

LEGO® Fans Invited to Cantigny Park for December Events

 *12th Annual LEGO® Train Show Dec. 14-15 includes party on Saturday evening*

 *NEW for 2013: LEGO® Engineering classes for kids!*

WHEATON, IL, Dec. 3, 2013 — Cantigny's popular LEGO® Train Show, a holiday tradition, returns to the park on Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. Show hours are 9 am to 4 pm each day. Admission is free.

The show, requiring a full day of set up, transforms the entire Cantigny Visitors Center into a virtual wonderland for LEGO® fans. It 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.

Visitors can experience the event in a more intimate way by attending a special LEGO® Train Show party on Saturday, Dec. 14, 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.

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

In addition, young LEGO® enthusiasts are invited to the park before the main event for these first-time workshops:

-  Pre-engineering with LEGO®
Wednesday, Dec. 11, for ages 5-6
-  Engineering FUNdamentals with LEGO®
Thursday, Dec. 12, for ages 7-12

Both 90-minute workshops begin at 4:30 pm in the Medill Room, inside the Cantigny Visitors Center. Cost is \$20 per child includes expert instruction by the staff of Play-Well TEKologies. Class registration is at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Admission to the two-day LEGO® Train Show is complimentary with paid parking of \$5 per vehicle. Cantigny Park will waive the parking fee for anyone bringing a new and unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the Visitors Center.

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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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