

LEGO® Train Show Chugs into Cantigny Park on December 8 & 9

Tickets still available for private viewing and party on Saturday evening, Dec. 8

WHEATON, IL, November 30, 2012 — Cantigny Park's popular LEGO® Train Show, a holiday tradition for many families, returns to the park on Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9. Show hours are 9 am to 4 pm each day.

The show, which requires a full day of set up, transforms the entire Cantigny Visitors Center into a virtual wonderland for LEGO® fans. Le Jardin, the Visitor Center's restaurant and banquet room, is home to the primary LEGO® diorama where creative new elements are added each year. Secondary displays and a free craft activity occupy the building's main gallery area and meeting room.

The show is produced by the [Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club](http://www.niltc.org) and is the group's largest annual event in terms of floor space and attendance. Last year's exhibit attracted more than 10,000 visitors over two days!

Visitors can experience the event in a more intimate way by attending a special LEGO® Train Show party on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 pm. Guests will enjoy the show without lines as they view the spectacular LEGO® displays and meet the builders. Snacks, desserts and hot chocolate will be served and a cash bar will be available. Ticket holders also receive a holiday keepsake and complimentary parking.

Tickets for the party are limited and priced at \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 3-12. Kids 2 and under are free. Discounts are available for Cantigny Plus members. Tickets may be purchased online at Cantigny.org, at the park in the Cantigny Shoppe or by phone at 630.260.8162.

Show admission is free with paid parking of \$5 per vehicle (\$2 before 10 am). Cantigny will waive the parking fee for anyone bringing a new and unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the Visitors Center.

While at Cantigny, guests are invited to stop by the Robert R. McCormick Museum and admire the "Community Trees" display. Seven local non-profit groups have decorated trees and each will receive a donation from the McCormick Foundation. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite! Admission to the museum is free.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit 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. For details about Cantigny Golf, including

the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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