

## **Cantigny Park Offers Free Weekly Programs for Kids**

**WHEATON, IL, May 30, 2012** — When school is out, Cantigny Park is in! This summer, Cantigny will offer weekly afternoon programs for children that are free, fun and educational. No preregistration is necessary, and adults pay only for parking (\$5 per car).

The following Drop-In Programs will be offered:

- **History Alive!**  
Thursdays starting June 7 (through August 30)  
1- 3 pm  
First Division Museum  
Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to learn about a different war each week, starting with the American Revolution. Dress in the uniform of a soldier, and interact with artifacts, games and crafts from the time period.
- **Education Cart**  
Tuesdays starting June 5 (through July 31)  
1- 3 pm  
First Division Museum  
Children ages 6 to 12 can explore a different theme each week and learn something new about our country's military history. Inventions from World War II, combat canines and the evolution of helmets are just a few of the scheduled topics.
- **Wild Wednesdays**  
Wednesdays starting June 13 (through August 8)  
1-3 pm  
Visitors Center backyard  
Kids from 3 to 10 will enjoy hands-on nature exploration through games and crafts. Each week will have a theme, such as insects, birds or flowers. This outdoor program will not be held during inclement weather.

Cantigny Park offers a wide range of summer programming for children, including art classes, Camp Cantigny, concerts and Movies in the Park. Many activities and events are free with paid parking. The complete schedule of summer events, classes and concerts is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

Cantigny is open every day throughout the summer from 7 am to dusk. Parking fees are \$5 per vehicle or \$2 off-peak (before 10 am and after 5 pm). Annual memberships starting at \$50 include unlimited free parking.

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### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor

and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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