



CSPARKS KIDS

OCTOBER 2011

Ghoulish Fun Returns for Halloween

Halloween is approaching fast, so get your costumes ready for a month packed full of spooky events for all ages.

The fun kicks off with a teen trip to Fright Fest at Great America on Monday, Oct 10, 10am - 7:30pm. Kids in Grades 6-9 can tackle the rollercoasters and haunted houses at Great America. Transport and admission included. (Code 25932)

On Saturday, Oct 15, 6-7:30pm, children ages 12-15 can take part in our first ever Ghost Hunting adventure at Bartlett Nature Center. The evening will explore the tools and theories of paranormal investigation to answer the question: "Do ghosts really exist?" (Code 25813)

The popular Haunted Halloween Happening returns to Armstrong Park on Friday, Oct. 21, 6 - 9pm, with a spooky hayride, bounce house, games, crafts and treats for kids aged 1-10yrs. (Code 25933) Also on Oct 21 from 7-7:45pm at Armstrong Park is the third annual Howl'oween Dog Parade & Costume



Contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best dog Halloween costume and the best couples costume (dog and owner)! (Code 25934)

Children aged 1-5 years will also have the chance to have Breakfast with Dracula on Saturday, Oct. 29, 9-11am, at Simkus Recreation Center, with games, crafts, dancing and more! (Code 25935). To close out the spooky fun, head to Bartlett Nature Center on Saturday Oct. 29 from 4-8pm, for a Halloween Bash for children 2yrs+. Play spooky games, explore the center's ghoulish night hike, and create eerie delights. (Code 25816)

Register by October 10 for Boys Youth Fall Basketball

Save on registration fees for youth fall basketball leagues by registering before October 10. Also, you guarantee your place and avoid the waitlist. Grades 1-2 are coed leagues. Kids will improve their skills and make new friends in this house league. Players wear a reversible jersey available for purchase. Practices are twice a week before season starts, then one practice

and one game per week. Grades 1-6 games played on Saturdays; grades 7-8 games played on Sundays.

Volunteer coaches are needed for this league. Please email justinn@csparks.org for a coach application form.

CSPARKS EVENTS

Pottery for Kids

Saturday, Oct 1

Clay Creations at Aldrin Community Center or Mudpies & Storytime at Simkus Recreation Center.

Babysitting for Success

Thursdays, Oct 6 - 27

Fire Station #1, Kuhn Rd, ages 10+

School's Out Nature Exploration

Friday, Oct 7

Games, crafts and more at Bartlett Nature Center

Canoe the Lagoon - Autumn Tour

Saturday, Oct. 8

Paddle the lagoon at Northside Park

Youth Boys Winter Basketball

League Registration Deadline

Monday, Oct 10

Family Geocaching

Saturday, Oct 15

Use GPS units to find hidden treasure at Lincoln Marsh

Family Pottery Workshop

Saturday, Oct 15

Create a Jack-O-Lantern without the mess of a real pumpkin at Aldrin Community Center

Halloween Candy

Saturday, Oct 22

Create your own Halloween candy at Aldrin Community Center.

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October is Free Fitness Month

Workout for free in October! Pick up your six-class MyChoice Fitness Pass Punch and try any of our October MyChoice fitness classes for free! That's 16 different fitness class options, with classes held seven days a week! All classes are held at Simkus Recreation Center.

Register for your Punch Pass at Simkus Recreation Center, 849 W.Lies Rd., Carol Stream, IL

The offer is for one registration per person and is not valid for active MyChoice fitness members or individuals who have had an active MyChoice fitness punch as of April 2011. Must be 14 years +. View csparks.org for full terms and conditions.

Bark Park Grand Opening on October 15

Join us on October 15 at 10:30am as we officially open the new off-leash dog park - Bark Park Carol Stream, with a ribbon-cutting event.

The park at Kuhn Rd and North Ave features fenced areas for small and large dogs. Bark Park users must purchase an annual pass for the dog park at Simkus Recreation Center for \$29 Res/\$49 Non-Res per household.

All passes sold in 2011 will be good through Dec 31 2012. For more details visit csparks.org/barkpark

Also on October 15 at 10:15am is the official opening of the new trail that links Volunteer Park and Kuhn Road to Red Hawk Park via the North Avenue underpass.

Plan a No Mess No Stress Party with Us!

Take the mess and stress out of birthday parties by holding your next party at the Carol Stream Park District.

Park district parties are available in basic (starting at \$139) and party plus (starting at \$185) packages, which include a variety of food and drink options. Gymnastics, Dance and Theme parties can be planned.

Two weeks notice is required to book a party. Visit Simkus Recreation Center to book your party or call one of our birthday party organizers at 630-784-6100 for more information.

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ACTiV Time

Days Off Trips For Grades K-6

Pickup/Drop-off: Simkus Recreation Center
Hours: 12:00pm – 4:00pm Fee: \$19 /\$29 R/NR

Brunswick Bowling – October 10

Two hours of bowling, shoes, and 10 arcade tokens. Code: 25218

Indoor Swimming – November 11

Afternoon of swimming at Bartlett Park District's Indoor Pool. Don't forget your swim suit and towel. Code: 25220

Visit www.csparks.org/activkids for registration details

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>> word is out! It's time to get
unleashed!!!

Bark Park Grand Opening Oct 15

Annual licenses available at Simkus Recreation Center

Full year pass	\$29 Res	\$49 Non-Res
Half year pass	\$19 Res	\$29 Non-Res

Visit csparks.org/barkpark for rules & hours

 **bark park**
Carol Stream

Get unleashed at Kuhn Rd & North Ave. Parking available at Volunteer Park