family Birdwatching Walk

All ages

Saturday, May 31

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 29

Join avid birdwatcher John Kennard on a walk focusing on bird identification and fun facts. Bring binoculars if you have them. A limited supply will be available to borrow. Hike is on a natural path. (KL)



ADULT PROGRAMS



Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 1

9:30 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 20

Start the spring season off by learning a beautiful new skill. Ukrainian Egg Decoration uses waxes and other mediums to decorate real chicken eggs with nature and folk designs. This painting style has been done for hundreds of years in Eastern and Central Europe. Learn this ancient process from local teaching artist of more than 20 years, Ginny Baughman. Join us for this unique class and take home your own beautifully decorated egg! (AB)

Ladies' Night Out

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, March 13

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 6

It's ladies' night out with Katie Blausler from Eat Pretty Darling! In this brand-new cooking class, you'll shake up a delicious mocktail and whip up a selection of tasty appetizers! From fruity drinks to savory bites, you'll learn easy recipes perfect for any gathering. Gather your friends for an evening of creativity, laughter and delightful flavors! (AB)

Please note: all major food allergens could be present in this class.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

Glass Fusing: *Wind Dancers*

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, March 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 16

Kick off the spring season with this glass fusing class. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will lead participants through the basics of glass fusing. Create three 3” squares that will be hooked together with mirrors in between to capture the spring breeze! (AB)

Glass Fusing:

Whimsical Garden Décor

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, April 17

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 13

Prepare your spring garden with glass décor. 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:

Spring Daisy Suncatcher

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, May 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 11

Create a 4.5” by 9” suncatcher to highlight a classic spring flower. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will provide the supplies. Beginners and returners alike are welcome to this new class! (AB)

New!



Living Wall Art

with Now and Zen

Ages 12 and up

Saturday, March 22

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 13

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 select from a variety of unique embellishments that reflect your style and vibe to add to your piece! (AB)

Succulent Terrarium

with Now and Zen

Ages 12 and up

Saturday, April 26

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 17

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)



Watercolor

Hanging Plants Class

with Renee Hopson

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 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, March 14

Spring is right around the corner! Let’s celebrate with something green! We will create hanging plant-themed watercolor paintings using basic brush and watercolor techniques. We will use studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting.

All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for participants at a beginner to intermediate level. (KF)

Watercolor Poppies Class

with Renee Hopson

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, April 26

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, April 18

Join us to learn techniques for adding interest to backgrounds, combining fields of color with line work, utilizing a limited palette and working with limited brushes to improve dexterity. We will be using studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting!

All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for participants at a beginner to intermediate level. (KF)

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

Watercolor & Printmaking Class

with Renee Hopson

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, May 31

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$65 residents, \$85 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 23

We will be exploring nature-themed imagery while combining watercolor painting with block printing. We will be using studio materials. Leave the class with your finished painting/print and your very own printing block.

All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. (KF)



Embroidery Journaling:

Stitch the Year with CWPD

Ages 14 and up

Thursdays, April 3 & May 1

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 27

Enhance your stitching skills as we continue our journey through 2025. This class will take us through the spring months as we create an embroidered journal representing important or special memories with simple stitches and colorful designs. While this program builds off of the winter sessions, you do not need to have attended these to participate, or to attend every session. Some experience with stitching is recommended. Each session will include light refreshments and a nature talk on a seasonal topic. (LP)

This registration only includes the spring sessions. If you did not participate in the winter session and want the starter kit, please select the add-on kit at checkout.

Porch Stitching:

Grocery or Garden Totes

Ages 18 and up

Fridays, May 23 & 30

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$18 residents, \$24 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 16

Enjoy the warm weather on our porch! Create a beautiful work of art! We will be personalizing tote bags perfect for farmers markets, shopping trips or working in the garden. The program will cover the basics of simple embroidery. No previous experience is necessary. All supplies and materials are provided. (LP)

Adult Archery

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, April 8

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 3

Gather your favorite people and join us for a night of archery basics! This program is for beginners interested in learning archery. By the end of this program, you'll be shooting on your own, playing games and increasing your confidence as an archer. This program is perfect for couples, friend groups, co-workers, siblings and more! One registration per group of up to four people. All equipment will be provided. (KF)

Hike with a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

April Hike

Thursday, April 10

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 8

May Hike

Thursday, May 8

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 6

Join us on this monthly stroll through your parks. A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. Hikes are on natural paths. (KL)

Needle Felting Birds

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, April 10

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 3

We will be felting beautiful birds just in time for warmer weather. This class is designed for all skill levels, providing as much or as little assistance as you would like. All supplies and materials needed to create your project will be provided. No previous experience is necessary. (LP)

Spring Meadow Canvas Painting

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 8

Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush LLC for an evening of exploring signs of spring through paint. We will hike on a paved path before we begin to paint. Light refreshments will be provided to keep the creativity flowing!

This class is open to all skill levels. Painting experience is not a requirement to come and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park. (AB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

ADULT WELLNESS



Lego Spring Blooms

Ages 16 and up
Friday, April 18
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$19 residents, \$25 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, April 3

Greet our spring wildflowers as they begin to bloom and “grow” some of your own during this new adult evening out! Participants will choose between one of three Lego flower kits to build while the sun sets over the meadow. Enjoy a variety of refreshments. After building your Lego flowers, complete your project by adding them to a vase with real flowers! (AB)

New!

VIP Park Tour

Ages 16 and up
Friday, May 2
6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 29



The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks is partnering with the Park District to host an exclusive VIP Park

Tour of Grant Park. The tour offers a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and explore the park amenities and facilities, including the Kennard Nature Nook, McEwen Barn, Grant Nature Buildings, all while learning about the Grant Park Master Plan implementation. Participants will also hear about the Foundation’s latest initiatives and discover ways to get involved in supporting their mission. The tour will begin at the Kennard Nature Nook. Then, participants will drive their vehicles to the Normandy Entrance of the park for the second half of the tour. (KM)



Birdwatching Walk

Ages 18 and up
Saturday, May 3
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 8

Join avid birdwatcher John Kennard on a walk focusing on bird identification. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available to borrow. Hike is on a natural path. (KL)



Spring Stress Relief

Ages 16 and up
Friday, May 9
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, May 1

Try a new stress-relieving hobby or craft! There will be a few options to try. Best of all, enjoy the golden hour and beautiful colors of the spring sunset. (AB)

Date Night Mystery Solve It!

Ages 18 and up
Saturday, May 17
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 11

Join the Centerville-Washington Park District and the Washington-Centerville Public Library for a book signing at “Lit Lounge!” However, during the event, the author is suddenly slain! Enjoy light refreshments and conversation while you find clues to solve the mystery! (AB)

This program is a repetition of the Fall program of the same name.



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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

Mondays, March 3 – April 7
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, February 28

Session B

Saturdays, March 8 – April 12
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 5

Session C

Saturdays, March 8 – April 12
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 5

Session D

Mondays, April 14 – May 19
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, April 11

Session E

Saturdays, April 19 – May 24
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 16

Session F

Saturdays, April 19 – May 24
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 16

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



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



Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Session A

Tuesdays, March 11 – April 15

Registration deadline: Friday, March 7

Session B

Tuesdays, April 22 – May 27

Registration deadline: Friday, April 18

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. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

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, March 12 – April 16

Registration deadline: Monday, March 10

Session B

Wednesdays, April 23 – May 28

Registration deadline: Monday, April 21

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)

Wildflower Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, April 24

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 22

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

Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, May 15

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 13

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

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 4 – May 29

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.

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

View the A Walk in the Park schedule on cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program. (AS)

Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, March 4 – May 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. View the Trail Trekking schedules on cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/ (AS)

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

Trail Trekking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, March 4 – May 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 spring. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 5 – May 28

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

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

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

View the Hike for Your Health schedule on cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program. (AS)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

Lacrosse Ball/Foam Rolling Clinic

Ages 16 and up (under 18 requires adult companion)

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

Session A

Tuesday, March 4

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, March 3

Session C

Saturday, April 5

11:00 a.m. – noon

Registration deadline: Friday, April 4

Session C

Saturday, May 24

11:00 a.m. – noon

Registration deadline: Friday, April 23

Airrosti's Dr. Steven Miller and Adelle will teach you how to manage, reduce and eliminate musculoskeletal pain through preventative self-myofascial release techniques using a foam roller and lacrosse ball. This class will focus on both upper and lower body exercises.

If you have a foam roller, lacrosse ball or mat, please bring them with you. There will be a limited supply of foam rollers and lacrosse balls on hand to use. (AS)

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 5 – April 16

(No class March 26)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 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. You will need a light set of weights and a towel or yoga mat. (AS)

Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, April 15 – May 27

(No class May 6)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 13

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

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 12 – October 29

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 House Entrance (2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.) of Bill Yeck Park. Please check online schedule for dates and locations for each week. Sign up once for the entire year!

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

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



Beginner Pickleball Lessons

Ages 18 and up

4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.

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

April Session

Tuesdays, April 1 – April 22

Registration deadline: Friday, March 28

May Session

Tuesdays, May 6 – May 27

Registration deadline: Friday, May 2

Join Certified Pickleball Trainer James Lawson to develop the introductory skills to level up your pickleball game. James is a licensed and certified instructor with a current DUPR rating of 5.23. This 4-week lesson is designed for the beginner player looking to develop basic skills to move up to a more competitive level of play.

This program will move indoors for adapted lessons in inclement weather. (AS)

Pickleball Any Doubles Leagues: My Teen & Me

Ages 12 – 17 and a family member over 21
4:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.

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

Session A

Sundays, March 30 – May 4

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 16

Session B

Sundays, May 11 – June 15

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 27

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this spring! All leagues are six weeks long. Six Franklin X-40 pickleballs per team are included and can be picked up from Park District Headquarters prior to league play. This for-fun league is open to any doubles teams (men's, women's or mixed doubles) comprised of a teen and their parent/guardian or other close family member over the age of 21. (AS)

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

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Pickleball Any Doubles Leagues

Ages 18 and up
Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

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

Session A

March 31 – May 7

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 16

Session B

May 12 – June 18

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 27

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this spring! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are six weeks long. Six Franklin X-40 pickleballs per team are included and can be picked up from Park District Headquarters prior to league play. These for-fun leagues are open to any doubles teams (men's, women's or mixed doubles). (AS)

Day/Time	Level of Play
Mondays, 6:00 p.m.	Intermediate
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	Advanced (only session B)
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Beginner

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



Pickleball Mixed Doubles Leagues

Ages 18 and up
6:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

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

Session A

April 1 – May 8

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 16

Session B

May 13 – June 19

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 27

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this spring! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are six weeks long. Six 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
Tuesdays	Intermediate
Thursdays	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, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up
April 6 – June 11
(No scheduled matches Memorial Day Weekend)
6:00 p.m.
Various locations

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

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

Day	Level of Play
Sundays	Men's Advanced
Mondays	Coed Novice
Wednesdays	Men's Advanced



Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up

Ride A

Monday, May 5
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Schoolhouse Park
1875 Nutt Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 1

Ride B

Sunday, May 18
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 22

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)



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

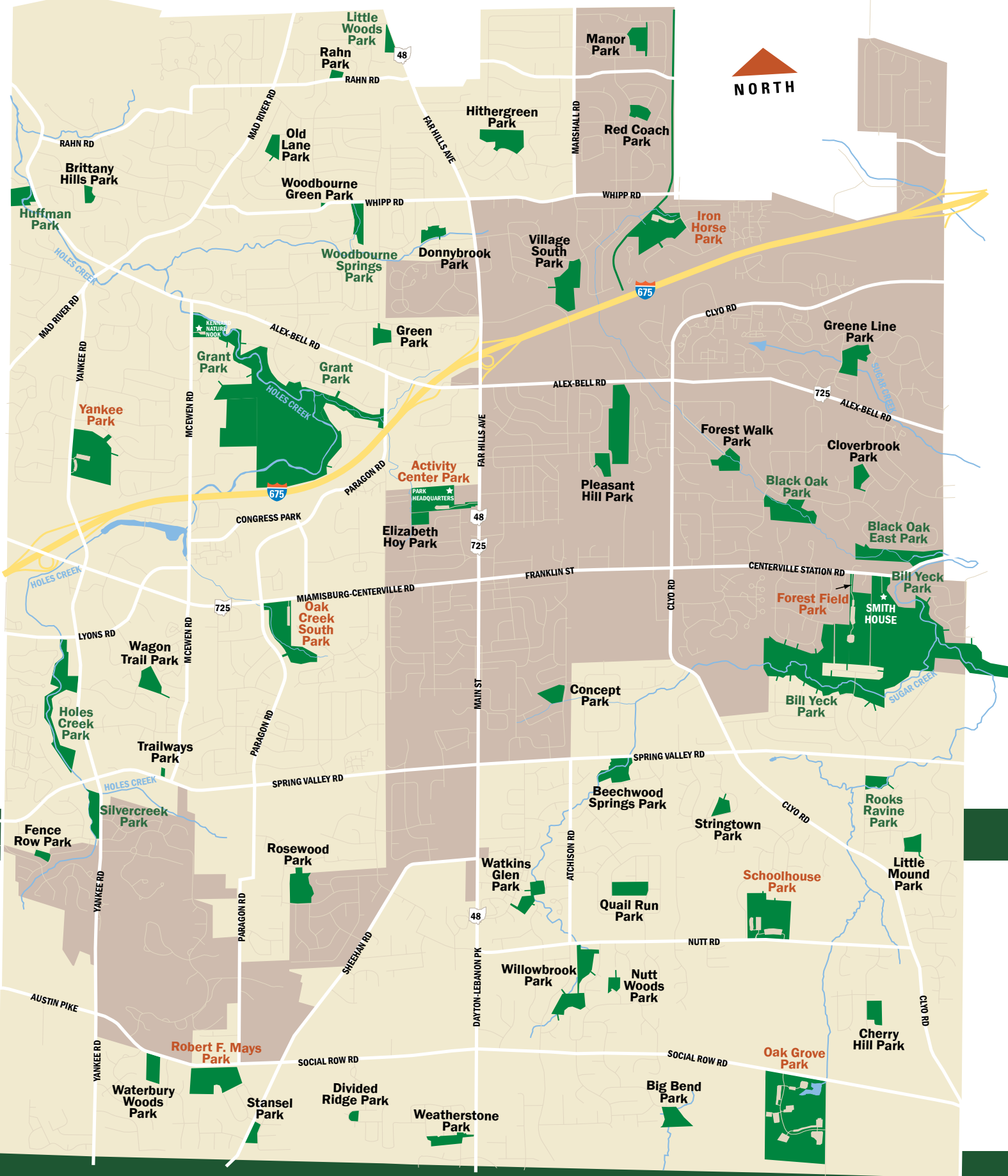
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER



WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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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.

Online resident registration begins February 10.

Online (first day of registration is online only)

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

Registration for the camps on page 4 – 11 begins online April 14. The first day of registration is online only.

By Phone

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

In Person

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

Registration and Refund Policy

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

If a program is canceled by the Park District, you will receive a full refund. If you can no longer attend a program, you may cancel seven days prior to the program's start date to receive a full refund as household credit or back to the original payment method. **Cancellations made less than seven days prior to the program's start date will be offered a 50% household credit.** Cancellations made during or after the program are not eligible for a refund.

Access for All

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

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 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, February 10
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, February 17
at 10:00 a.m.

 Please recycle this issue of News & Events when it is no longer of use to you. Thank you!

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