

MARCH – MAY 2026

Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Spring program
registration begins
Monday, February 9.

Summer camp
registration begins
Monday, March 2.

Explore your community's BIG backyard!



Archery Range, Oak Grove Park

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Park Addresses

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



Dog Park Closures

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



Athletic Field Conditions

cwpd.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 nearly here, and with it comes a fresh season of new growth and reconnection throughout the Centerville-Washington Park District. As your

Park Commissioner, I'm delighted to share updates on what's happening across your parks, as well as the many ways you can dive into a vibrant lineup of outdoor experiences.

This year, camp registration opens earlier than ever on March 2! Families can look forward to a wide variety of options, including outdoor adventure, arts and creativity, recreational games and nature-based discovery. Camps continue to be one of the best ways children and teens build confidence, deepen their connection to the outdoors and create memories that last far beyond the summer months.

Spring programs abound for all ages. Whether you're interested in crafting, DIY workshops, birding, wildflower identification, fitness and wellness opportunities, or community events, there is something happening almost every day of the week. If you ever need modifications to participate in a CWPD program, our team is here to help.

This spring brings improvement projects that cover necessary maintenance of existing facilities as well as new enhancements that create outstanding park experiences.

- Activity Center Park Pickleball Courts**
– Upgrades to increase playability for the continually-growing pickleball community, including resurfacing, seating and shade.
- District-Wide Pavement Improvements**
– Per the Park District's pavement analysis, several parks will be addressed, including Oak Grove, Activity Center and Iron Horse Trail.
- Grant Park Master Plan Implementation** – Staff will continue to implement the trail plan set forth by the community driven master plan.
- Community Park Shade Improvements**
– Five community parks will see additional shade to improve visitor experience during those warm, sunny days.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

View the schedule at
cwpd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

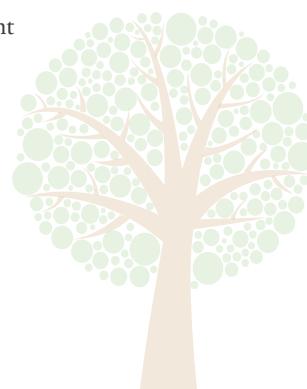
These projects reflect our commitment to stewardship, accessibility and continuous improvement across the entire Centerville-Washington Park District park system.

We also remain focused on strengthening our natural areas. From trail stewardship to expanding pollinator habitats to offering hands-on environmental education, we continue to prioritize conservation efforts that help our community explore and appreciate the natural spaces right here in suburban Dayton. This spring, we invite you to join our program team for pollinator-friendly gardening workshops, butterfly surveys and guided naturalist hikes. These engaging experiences are designed to help you connect with and care for these important landscapes.

As always, partnerships and sponsorships continue to play a vital role in our success. Collaboration with local organizations, businesses and service groups allows us to bring innovative ideas to life. If you're interested in partnering with the Park District, we would love to hear from you at mail@cwpd.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for the parks that make our community such an extraordinary place to live. I look forward to seeing you out enjoying warmer, greener days! Together, we continue to cultivate parks and programs that inspire discovery and joy for all.

Alex Pearl
Park Board President



Summer Employment Opportunities

We will begin accepting applications for seasonal employment on February 11.

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 a 12-week commitment beginning in late 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, evenings and holidays. 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 and to complete an application!



Accessible Fire Circle Opens at Bill Yeck Park



Centerville-Washington Park District celebrated the opening of the John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle at Bill Yeck Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 20. The new amenity was designed to ensure people of all abilities can safely and comfortably gather around a campfire and enjoy time outdoors together.

Located near the Smith House entrance, the fire circle features an ADA-compliant pathway, an accessible surface and inclusive seating options. These design elements remove barriers and invite everyone to participate in a classic park experience, sharing warmth, conversation and connection.

The project reflects the Park District's ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion across your parks and facilities. It was made possible through generous private donations to the **Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks**, whose support helps expand opportunities for all residents to enjoy nature.

The John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle is now available for group reservations, offering a welcoming new gathering space for family events, educational programs and community celebrations.

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 the Community Engagement Coordinator.

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.

Shelter Reservations



Perfect for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and more, large group shelters are available in eight CWPD parks. Shelters are reservable beginning at noon on the first business day in January for the current year. Reservations may be made online for shelter use during the months of April through October. Please contact us if you would like to reserve a shelter for use during the months of January, February, March, November or December.

You may also reserve a shelter in person with cash, check or credit card during regular office hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday). Our office is located at Activity Center Park, 221 N. Main St. Reservations are not available via phone at this time. Shelters are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved. Parks are open during daylight hours.



SAVE A TREE

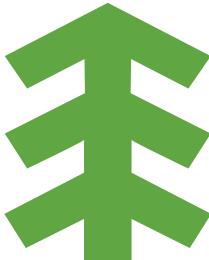
To subscribe to the CWPD monthly e-newsletter visit cwpd.org or scan the QR code to the left.

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

Financial Assistance for Fees Is Available!

The Park Board understands residents may encounter financial challenges that could limit their ability to participate in CWPD 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 cwpd.org/forms/.

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 "2026 Forms Fast Track" on cwpd.recdesk.com beginning on February 9

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.

Team Up Camp

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion

Monday – Thursday, August 3 – 6

(Rain date: Friday, August 7)

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/household: \$30 residents, \$40 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 27

We are teaming up with our grown-ups for nature play and fun. We will create amazing art, learn about our smallest creatures, explore the creek, have a campfire sing-along and more! We will focus on frogs, become totally thrilled about toads and learn about other amphibians that call Grant Park home. Multiple children may attend with their adult companion. (KL)

New!

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



Preschool Recreation Day Camp

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

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

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

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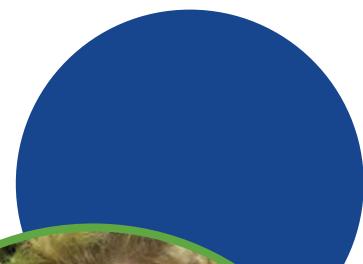
We're inviting our littlest campers to spend mornings at the park participating in a variety of recreation activities tied to each week's theme. We will start each day with a welcoming activity to help everyone feel comfortable and included, followed by our favorite preschool games and songs.

Week 1: June 1 – 5, Sensory Safari

This week, we'll explore the world using our senses — cooling off with popsicles, diving into a hands-on naturalist presentation, and getting creative and messy with fun crafts, including slime! We will also go on a tactile scavenger hunt and learn about different animal sounds and what they mean.

Week 4: June 22 – 26, Water Wonders

Splash, splash and laugh this week with a variety of water-themed games and crafts such as bubble activities and duck pond sensory stations. This week will also include a visit from CWPD naturalists focusing on our local streams and fish!



Online resident camp registration begins
Monday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.



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

Recreation Day Camp (RDC) offers a variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more! This fun program keeps children outdoors and active all week! Recreation Day Camp is weather-dependent; you will receive a refund for any canceled days at the end of the week. (AB)

Week 1: June 1 – 5, Soak up the Sun!

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

Kick off summer with all things sunshine! Each day will include “get to know you” icebreakers to ensure everyone feels welcome! Special activities include a naturalist-led weather program, UV-bead friendship bracelets and other bright, summer-themed projects to help new friends connect.

Week 1 will be held exclusively at Forest Field Park.

Week 2: June 8 – 12, Color Explosion!

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

Get ready for a week bursting with color and creativity! Campers will dive into painting projects, tie-dye masterpieces, and other messy, hands-on art activities. Campers will also compete with different teams for color-filled games and challenges that are sure to make a splash!

Week 3: June 15 – 18, Craft & Create Week (No camp June 19)

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

This week, we will focus on more in-depth craft options and will include some mess-making opportunities! Campers will create musical instruments and explore the sounds of nature. We will play cooperative, team-building games.

Week 4: June 22 – 26, Fossil Finders

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

Uncover the wonders of the prehistoric world! Campers will create “rawr-some” dinosaur crafts and embark on dino-themed games such as a dino stomp obstacle course, pretending to dodge meteors, lava and other dinosaurs! Special activities this week will include a fossil scavenger hunt and a naturalist presentation about fossils. Campers will also make their own fossils.

Week 4 will be held exclusively at Forest Field Park.

Week 5: June 29 – July 2, Slime & Splash (No camp July 3)

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

Things are about to get slimy, squishy and soaked! Campers will dive into a week full of gooey slime experiments and playful water games. From mixing up colorful slime creations to cooling off with splashing challenges, this camp is all about messy fun and staying cool under the sun!



Week 6: July 6 – 10, Backyard Biologists

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

Explore your community’s BIG backyard with RDC! Discover the wonders of nature with plant- and animal-themed crafts, playful games and guided hikes through the park. This week’s special activities will include a naturalist presentation with a hands-on lesson about our local wildlife and learning about ecological responsibility.

Week 7: July 13 – 17, Explorer Expedition

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

Campers will learn to navigate trails, compete in fun survivor-themed challenges and create their own nature patches. Exploring the wonders of nature through hands-on activities while exploring new places will lead to meaningful memories that last for years!

Week 8: July 20 – 24, Silly Science Experiments!

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

Prepare to get messy and explore a variety of exciting textures, from making different kinds of slime to making crafts that grow and giant bubbles. With a blend of learning and play, this week aims to turn curiosity into discoveries and make friends along the way.

Week 9: July 27 – 31, Super Soaked Sports

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

Campers will stay active and cool as they play classic games like dodgeball and kickball with a splashy twist. From sponge dodgeball to slip-n-slide kickball, it’s all about big splashes and even bigger smiles! Crafts will be sports-themed and/or involve getting wet!

Week 10: August 3 – 7, Summer’s Last Splash!

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

This is the ‘best of the best’ week! Celebrate the last week of summer with our favorite camp games, including the best water games to cool off! Our crafts will focus on preserving our summer memories: tie-dye t-shirts, picture frames and friendship bracelets.

Week 10 will be held exclusively at Forest Field Park.

**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Hidden Meadows Day Camp

9:00 a.m. – noon, half-day

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., full-day

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

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

Hidden Meadows Day Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Grant Park, learning new games and engaging in nature play. Each day of camp is predominately spent outdoors. Campers will be in the woods and exploring the 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 1 – 5, Hike & Seek 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

Let's hit the trails, campers! This week will be full of hiking, scavenger hunts, classic camp games and learning about the camouflaged wildlife hiding on the trails.

Week 2: June 8 – 12, Water Wonders

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

This camp is sure to be a splash — from creek exploration to water games to learning about aquatic wildlife! Make sure to bring your creeking shoes for this adventure!

Week 3: June 15 – 18, Tracks & Scat (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

We're on the lookout for the wildlife of Grant Park — and the signs they leave behind. Your camper will hike trails, learn about wildlife tracks, seek out fur and feathers and even identify scat! Along the way, we will play games that teach us about animal behavior. This week is for the blossoming zoologist!

Week 4: June 22 – 26, 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! Our campers will learn about nature, kindness and being a good neighbor from various guest speakers. Crafts and activities will focus on giving back! Your camper can look forward to team-building games, litter cleanup hikes and meeting community heroes this week.

Week 5: June 29 – July 2, All the Buzzzz! (Preschool Week)

(No camp July 3)

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

The meadows are alive, and we get to explore them! Your camper will spend their week learning about flowers, meadow habitats and all things bugs. They will hike meadows, create floral crafts and admire the hardworking pollinators that are abuzz at Grant Park. Your camper will be one busy bee!

Week 6: July 6 – 10, 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! From searching for mythical creatures while hiking in the woods to building homes for fairies and gnomes, your camper will bring imagination to the forefront of their camp experience.

Week 7: July 13 – 17, 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 7 full-day campers will meet at Oak Grove Park on one of their camp days to fish, participate in archery, and for their grand competition!



Online resident camp registration begins Monday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.



Week 8: July 20 – 24, The Creek Before Time

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

We're diving back in time for this camp! Let's explore prehistoric animals through creeking adventures, fossil exploration, guest speakers and dinosaur-themed activities. We'll end the week learning about our living 'dinosaurs' right here at Grant Park — our scaly and terrific reptiles.

Week 9: July 27 – 31, Camp Conservation

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

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



Camp WILD Child

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, June 15 – June 19

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 8

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, March 9, 10:00 a.m.**

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 1 – 5, Creeks, Ponds and Puddles

Ages 6 – 12

Fee/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 Bill Yeck Park! Along the way, we will learn about the wildlife that call aquatic habitats their homes.

Week 2: June 8 – 12, Winged Wonders

Ages 6 – 12

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

Let's learn about all things with wings! From bats to birds to bugs, your camper's imagination will take flight as we explore winged wildlife together.

Week 3: June 15 – 18, Crafty Campers Week (No camp June 19)

Ages 6 – 12

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

All the fun of camp with a creative twist! Your camper will enjoy classic camp games while spending extra time creating nature-based crafts, both big and small. Let's be inspired and make some masterpieces we can't wait to bring home.

Week 4: June 22 – 26, 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 on one of their camp days to fish, take part in archery, and for their grand competition!

Week 5: June 29 – July 2, Who Can Be an EcoHero? (No camp July 3)

Ages 6 – 12

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

What is conservation? Who can help the planet? If conservation saves the planet, then does that make some jobs heroic? This week, your camper will meet guest 'heroes', complete their own eco-projects, and learn that everyone has what it takes to be a hero — an ECOhero!



Week 6: July 6 – 10, Marvelous Migrations!

Ages 6 – 12

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

Your camper will be on the move this week as we learn about migration — the mass movement of animals from one place to another. We will play movement-based games, learn about animals that migrate, and see if we have what it takes to make it through mini migration challenges.

Week 7: July 13 – 17, Survival Series

Ages 6 – 12

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

If you lived in the wilderness, how would you survive? What would you do? And how do animals do this every day? We will hike in the park and pick up survival skills along the way! We will also learn how wildlife survives, and the unique traits called 'adaptations' that help them survive even the toughest challenges.

Week 8: July 20 – 24, Color Wonders (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

Nature is full of color, and we get to explore the creative ways it displays these colors. 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 of camp!

Week 9: July 27 – 31, Slip 'n Slime (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

We're going to get messy at this hands-on camp! We will mix slime, squish clay, make our own paint and even slide through a slip 'n slide! Along the way, we will learn about animals that don't mind getting messy, too.

Online resident camp registration begins Monday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.



Week 10: August 3 – August 7, 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, Mothman 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.



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! (AS)



Week 2: June 8 – 12, Bubble-palooza!

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

It's a whole week of bubbles! Not only will we play games that use bubbles, but we will also make some bubble-inspired crafts and stand inside a giant bubble. Get excited — it's bubble-palooza!

Week 3: June 15 – 18, Oooey Gooey, Markers & Gluey (No camp June 19)

Ages 4 – 6

Monday – Thursday, 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 oooey-gooey projects like slime and oobleck!

Week 4: June 22 – 26, Dino Digging and Daring Discoveries

Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Calling our junior paleontologists! Dinos 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?

Week 5: June 29 – July 2, Junior Color Battles: Active Art and Vibrant Adventures (No camp July 3)

Ages 4 – 6

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

Join us for a week of our favorite messy, colorful, artistic projects! From splatter painting to active artwork to process art, this week is full of it all! “Hues” going to join us?

Week 7: July 13 – 17, Fur-tastic Fairy Tails

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

Join us for a week focused on our favorite local mammals. We will be sprinkling in some of our favorite fairy tale animals as well! From skunks to unicorns, moles to mammoths, this week has them all.

Week 8: July 20 – 24, Outrageous Oceans and Wild Waters

Ages 4 – 6

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

All aboard! It's time for our voyage across the great blue. This week will dive in and see what ocean creatures we can find. We have our favorite crafts, games, and a visit to the sprayground waiting for you!

Week 9: July 27 – 31, Wild Wilderness and Western Whimsy

Ages 5 – 7

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

We are headed back to the wild, wild west! Horses, cowboy hats and rodeo-inspired crafts and activities are on the agenda. Mosey on over, we set out at dawn (or 9 a.m.)!

**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, March 9, 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! (AS)

Week 2: June 8 – 12, 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 include laser tag, archery tag, water tag, capture the flag and a Nerf battle! Games like dodgeball will be featured as well. Teams will be mixed up throughout the day.

Week 3: June 15 – 18, It's Not Rocket Science! Space and Sci-Fi Shenanigans (No camp June 19)

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Space and sci-fi week is back! Our focus will be centered on exploring the final frontier. We will bring in STEM and engineering design challenges, explore the science of the universe, and put some creative thinking to the test! All aboard, T-minus 10, 9, 8 ...

Week 4: June 22 – 26, The Amazing Race: Challenge Accepted

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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! We will use inflatable S.A.F.E. Archery equipment this week.

Week 5: June 29 – July 2, Color Battles: "Hues" Got Your Back? (No camp July 3)

Ages 9 – 13

Monday – Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Join us for a week of messy, colorful, artistic projects! From color powder battles to splatter painting to paint pouring, this week is full of it all! "Hues" going to join us?

Week 6: July 6 – 10, Culinary Adventures

Ages 9 – 13

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 13 – 17, STEM-sational!

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Week 8: July 20 – 24, Outside C.S.I.: Campfires, Survival Skills and Innovation (Field Trip Week)

Ages 9 – 13

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. On Wednesday, we will meet at Grant Park for hiking and creeking!

Week 9: July 27 – 31, Mission Objective: The Summer Saga

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

High-priority objective incoming! 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 10: August 3 – 7, 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 include laser tag, archery tag, water tag, capture the flag and a Nerf battle! Games like dodgeball will be featured as well. Teams will be mixed up throughout the day.

Online resident camp registration begins
Monday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.

Forts: Kingdoms and Castles with Stemily Studios

Ages 6 – 12

Monday – Friday, July 13 – 17

9:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, July 6

Step into a world of imagination and engineering! Campers will design, build and defend their own castles using creativity and teamwork. From crafting flags and crests to testing fort “defenses,” each day brings new challenges and plenty of outdoor fun. (KF)



STEM Park Adventures with Stemily Studios

Ages 6 – 12

Monday – Friday, July 13 – 17

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, July 6

Discover the science hidden all around the park! Campers will explore nature trails, experiment with simple machines and tackle hands-on STEM challenges inspired by the outdoors. It's the perfect mix of science, creativity and adventure! (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.

Garden to Table Cooking Camp

New!
Ages 12 – 17

Monday – Friday, June 22 – 26

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 14

June is one of the most abundant months for Ohio's farms and gardens, overflowing with colorful produce like crisp greens, sweet strawberries, tender squash and fragrant herbs. In this hands-on cooking camp with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling, budding chefs will learn how to transform freshly harvested ingredients into delicious, simple dishes that celebrate the season. From garden to plate, participants will explore where their food comes from, practice basic cooking skills and enjoy tasting the vibrant flavors of local summer harvests. (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this camp.

Cooking Around the World

Ages 12 – 17

Monday – Friday, June 22 – 26

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 14

Join Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling for a flavorful adventure as we explore cuisines from around the world! Each day highlights a new culture and its signature dishes, giving participants the chance to cook, taste and learn about global flavors and traditions. (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this camp.

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, June 22 – 24

(Rain date: Thursday, June 25)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, June 15

Camp B

Monday – Wednesday, July 6 – 8

(Rain date: Thursday, July 9)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, June 29

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)



**Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Equinox Celebration

All ages

Friday, March 20

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Welcome the spring season with a fun 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 the dog park)

Friday, March 27

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. (AS)



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)

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park

All ages

Friday, April 10

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Spread out on the Smith House lawn to enjoy a fun and relaxing early spring evening with your family and stuffed furry friends! Bring your own dinner and/or enjoy free light refreshments while supplies last. The event will include themed 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)

Allergens will be present in some of the free refreshments and other participants' meals.



Cue the Hue! Color Fun Run

All ages

Saturday, April 18

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 or light colored t-shirts are recommended for the most vibrant results.

T-shirts will be provided for the first 100 youth participants registered by March 20. Please register children individually.

The first 50 children to attend the event will receive a free popsicle from Frios Gourmet Pops! (AS)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Pickle-Luau!

All ages (Participants are required to be 8 years or older to play pickleball matches; anyone under 16 must have an adult guardian present)

Friday, April 24

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 22

Join us for a fun luau-themed evening of pickleball! We will turn the courts into a tropical party. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, and we will bring the leis and light refreshments.

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. We will make every effort to rotate teams through the courts frequently. (AS)

Celebrating All Mothers

All ages

Friday, May 8

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Bill Yech Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Celebrate all kinds of mothers with Mother Earth herself! Kick off Mother's Day weekend with flower bouquet making, floral photo opportunities, heartfelt crafts and live music from pianist Jimmy Douglass.

Registration is requested. (AB)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

New!



Movie Party in the Park: *Shrek*

All ages

Saturday, May 9

(Rain date: Saturday, May 16)

7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Yankee Park

7500 Yankee St.



Get outta the swamp and into the park for a night of movie party fun! We will kick off the adventure with games, crafts and some live donkey visitors from Learning Tree Farm!

Even an ogre would have fun! Enjoy dinner from Claybourne Grille and a dessert from Ginny's Philly Water Ice, or bring a picnic dinner.

At sunset, we will settle in for a showing of the 2001 classic hit, *Shrek!* This event is possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from Dayton Children's Hospital.



The Great Garden Race

All ages (stations recommended for ages 4 – 10)

Saturday, May 16

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

New!

Join us for an adventure in gardening! Race from station to station on our short, paved loop. At the end, take home your very own seed starters for a garden of your own! What kind of garden will you plant?

Registration is requested so that we can have an accurate number of gardening supplies for participants. (AS)



Penbrooke Garden Sale

All ages

Saturday, May 9

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)



Safety on Wheels

All ages

Sunday, May 17

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)

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 3
Holes Creek Park
8575 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 1

April Adventures

Tuesday, April 7
Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 5

May Adventures

Tuesday, May 5
Willowbrook Park
10225 Park Edge Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 3

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

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

LET NATURE BE YOUR TEACHER!

Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Turtles!

Tuesday, March 10

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 4

Birds!

Tuesday, April 14

Yankee Park

7500 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 8

Butterflies!

Tuesday, May 12

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 6

Let's get together and do a nature craft! We will complete crafts with nature/sensory themes, read stories, play games 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. (KF)

Spring Sensory Stations

Ages 2 – 5 with adult companion

Saturday, April 25

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Fee/child: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Saturday, April 18

Join us for a morning exploring the changing season with sensory stations! We will explore different themed stations relating to springtime! (LM)

Creative Kids Corner: Take-home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, March 12, April 9 & May 14

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 5

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! (LM)



Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee/child/session: \$4 nonresidents

Snails, Slugs and Slime

Thursday, March 19

Bill Yech Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 17

Snails and slugs are unique creatures. We will learn about their life cycles, habits and roles in the ecosystem! Join us for a hike and activity! Hike is on a natural path. (KL)

Bat's Amazing!

Thursday, April 16

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 14

Just in time for Bat Appreciation Day, we will spotlight the importance of bats in the ecosystem! Dress for a hike, and come prepared for bat-themed activities! (KL)

May Flowers

Thursday, May 21

Forest Walk Park
1193 Deer Run Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 19

Do April showers really bring May flowers? Join us for a short hike as we learn about the importance of pollinators in our ecosystems, wildflower characteristics and more! (KL)

New!

Little Movers Tech Fitness Fest

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

Monday, May 11

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Friday, May 8

Let's get moving! Children will enjoy participating in easy-to-follow song and dance videos made for preschoolers, followed by a hands-on activity that encourages movement, laughter and healthy fun! (AS)

Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.





CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 4 – 18)

Mom & Me Brunch

Ages 4 – 10 with adult companion

Sunday, May 3

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, April 27

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special 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 Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling for a delightful day of cooking, laughter and bonding over tasty dishes to enjoy together! (KL)

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

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

An Evening at Camp

Ages 5 – 12

Friday, May 1

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Are you excited for camp season to start again? We are too! So excited, in fact, we are bringing some camp fun early. Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities. The evening will end with s'mores and a campfire! (KF)



Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

Wednesdays, March 11 – April 15

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 1



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.

Class will be held indoors with the option to go outside when the weather permits.

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

Young Gardeners: Grow a Sunflower

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion

Tuesday, April 21

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 15

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. (KF)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Explorers

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, March 30

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, April 8 – May 13

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, April 6 – May 11

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)



Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 9

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7 AND/OR

May 12

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

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)

Mother's Day Craft Workshop

Ages 7 – 12

Sunday, April 26

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 19



There is nothing quite like receiving a handmade gift, especially when you're a mom! This workshop invites kids to make unique and special gifts just in time for Mother's Day. From handcrafted soap, fizzy bath bombs, nature-themed picture frames and DIY cards to pull it all together, your child will walk away with three special gifts, wrapped and ready for mom! (KF)

DIY Paper Making with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Tuesday, March 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 3

Turn scraps into something spectacular! In this hands-on class, kids will learn how to make their very own paper from recycled materials. They'll blend, pour and press to create colorful handmade sheets — perfect for writing notes, decorating or using in future crafts. (KF)

Mosaic Bird Ornaments with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Tuesday, April 14

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 7

Get ready to spread your creative wings! In this fun, hands-on class, kids will design and make their very own bird mosaic ornament. Using colorful acrylic tiles and a wooden bird base, each artist will create a one-of-a-kind design to take home and hang up for everyone to see. (KF)

Felt Flower Bouquet with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

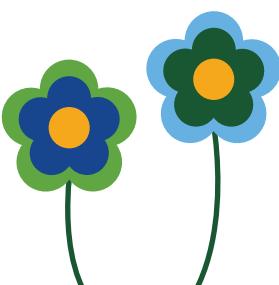
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 5

Let your creativity bloom! In this colorful class, kids will design and craft their very own bouquet of felt flowers. Using soft felt, pipe cleaners, and a little imagination, each artist will cut, twist and assemble vibrant flowers that never wilt. (KF)



Egg Hunt Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Sunday, March 29

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/child: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 26

Do you think you have what it takes to find the Golden Egg? Learn the basics of archery and put them to the test during an egg-stravagant egg hunt archery game! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (KL)

New!



Art-cher-y

Ages 8 – 15

Sunday, May 24

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/child: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 21

Have you ever painted a pink and blue tree using only cotton balls? This might be your chance! First, you'll learn the basics of archery. Then, you'll use your new skills to aim at the targets. Your arrows will determine the colors, tools and inspiration for an artistic masterpiece of your creation! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (KL)

New!

Sushi Roll Adventure

Ages 8 – 15

Tuesday, April 28

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 21

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)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Build-A-Boat

Ages 8 – 15

Tuesday, May 12

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 6

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)



Mad Science University

Ages 9 – 12

Wednesdays, May 6 – 27

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

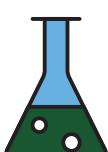
Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, April 27

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)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, March 5, April 2 AND/OR

May 7

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday 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)

Whimsical Wonders:

DIY Spring Decor

Ages 9 – 14

Friday, March 13

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, March 6

Your tween or teen can let their creativity shine with this DIY workshop! We will be making ribbon garlands, dried floral hanging wreaths and more! Perfect for adding a whimsical touch to any room! (LM)

New!

Brushstrokes and Blooms

Paint Class

Ages 11 – 16

Saturday, April 4

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, March 30

New!

Get creative this spring with watercolor! Use watercolor brush pens to bring a pre-outlined floral scene to life while you enjoy breakfast treats with friends! All supplies included. Participants will keep their watercolor paint pen set. (AB)

Barred owl spotted
at Young Birders
Club! Do you see it?



Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

Seed Nursery Care

Wednesday, April 8

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday, April 6

The native seed nursery needs some care this spring to ensure the plants thrive. Crew members will be helping with weeding out nonnative and aggressive plants. Please come prepared for the weather. (KL)



Young Birders Club: Southwest Chapter Meetings

Ages 12 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 8

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 12

May Conservation Project

Tuesday, May 12

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 10



Join the OYBC Southwest Chapter! Kettering PRCA and Centerville-Washington Park District are collaborating to bring the joy of birdwatching to our youth through the Ohio Young Birders Club.

Birdwatching and identification is a fun and rewarding hobby and a great place to make friends! In May, we will be planting native coneflowers to support birds.

Light snacks are provided. Participants must become members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. (KL)

See page 26
for information
about a pickleball
opportunity for
teens!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Build a Birdhouse

All ages

Friday, March 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, February 27

Let's flock together to build fantastical homes for bird families! Providing a birdhouse in your yard is an incredible way to connect your family to nature. We will assemble birdhouses, adding your own creative touches to the exterior. As you craft, you'll learn about backyard birds, nests, eggs and what to look forward to if birds move into your birdhouse! Each family will receive one birdhouse. (KF)

Intergenerational Tea Party

All ages

Sunday, March 8

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, February 27

Grandparents, enjoy a beautiful tea party in the park with your grandchildren! Enjoy light refreshments, assorted teas, themed crafts and activities. This will be a light-hearted and relaxing afternoon of family fun! (KF)



National Plant a Flower Day!

Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up

Thursday, March 12

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

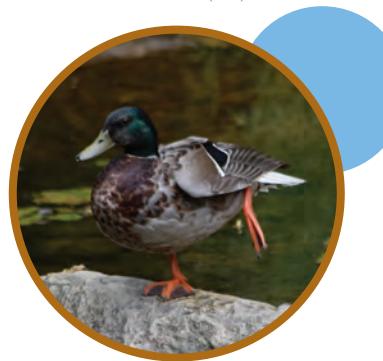
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/flowerpot: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 5

March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day! Decorate a flowerpot and choose a native flower to grow. While we craft, we will learn about different types of gardening and how flowers support wildlife. We will also learn about and explore the seed nursery, deciding which of our native wildflowers we are most excited to see this spring.

Register individually if your group would like more than one flowerpot. There will be an opportunity to explore the seed nursery at the end of the program, so make sure to dress for the weather! (KF)



Family Birdwatching Walk: Waterfowl That Wow!

All ages

Saturday, March 14

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 12

Ohio has entertained the world with legendary performers—and our wetlands put on a show of their own! As duck migration season begins, join us for a family-friendly birdwatching walk to search the ponds and creek for waterfowl and shorebirds. Along the way, we'll spotlight the incredible "star qualities" and adaptations that help these birds survive in the wild. Which feathered performers will we see taking the stage in our Ohio wetlands? (KL)

This program is part of the America 250-Ohio celebration.

Spring Seek 'n Find

New!

All ages

Friday, March 20 – Saturday, April 4

Bill Yeck Park, all entrances

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 2

Let's celebrate spring with a scavenger hunt! Five animals are hiding in Bill Yeck Park, ready to start their lifecycles! Each animal you find is another entry into our raffle for an animal-themed basket. Once you find an animal, scan the QR code and fill in the blanks about its lifecycle. Winners will be contacted on April 6. (KL)

Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Saturday, March 21

11:00 a.m. – noon

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, March 16

Explore the park through a photography scavenger hunt. Following the scavenger hunt, families will share photos with one another. 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)

Sandy Staycation with Now and Zen DIY

Ages 6 and up with an adult companion
(Adults can register to create their own terrarium)

Saturday, March 21

11:00 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 15

Kids and adults will enjoy creating sand art during this unique workshop. Choose vibrant sands, natural accents and air plants to design a one-of-a-kind terrarium that's as fun to make as it is beautiful to display. No experience needed — just bring your creativity! Create, unwind and let your imagination flow! (AB)

Online resident registration begins Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.

Plant & Play

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

Saturday, March 28

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

Create a succulent fairy garden together. Then, explore the Mark Kreusch Nature Playce and build an outdoor fairy home! (AB)

New!



Dancing Woodcocks

Ages 8 and up

Wednesday, April 1

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 30

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

Where are Oakley and Owlexander?

All ages

First clue released on April 3

Clues released each Friday in April

Registration deadline: Friday, April 24

Oakley and Owlexander are loose in the parks again! The two took off in hopes of finding all their friends at their favorite parks. Solve the riddles to find them hidden in the parks and share your pictures with us for a chance to win the grand champion hide-and-seek prize! Register to receive clues via email and get your family started on this park adventure! Clues will also be posted on Facebook. (KF)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Signs of Nature:

ASL Interpreted Hike

New!

All ages (suggested for adult family groups or those with children ages 8 and up)

Sunday, April 19

(Rain date: Sunday, April 26)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 12

This adapted hike welcomes all community members, especially those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, to enjoy a stunning hike through the meadows of Bill Yeck Park! An ASL interpreter will assist our naturalist in sharing facts about the wildlife, plants and ecosystems we will explore!

Hike will be approximately 1.5 miles over natural terrain. This program is in partnership with Community Services for the Deaf. (KF)

Did you know ASL interpretation can be requested for any CWPD program? Just make sure we are aware that this is a necessary accommodation for you.

Beautiful Blooms Wildflower Tour

All ages

Saturday, April 11

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 9

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)

Nature Fun: An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages (recommended for children 5 and under)

Fridays, April 17 & May 29

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. (KF)



Awesome Amphibians

All ages

Thursday, April 23

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 21

Frogs are not the only amphibians in our ecosystem. With nearly 40 amphibian species in Ohio, these indicator species are crucial for understanding our environment. Join us on a hike as we take a deeper look into this class of animals and how they shape the world we live in! (KL)

Butterfly Survey

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, April 25 AND/OR Saturday, May 16

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday prior to the survey

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Archery Game Night

Ages 8 and up

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/person: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, April 27

Join us for some family-friendly competition combined with archery! We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery and use the skills for bingo, battleship and more! All equipment is provided. No experience is necessary. (KL)

Love in Bloom

Ages 7 – 11 with adult companion **New!**

Saturday, May 9

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/parent and child: \$18 residents, \$24 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 3

While moms savor refreshments on the back patio, children will craft a heartfelt surprise. Then, everyone will enjoy a relaxing stroll through the park, enjoying the sights and sounds of nature. (AB)



Creating a Wildlife Habitat

All ages

Saturday, May 23

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/kit: \$40 residents, \$45 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 14

Commit to helping wildlife in your own backyard! Families will receive a kit and learn how to provide food, water, shelter and space to our local insects and birds. Families are encouraged to certify their backyards as an official habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. Families will receive native plants in addition to other supplies. Dress for a mess! (KL)

Life's Sketchbook **New!**

Ages 16 and up

Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 & May 5

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 29

Discover a fresh twist on junk journaling! In this creative, hands-on program, you'll transform everyday materials into a meaningful visual diary — a space for self-expression, reflection and creativity. Each session offers time to write about anything on your mind and decorate your journal with stickers, doodles, photos, memories and more. Junk journaling can be a therapeutic outlet, reducing stress and encouraging mindfulness. All journals and supplies will be provided as you craft a personalized scrapbook of your life in a calm, supportive environment. (AB)



Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 7

9:30 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 1

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)

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

—Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Land-based Crafting **New!**

Ages 18 and up

Join Beth Bridgeman, a full-time maker and weaver from Yellow Springs, in two unique workshop offerings this spring! Her expansive knowledge of land-based (nature-centered) making, crafting and life skills will guide participants and challenge them as they learn new skills and craft beautiful creations by hand.

Visible Mending Workshop

Monday, March 9

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$30 residents, \$39 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 25

What if worn fabric, rips, tears and other damage to clothing was an opportunity rather than a problem? Mending is a skill that teaches not only a form of fiber art but also contradicts our culture of use-and-waste. Beth will teach participants how to take worn clothing that may otherwise be discarded and create beautiful art that not only fixes, but fortifies. Bring your clothing in need of repair, or simply try out the skill on provided scrap fabric. All materials will be provided. (KF)

Cold Process Soap

Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 1

Learn to make soap through cold processing, using lye and fat to build bars, as well as essential oils and natural colorants. Participants will walk away with 8 – 10 bars of gentle, natural and handmade soap, along with information, history and the confidence to make their own soap at home. All materials are included. Light refreshments will be provided. (KF)

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Peaceful Paths with Now and Zen DIY

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, March 12

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/terrarium: \$52 residents, \$68
nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 8

Find calm and creativity as you design a peaceful miniature landscape complete with a charming bridge that symbolizes balance, mindfulness and life's journey. Choose from serene succulents, moss, stones and natural accents to craft your own tranquil scene ... a daily reminder to slow down, breathe and stay centered. (AB)



Glass Fusing

Ages 16 and up

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

Wind Dancers

Thursday, March 19

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 15

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)

Spring Birch Trees

Tuesday, March 31

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 24

Take in the sunshine and colors of spring through a 10.75" square of glass that you design with a beautiful spring birch tree scene. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will lead participants through our biggest glass fusing project of the season! (AB)

Whimsical Garden Décor

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 15

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)

Spring Daisy Suncatcher

Thursday, May 28

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 24

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! (AB)

Ladies' Night Out

Ages 18 and up

Friday, 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 5

It's ladies' night out with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! 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)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Beautiful Blooms

Wildflower Tour

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 28

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 26



Our spring wildflowers have amazing life histories. An instructor will take you on a tour of our trails and point out these short-lived treasures. (KL)

Watercolor & Printmaking Class with Renee Hopson

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, March 28

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

We will be exploring nature-themed imagery while combining watercolor painting with block printing. We will use 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)



Terracotta Succulent Tower with Now and Zen DIY

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, April 11

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

New!

Fee/terrarium: \$52 residents, \$68
nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 5

Build your own whimsical terracotta tower overflowing with vibrant succulents and natural accents. This fun, hands-on workshop lets you design a unique vertical garden that's eye-catching, space-saving and easy to care for — the perfect blend of creativity and charm! (AB)

Moss and Mocktails with Now and Zen DIY

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, May 2

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/terrarium: \$52 residents, \$68
nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Have a mom's morning out with "mimosas" while you design a beautiful 8" x 8" piece of wall art using preserved moss and other interesting natural elements. A truly unique accent for your home! (AB)

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Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Hops and Flops: Needle Felted Bunnies

New!

Ages 15 and up

Monday, March 30

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$16 residents, \$21 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

Hop into spring with your very own needle-felted rabbit! This beginner-friendly workshop will walk you through an introduction to needle felting before bouncing into your project. Walk away with your completed bunny, with personalized colors, ears and spring flower decor! (KF)

Backyard Birding Basics

Ages 14 and up

Thursday, April 2

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, March 30

Dive into the world of backyard bird ID, feeder care and conservation! First, we will learn about the species that visit our yards, as well as their favorite food sources. Then, we'll talk about the ways to feed these feathered friends, from the plants we grow to providing clean and safe bird feeders! Finally, we will learn how to practice bird conservation in our whole yard, from brush piles and water sources to keeping birds safe from window collisions.

We will end the program by building your own birdseed blend! (KF)

Peanuts will be present at this program.



Nature Journaling Through Watercolor with Renee Hopson

Ages 18 and up

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Trout Lily

Saturday, April 18

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 12

Landscapes

Saturday, May 30

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 24

These free nature journaling workshops are open to adults of all skill levels! Led by visual artist and designer Renee Hopson, this bring-your-own-material, loose workshop is meant to connect you and your craft to nature. Each workshop will have a different natural 'muse' to capture through watercolor designs. Both sessions include short walks in the park. (KF)

Hike with a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

April Hike

Thursday, April 9

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 7

May Hike

Thursday, May 14

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 12

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)

Sunset and Strategy

Game Night

New!

Ages 18 and up

Friday, April 17

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 12

Join the Centerville-Washington Park District and the Washington-Centerville Public Library for a relaxing evening of games in the park! Enjoy a mix of outdoors-themed board games, giant lawn games, and nature-inspired puzzles — there's something for everyone. Snacks and drinks will be provided as you play indoors and out while enjoying the sunset over the meadow. (AB)



Native Garden Design

with Dayton Area Wild Ones

New!

Ages 14 and up

Friday, April 24

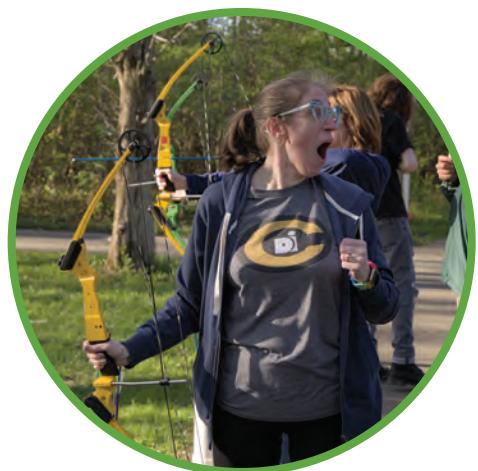
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Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 21

Join Dayton Area Wild Ones President Kari Carter and Brooke Medlin, Co-owner of Meadowsweet Ecological Landscapes, for a presentation on planning and designing a garden for wildlife. After the presentation, they will answer questions and offer information about local resources for planting for wildlife. Each participant will receive native seed packets to get started! (KL)



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Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Cyanotypes and Lumen Prints

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, May 2

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Learn two historical camera-less photographic processes while creating beautiful botanical images with local artist and educator Heather Ballard. We will collaborate with the sun and the park's natural resources to create frameable works of art! All supplies are included. You may bring flowers or leaves from your yard or garden! (AB)

Women's Wildflower Hike

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, May 21

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, May 18

This hike invites women who are looking to make friends, get outdoors and learn about wildflowers. Observe the sights and sounds of nature while you grow your community! (KF)

New!

Art-chery

Ages 16 and up

Sunday, May 24

6:15 – 7:45 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, May 21

Have you ever painted a pink and blue tree using only cotton balls? This might be your chance! First, you'll learn the basics of archery. Then, you'll use your new skills to aim at the targets. Your arrows will determine the colors, tools and inspiration for an artistic masterpiece of your creation! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (KL)

New!

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

ADULT WELLNESS

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 3 – April 7

Registration deadline: Friday, February 27

Session B

Thursdays, March 5 – April 9

Registration deadline: Monday, March 2

Session C

Tuesdays, April 14 – May 19

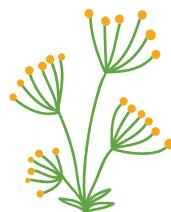
Registration deadline: Friday, April 10

Session D

Thursdays, April 16 – May 21

Registration deadline: Monday, April 13

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)



Wildflower Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, April 30

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Chimneys Fire Circle
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 28

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 21

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 19

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 3 – May 28

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! (AS)

Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, March 3 – May 29

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! (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 3 – May 29

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)

Moms Walk and Talk

Ages 18 and up

Mondays, March 2 – May 18

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Fee/person: \$10 nonresidents

Start your week with some mom talk! We will meet near the shelter for introductions then walk along the park's paved path. A local mom will lead the group and will have various discussion topics. Feel free to bring your younger children in carriers or strollers.

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

All children are welcome to attend a fun park play date on Monday, March 23, during Spring Break.

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 4 – May 27

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors! 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! (AS)

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 11 – October 28

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.

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 4 – April 15

(No class April 1)

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 1

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

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Session A

Tuesdays, April 14 – May 26 (No class May 5)

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 12

Session B

Thursdays, April 16 – May 21

Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 14

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

Fitness for Longevity

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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

Session A

Mondays, March 9 – April 13

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

Registration deadline: Friday, March 6

Session B

Wednesdays, March 11 – April 15

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

Registration deadline: Monday, March 4

Session C

Mondays, April 20 – May 25

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

Registration deadline: Friday, April 17

Session D

Wednesdays, April 22 – May 27

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

Registration deadline: Monday, April 20

Get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout, a blend of mindfulness and functional movement for vitality and longevity. This class is designed to help you maintain the strength, mobility and power at age 100 that you have now. Accomplished through the incorporation of strength, cardio, power, balance and mindfulness focused on gratitude, forgiveness and compassion. You'll work motor units — which disappear if we don't use them — and all types of muscle, from slow twitch to fast twitch. All levels are welcome. Taught by Dan Loofboro. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

Injury Prevention Workshop with Airrosti

Ages 16 and up (under 18 requires adult companion)

Thursday, April 9

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 8

Airrosti's Sr. Recovery Specialist Adelle Scott will teach you how to manage, reduce and eliminate musculoskeletal pain through preventative self-myofascial release techniques using a foam roller, lacrosse ball and banded exercises. This class will focus on injury prevention. An optional, free range-of-motion health assessment administered by Airrosti Rehab Center, LLC is available. (AS)

XO Strength

Ages 18 and up

New!

Saturday, April 18

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 2

A full-body workout designed to build strength, endurance and mobility using only your bodyweight. Expect a mix of dynamic movements and core work. No equipment needed, just bring your mat and get ready to move! Come try out this preview of XO's classes! Please bring a bottle of water. (AS)

Bike Centerville Community Ride

Ages 18 and up

Sunday, May 17

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday, May 14

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

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: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents

April Session

Tuesdays, March 31 – April 21

Registration deadline: Friday, March 27

May Session

Tuesdays, May 5 – May 26

Registration deadline: Friday, May 1

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)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Looking for a fresh way to stay active outdoors? **Oak Grove Park** offers a great fitness option for all abilities!

The park features two types of outdoor exercise equipment. The ENERGI™ system is designed for active individuals ages 13 and up, while the LifeTrail® system is ideal for adults ages 50 and over. The LifeTrail® system also includes ADA-accessible equipment, making it welcoming for a wide range of users.

Each piece includes easy-to-follow instructions, and you can scan codes with your mobile device to watch short instructional videos.

Oak Grove Park is located at 1790 E. Social Row Rd. and is open daily during daylight hours. Stop by and enjoy a workout in the fresh air!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.



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 29 – May 3

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 15

Session B

Sundays, May 10 – June 14

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Six Franklin X-40 pickleballs per team are included and can be picked up from Park District Headquarters before 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.

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 30 – May 6

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 15

Session B

May 11 – June 17

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. 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.	Intermediate/Advanced (Session B only)
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	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!

Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up

April 5 – June 15

(No scheduled matches Memorial Day Weekend)
6:00 p.m.

Various locations

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

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



Pickleball Mixed 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 15

Session B

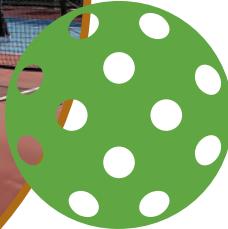
May 12 – June 18

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 26

Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. 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.



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 9.

Online (first day of registration is online only)

Visit cwpd.recdesk.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 March 2. 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 CWPD 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 9
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, February 16
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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