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JULY/AUGUST EVENTS, CONCERTS & CLASSES AT CANTIGNY PARK

The following activities will take place at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. Additional details are online at Cantigny.org or call 630.668.5161.

JULY

Friday, July 1

Floral Design Workshop: Red, White & Blue

Greenhouse, 6 pm

Create three containers full of patriotic blossoms and blooms, along with festive touches of your choosing. Instruction by Alicia Cassidy. All materials provided. Call 630.260.8162 or visit Cantigny.org to register. \$50 per person. Parking free.

Friday, July 1

Movie in the Park: "National Treasure"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Sunday, July 3

Free Children's Concert: Miss Jamie's Farm

Bandshell, 12 pm

Miss Jamie and her puppet friends from the farm will take the audience on a magical barnyard adventure in a sing-along, dance-along show that's fun for kids and grownups alike. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, July 3

Free Concert: The Fortunate Sons

Bandshell, 3 pm

This Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band brings the ultimate CCR experience to the stage. Each member of The Fortunate Sons was chosen to portray the playing style and appearance of CCR in its prime. Vintage instruments and costumes complete the look! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

FEATURED EVENT!

Monday, July 4

Free Concert: Big Band Boom!

Bandshell, 3 pm

Enjoy patriotic music and swing music favorites at this special Independence Day performance. Big Band Boom featuring vocalist Candace Washburn is an 18-piece modern jazz orchestra from Chicago that looks forward to its Cantigny Park debut! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Tuesday, July 5

Idea Garden

Visitors Center, 11 am

Join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's "garden for gardeners." Take home some great ideas for your own garden! Free with parking (\$5).

Wednesday, July 6

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Terrific Turtles." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, July 6

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Reptile Mania." The class also meets July 13 and 20. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

FEATURED EVENT!

Wednesday, July 6

Date with History: "Hell Before Their Very Eyes"

Visitors Center, 7:30 pm

Military historian John C. McManus sheds new light on this often-overlooked aspect of the Holocaust. His new book, "Hell Before Their Very Eyes," describes the experiences of American soldiers who liberated German concentration camps in April 1945. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Thursday, July 7

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Reptile Mania." The class also meets July 14 and 21. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, July 8

Movie in the Park: "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Saturday, July 9

"Purple Martins 101"

Cantigny Golf, 8:30 am

Learn all about one of America's favorite birds from Cantigny volunteer Ray Feld. The presentation will include an up-close look inside one of the martin "hotels." Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton. Free program and parking.

Saturday, July 9

Second Saturday: Vintage Base Ball

Parade Field, 12 to 3 pm

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Activities this month will take place alongside Cantigny's vintage

“base ball” tournament and focus on how children had fun in the 1850s. Check out the hands-on station or make a toy that creates optical illusions. Free program; parking \$10.

Saturday, July 9

Vintage Base Ball Tournament

Parade Field, 12 to 3 pm

Pull up a hay bale and witness “America’s Pastime” as it was played during Civil War times, under the rules of 1858. Clubs scheduled to appear: DuPage Plowboys, Chicago Salmon, Milwaukee Grays and Munster Centennials. Free with parking (\$10).

Saturday, July 9

College of DuPage Theater: “Moustache Tales”

Bandshell, 3 pm

This playful performance by COD’s Theater Department features three original stories about the world above your lip! Directed by Amelia Barrett, “Moustache Tales” is ideal for families and everyone is encouraged to participate. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, July 9

Concert: Dick Diamond and The Dusters

First Division Museum, 8 pm

Take a trip down memory lane with Chicagoland’s wackiest and most notorious cast of characters, playing the best pop-dance favorites from the last four decades. Tickets for this special-event outdoor concert are \$10 in advance or free for kids 7 and under.

Tickets purchased the week of show are \$15. Buy online at Cantigny.org, call 630.260.8162 or visit the Cantigny Shop. Parking free for ticketholders. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome.

FEATURED EVENT!

Sunday, July 10

Free Concert: Walt Whitman’s Soul Children of Chicago

First Division Museum, 3 pm

Walt Whitman, Jr. directs this world-class performance group, a non-denominational, non-profit educational organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth in Chicago and beyond. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

Sunday, July 10

Nancy Neill Jewelry Trunk Show

Visitors Center, 11 am to 3 pm

Meet Fox Valley jewelry designer Nancy Neill, creator of one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry made with found objects, beads, natural stones, charms, chains and other items. Free event; parking \$10.

Monday, July 11

Camp Cantigny

9 am to 12 pm (5 days)

Kids ages 7-10 are invited to Cantigny for a week of fun and exploration. Each day takes campers to a different part of the park for activities, games, crafts and discoveries. Camp concludes on July 15. Cost \$105. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Monday, July 11

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! The theme is Art Around the World. Class meets three consecutive Mondays, concluding on July 25. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162

Tuesday, July 12

Wee Heart Music Sing-A-Long

Education Center, 9:30 am, 10:30 am OR 11:30 am

This is the first of three classes meeting on Tuesdays through July 26. Choose from three start times; each class is 45 minutes. Ideal for ages 6 and under, this class is fun for the whole family and features interactive parent-child songs, chants, dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at Cantigny.org. Cost: \$44 for first child; \$32 for siblings. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, July 12

The Spirited Botanist

Grape Arbor, 6:30 pm

Enjoy a summer evening botanical cocktail in the gardens! Host Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture will demonstrate a cocktail (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties) that features a fruit, vegetable, herb and/or edible flower as the main ingredient. Advance registration required. Cost: \$25. Parking free.

Wednesday, July 13

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Slithering Snakes." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, July 13

Military Science: Rockets

First Division Museum, 1 to 3 pm

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different kinds of model rockets. All participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$15; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, July 13

Gardens Bike Tour

Visitors Center, 6:30 pm

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens and other park attractions. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

Friday, July 15

Storytime in the Garden with the Winfield Public Library

Visitors Center, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Ms. Nuccia Choate at the library for further details and reservations 630.653.7599. Free program and parking fee waived for those who preregister with the library.

FEATURED EVENT!

Friday, July 15

Family Night: Tinkering, Music and Cars!

Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

The park's popular Friday Family Night series continues! Tinkering School Chicago will be on hand with their "Wild Little Machine" program and country rocker Joe Kalish will provide the tunes. It's also Cruise Night (bring your cool wheels) and stay for Movie in the Park ("Smokey and the Bandit") at 8:30 pm. Free with parking (\$5).

Friday, July 15

Movie in the Park: "Smokey and the Bandit"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Sunday, July 17

Free Children's Concert: ScribbleMonster

Bandshell, 12 pm

Kids want to sing, dance and get creative when ScribbleMonster performs. This award-winning group delivers a high-energy, play-along rock concert the whole family can enjoy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

Sunday, July 17

Free Concert: Second Time Around

Bandshell, 3 pm

This 9-member classic rock band from Barrington strives for accuracy and passion in every performance. Cantigny's mighty oak trees will be shaking when this group rocks the bandshell. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

FEATURED EVENT!

Sunday, July 17

Shakespeare in the Park: "Two Gentlemen of Verona"

Cantigny Gardens, 6 pm

The Midsummer Theater Company presents an outdoor Shakespearean play surrounded by the beautiful Cantigny gardens. Tickets are \$10; kids 7 and under free. Parking free. Visit Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Rain date for this event is July 24.

Monday, July 18

LEGO® Camp (5 days)

Visitors Center, Medill Room

9 am to 12 pm (ages 5-6)

1 to 4 pm (ages 7-12)

Kids will have fun with their favorite building system on this camp focusing on construction vehicles and machines. Skilled instructors will guide an exploration of the engineering concepts and vocabulary behind large-scale building equipment like streamrollers, bulldozers, wrecking balls and tower cranes. Two camp sessions per day based on age. Camp concludes on July 22. Cost \$140; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Monday, July 18

Golf Course Cart Tour

Cantigny Golf, 6:30 pm

See and learn about the elaborate floral plantings on Cantigny's scenic 27-hole golf course. Guests will travel in golf carts on this unique tour focusing on flowerbeds, restored natural areas, majestic trees and more. Todd Henderson, head forester, and Craig Kruckenberg, horticulture manager, will guide. Advance registration required and

group size limited to 50. Visit Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Meet at Cantigny Golf at 6:15 pm (27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton). Cost: \$5; parking free.

Wednesday, July 20

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Reptile Mania." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, July 20

Garden Photo Tips

Visitors Center, 6:30 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

Thursday, July 21

Storytime in the Garden with the West Chicago Public Library

Visitors Center, 10 to 10:30 am

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Patrina Garza at PGarza@westchicago.lib.il.us. Free program and parking fee waived for those who preregister with the library.

Friday, July 22

Military Science: Rockets

First Division Museum, 1 to 3 pm

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different kinds of model rockets. All participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$15; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, July 22

Free Kids' Concert: Dave Rudolf's Beach Party

Bandshell, 7 pm

A favorite performer returns for another fun and silly beach party featuring hula hooping, bubble machines, limbo and more. Come sing and dance, then stay for Movie in the Park at 8:30 ("School of Rock"). Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Friday, July 22

Movie in the Park: "School of Rock"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Saturday, July 23

Vintage Base Ball Tournament

Parade Field, 11 am to 3 pm

Pull up a hay bale and witness "America's Pastime" as it was played during Civil War times, under the rules of 1858. Clubs scheduled to appear: DuPage Plowboys, Lemont Quarrymen, Creston Regulators and Somonauk Blue Stockings. Free with parking (\$10).

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, July 23

West Suburban Symphony Orchestra

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Enjoy a Ravinia-style outdoor concert as the West Suburban Symphony and Maestro Peter Lipari present "Blockbusters," a celebration of the best music from the silver screen. Tickets are in the form of a Symphony Passport, \$30 in advance or \$35 the week of show. Cantigny members pay \$25. A Passport admits one car and its occupants. Purchase tickets at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Tickets also are available at the Cantigny Shop. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome.

Sunday, July 24

Free Concert: Morry Sochat & The Special 20s

Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm

This band brings a fresh sound to the blues music scene, mixing classic Chicago blues with swing and rock n' roll from the 1950s. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Thursday, July 28

STEAM: Catapult Building and Simple Machines

First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm

Students ages 8-11 will learn about different types of catapults and the simple machines that power them. They will also work in a group to assemble and launch a catapult. This class is excellent preparation for those interested in entering the annual Cantigny Catapult Contest on October 29, but it's also a fun introduction to the science of flinging things! Cost: \$15; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, July 29

Movie in the Park: "50 First Dates"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 31

Pan-African Cultural Festival

Parade Field, 11 am to 9 pm

"Panafest" is a two-day celebration of the colorful and rich traditions of multiple African nations. Many forms of African art and culture will be represented, including native crafts, fine art, music, dance and culinary. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, July 31

Free Children's Concert: Super Stolie Guacamole!

Bandshell, 12 pm

This act's high-energy style and blend of kid-friendly pop-rock songs and audience participation encourages everyone to be silly and have a good time with music. Don't miss this special bilingual performance complete with a guacamole-making demo! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

Sunday, July 31

Free Concert: Trio Zafiro

Bandshell, 3 pm

If you enjoy authentic mariachi music then don't miss this performance by the best band around. Olé! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

AUGUST

Monday, August 1

Cantigny Post 556 American Legion Pasta Dinner

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 4:30 to 8:30 pm

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion invites the community to a delicious fundraiser! Enjoy a wonderful all-you-can-eat pasta dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Cantigny's award-winning culinary team. Cost: \$10 per person or \$3 for ages 4 and under. No reservations needed. Free parking.

Tuesday, August 2

Tour: Rose Garden

Visitors Center, 11 am

Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture will interpret and share one of the estate's most popular attractions, the Rose Garden. The 12,000 square foot garden is home to more than 1,000 rose bushes of nearly 75 varieties. Free with parking (\$5).

Wednesday, August 3

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Water Wonders." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, August 3

Military Science: Rockets

First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different kinds of model rockets. All participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$15; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, August 3

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Water, Water Everywhere." The one-hour class also meets August 10 and 17. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Thursday, August 4

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Water, Water Everywhere." The one-hour class also meets August 11 and 18. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

FEATURED EVENT!

Thursday, August 4

McCormick Day

Parkwide, 10 am to 9 pm

A full day of family fun is planned as the park celebrates the birthday of Cantigny benefactor Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). Kids will enjoy vintage games and crafts that recall a simpler time on the farm. Of course there will be cake cutting, too! The special day will be capped by a Ravinia-like concert by the Chicago Sinfonietta at 7:30

pm outside the First Division Museum. The entire day is free, including parking and the evening concert—Cantigny’s annual “thank you” to the community.

FEATURED EVENT!

Thursday, August 4

Free Concert: Chicago Sinfonietta

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Cantigny is pleased to welcome Maestro Mei-Ann Chen and the innovative Chicago Sinfonietta for a rare outdoor performance capping off the park’s annual McCormick Day celebration. The first half of this special evening of music will be pure Americana featuring Charles Ives’ “Variations on America” and selections from Aaron Copland. After a brief intermission, the Sinfonietta will welcome members of the Mosaic Choir from Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora. Music will include Alexander Borodin’s Polovtsian Dances followed by the evening’s grand finale, Tchaikovsky’s ever-popular “1812 Overture.” Because the setting is Cantigny, actual cannon fire is a real possibility! The concert is Cantigny’s gift to the community. No tickets are required, and parking also is complimentary. Seating is on the lawn outside the museum; chairs or blankets are suggested. Fancy picnics welcome!

Friday, August 5

Movie in the Park: “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade”

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, August 6

Dog Days at Cantigny

Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Bring your furry best friend and enjoy everything canine at this 8th annual event. Lots of special entertainment for all ages plus vendor exhibits and sales. All dogs must have current vaccination tags and be social with others. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, August 7

Floral Design Workshop: Flowers with Friends

Greenhouse, 1 pm

Grab a friend and join Alicia Cassidy for this class on how to construct a bouquet when you receive flowers as a gift. Participants are asked to bring a sleeve of blooms from the grocery store. Cantigny will furnish extra flowers, a vase and practical advice that is sure to come in handy. Call 630.260.8162 or visit Cantigny.org to register. \$40 per person. Parking free.

Sunday, August 7

Free Concert: Piece o’ Chord

Bandshell, 1:30 pm

Piece o’ Chord is a female barbershop quartet, an offshoot of Misty River Music Makers, the Fox Valley’s premier women’s a cappella chorus. Next Tuesday Band will follow Piece o’ Chord on stage at 3 pm. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, August 7

Free Concert: Next Tuesday Band

Bandshell, 3 pm

Next Tuesday is 4-person band from Lisle playing acoustic versions of your favorite pop, rock and country songs. The band’s upbeat sound mixes acoustic guitar, bass guitar and keyboards with amazing male and female vocal harmonies. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Tuesday, August 9
OPUS Chamber Music Concert
Education Center, 4 to 5:30 pm

OPUS brings their Chamber Music in the Park Series to Cantigny for this “Listen to Our Young Artists” concert. Chamber musicians (ages 8-22) will perform compositions by masters such as Mozart, Bach, Mendelssohn and Haydn for small ensembles of three to five players featuring violin, viola, cello, contrabass, flute, clarinet and piano. The concert is free with paid parking (\$5). OPUS is dedicated to supporting young musicians. For more information visit www.napOPUS.org.

Tuesday, August 9
The Spirited Botanist
Cantigny Allée, 6:30 pm

Enjoy a summer evening botanical cocktail in the gardens! Host Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture will demonstrate a cocktail (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties) that features a fruit, vegetable, herb and/or edible flower as the main ingredient. Advance registration required. Cost: \$25. Parking free.

Wednesday, August 10
Inchworms Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is “Water, Water Everywhere.” Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, August 10
Outdoor Composting Workshop
Education Center, 7 to 8 pm

Learn the basics of backyard composting including various compost bin options at this free workshop. You'll save money and conserve water while creating a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Kay McKeen from SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) will instruct. Free event, including parking. Advance registration requested: Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Thursday, August 11
Gardens Bike Tour
Visitors Center, 6:30 pm

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens and other park attractions. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT!

Friday, August 12
Perseid Meteor Shower Star Party with Adler Planetarium
Parade Field, 6 to 12 pm

See and learn about “shooting stars”—which are actually meteors—as they blaze through the night sky! Plus, enjoy live music, scavenger hunt for kids, hands-on science activities and presentations by Adler astronomers. This popular event sold out in 2015. For additional event and ticket information, visit adlerplanetarium.org/perseid, call 312.322.0332 or email supportadler@adlerplanetarium.org. Advance sales end on August 11 at midnight. Rain or shine event!

Saturday, August 13
Second Saturday: Paper Making
Education Center, 12 to 3 pm

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Robert McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor, made his fortune in the newspaper business. Come try your hand at making the raw material that he depended on! Paper making is fun but a little messy, so be prepared. Free with parking (\$10).

Saturday, August 13
Free Concert: U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America
First Division Museum, 3 pm

The band's newest group, "Roots in Blue," will perform an eclectic combination of old and new American rock, blues, country and folk music. The six-piece ensemble features instruments such as Irish pennywhistle, accordion, bodhrán, upright bass, guitar, banjo and bagpipes. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

FEATURED EVENT!

Sunday, August 14
French Connection Day
Parade Field, 9 am to 4 pm

Enjoy a day-long festival of music, food, art and family fun as Cantigny celebrates everything France—all to commemorate the personal history of the park's benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. (Cantigny is named after the small village north of Paris where Colonel McCormick fought in the Battle of Cantigny in 1918.) Enjoy live musical entertainment and have your photo taken by the park's Eiffel Tower replica, too! Free with parking (\$10).

Wednesday, August 17
Inchworms Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Fun with Water." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, August 17
Stroller Fitness Class
Parkwide, 9:30 am

Join FIT4MOM for a fun and beneficial 60-minute workout that includes cardio, strength and balance training. Expert fitness instructors and participants sing songs, play games and blow bubbles to keep the children engaged. First class is free. For more information or to register, visit glenellynwheaton.fit4mom.com.

Wednesday, August 17
Garden Photo Tips
Visitors Center, 5:30 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

Wednesday, August 17
Storytime in the Garden with the West Chicago Public Library
Visitors Center, 6 to 7 pm

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Patrina Garza at PGarza@westchicago.lib.il.us. Free program and parking fee waived for those who preregister with the library.

FEATURED EVENT!

Friday, August 19

Family Night: Scavenger Hunt, Music & Cars!

Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

The park's popular Friday Family Night series continues! Events will include a scavenger hunt outside the First Division Museum and a guided walking tour of the museum's historic Army tanks. Country rocker Joe Kalish will provide live music and it's also Cruise Night so bring your cool wheels. Stay for Movie in the Park ("Smokey and the Bandit") at 8:30 pm. All free with parking (\$5).

Friday, August 19

Movie in the Park: "Grease"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

American Indian Veterans Celebration

Bandshell area, 11 am

Spectators are welcome during this two-day gathering of native veterans. Music, art, dance, guest speakers and award presentations are all part of this second-annual national event at Cantigny. For details visit trickstergallery.com.

Sunday, August 21

Free Children's Concert: Wendy & DB

First Division Museum, 12 pm

Fun songs with positive lyrics are the hallmark of this award-winning twosome. Wendy & DB's interactive children's music show is perfect entertainment for kids and families! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, August 21

Free Concert: R Gang

Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm

R-Gang specializes in R&B music from the Motown era through the 90's. The band's musical expertise and showmanship combine for exciting entertainment the whole family will enjoy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Friday, August 26

Movie in the Park: "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial"

Bandshell, 8:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

Saturday, August 27

Free Concert: Northwest Concert Band

First Division Museum, 3 pm

This 65-member group, expertly conducted by Ralph Wilder, is one of Chicagoland's premier community concert bands. NCB concerts feature a large variety of musical genres such as classical, marches, Broadway, pop, rock, swing and jazz. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

Sunday, August 28

ClaySpace Pottery Show

Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm

Artists will exhibit and offer for sale a variety of handmade and one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces such as platters, bowls, wall sculptures, vases, soap dishes and jewelry.

ClaySpace is a nonprofit clay arts studio located in Warrenville and home to a community of resident artists. Free with paid parking (\$10).

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). Celebrating 60 years in 2015, the park is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit CantignyGolf.com.