
March/April Events and 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.

March

Friday, March 2

Workshop: Job Search 101

Education Center, 11 am to 2:30 pm

This youth workshop for ages 15 and up will teach how to search for a summer job, create a resume and have a successful interview. Bring your resume if you have one. Cost: \$18, including parking and a pizza lunch. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Monday, March 5

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of exploration! Class meets four consecutive Mondays: March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The theme is Fairytales. Students will listen to classic fairytales and then create projects based on the stories and illustrations, experimenting with a variety of art mediums. Cost: \$24; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, March 6

Greenhouse Tour

Cantigny Greenhouse, 11 am

Bob Carr, Cantigny Grower, will show you the park's spring bedding plants and the beginning stages of its summer plant series on this behind-the-scenes tour. The greenhouse is normally closed to the public. No registration required. Free program, including parking. Use the Shaffner Road entrance.

Wednesday, March 7

Wiggleworms 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 for this class is Rainbows. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, March 7

Kevlar Legions: A History of Army Transformation 1989-2005

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Enjoy a fascinating talk by author, military historian and Brigadier General (retired) John S. Brown, a guest of the museum's popular Date with History lecture series. Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Thursday, March 8

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Weather Wonders. Class also meets March 15 & 22. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, March 9

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Education Center, 10 to 11 am**

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Saturday, March 10

**A Pastel Sampler
Education Center, 9:30 am to 12 pm**

This class will offer basic instruction on how to draw with soft pastels. All supplies will be provided and you'll leave the class with a finished "sampler." No experience necessary. Cost: \$25; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Sunday, March 11

**American Legion Pancake Breakfast
Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 am to 1 pm**

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion invites the public to another delicious fundraiser! Feast on pancakes, sausage, eggs and biscuits & gravy. Also enjoy an early spring floral display by Cantigny's horticulture department and register to win a door prize. Cost: \$6 per person or \$2 for ages 4 and under. Walk-ins welcome.

Sunday, March 11

**McCormick Museum Concert Series
Robert R. McCormick Museum, 3 pm**

Visit Cantigny.org for full details about this free concert inside historic Freedom Hall. Due to limited space, ticket distribution is by lottery and limited to two per person. To be eligible for tickets, call 630.260.8162 or email register@cantigny.org by March 2. If emailing, be sure to include phone number. Ticket recipients will be contacted by March 7.

Tuesday, March 13

**Music Together Sing-A-Long
Education Center, 9:30 or 10:30 am**

Music Together® classes are fun, musically-rich experiences for the entire family! Sessions are geared to infants through kindergarten and last 45 minutes. Cost: \$5 per child; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, March 13

**Relief Printmaking Class
Education Center, 7 to 8:30 pm**

This is the first of 8 sessions meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 5. Students will be introduced to the oldest form of printmaking, focusing on woodcut relief techniques to create engaging imagery. Cost: \$160; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, March 16

**Bushmills Whiskey Dinner
Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 7 pm**

For menu, pricing and reservations, please call 630.260.8194 or visit CantignyGolf.com.

Tuesday, March 20

**What is a Reptile? (homeschool class)
Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

This class is geared toward ages 5 to 7 but all ages are welcome. Learn about reptiles and how they are different from mammals, birds, fish and other creatures. Staff from Willowbrook Wildlife Center will instruct and present live reptiles. Cost: \$10 per child; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, March 21

Wiggleworms 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 for this class is Blowin' in the Wind. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Monday, March 26

Tea for Three: My Mom, My Doll & Me

McCormick Museum Gold Theater, 10 am to 12 pm

Celebrate Women's History Month in style at this late-morning tea inside Cantigny's historic Robert R. McCormick Museum! Program includes guided tour, craft project, tea and treats. For ages 5 to 10. Cost: \$20 per couple; additional guests \$12. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, March 28

Let's Get Crafty!

Education Center, 10 am to 12 pm

Girls ages 8 to 14 will enjoy creating at least three homemade projects to keep or give as gifts. Cost: \$10 per child with light refreshments included. Parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Thursday, March 29

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Education Center, 10 to 11:30 am

Kids ages 4 to 8 are invited to bring their fuzzy friends, create something special for them, and then leave them at Cantigny to spend the night. The park will keep the animals busy, feed them and give them a grand tour before tucking them in! Animal owners come back the next morning to pick up their pals, along with photos of their adventures! More details at Cantigny.org. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, March 30

Workshop: Volunteering 101

Education Center, 1 to 3 pm

This youth workshop for ages 14 and up will provide tips on how to find the perfect volunteer opportunity. Students also can learn about volunteer positions at Cantigny. Cost: \$15 per child with snacks provided. Parking is free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

April

Monday, April 2

Golden Oak Club

Education Center, 10 to 11:30 am

Calling all seniors! This is a new program for those 65 years and up. The club will meet on the first and third Monday of the month through October. The first meeting will have an entertaining guest speaker; the second will be devoted to games and other activities. Each meeting will include refreshments. Cost is \$25 per year; parking is free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, April 3

Garden Tour

Visitors Center, 11 am

Cantigny Forester Todd Henderson will show you the park's collection of flowering trees, shrubs and wildflowers and answer questions. No registration required. Free program; \$5 parking.

Wednesday, April 4

Women Heroes of World War II

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Expect a fascinating evening with author Kathryn J. Atwood, a guest of the museum's popular Date with History lecture series. Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Friday, April 6

Duct Tape Projects for Kids

Education Center, 1:30 to 3 pm

Duct tape isn't just for home improvement projects anymore! It's the latest funky trend, so join us to make a rose, a wallet and more! For ages 10-14. Cost: \$10 per child; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Saturday, April 7

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 9 to 10:30 am

Enjoy a hearty buffet at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Visitors Center and have your child photographed with the Easter Bunny. A strolling magician will provide entertainment and each child will receive complimentary bunny ears! After breakfast, take part in Cantigny's famous Egg Hunt at 11 am. Cost: \$23 adult; \$15 ages 3-12; kids 2 and under free. Parking free. For reservations, call 630.260.8260.

Saturday, April 7

Egg Hunt

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 11 am

See thousands of colored eggs scattered across the McCormick Museum's south lawn at this annual spectacle for families and kids. Gather 5 eggs and get a prize! Craft activities at the museum start at 10:30. Egg Hunt and crafts are free; parking \$5.

Sunday, April 8

Easter Brunch

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park and Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf

Celebrate the holiday with one of the finest brunches in the western suburbs and in beautiful surroundings. Seatings at 10 am, 12:30 and 3 pm. For pricing and reservations at either location, call 630.260.8194.

Tuesday, April 10

Music Together

Education Center, 9:30 am or 10:30 am

This is the first of 10 classes meeting on Tuesdays through June 12. Choose 9:30 or 10:30 am start. Each class is 45 minutes. Music Together® classes are designed to build on your child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Children (birth to kindergarten) and their parents or caregivers meet to experience new songs, chants, free dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at Cantigny.org. Cost: \$178 for first child; \$123 for siblings over 9 months old. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, April 11

Wiggleworms 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 for this class is Baby Bunnies. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Thursday, April 12

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Oh Baby! Class also meets April 19 & 26. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

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Friday, April 13

**Walk on the Wild Side Family Program
Education Center, 6 to 7 pm**

Learn all about cold-blooded creatures at this free program by reptile expert Jim Nesci. See alligators, snakes, lizards and more! Registration required due to limited seating. E-mail register@cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Parking \$2.

Friday, April 13

**Night in the Mansion Family Overnight
Robert R. McCormick Museum, 6:30 pm**

Spend the night inside the historic Robert R. McCormick Museum! Activities, including a movie in the Gold Theater, geared to kids ages 5 to 10. More details at Cantigny.org. Cost: \$40 per person, including snacks Friday night and a light breakfast on Saturday. Parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Sunday, April 15

**Garden Photo Tips
Visitors Center, 2 pm**

Learn how to take better pictures on a stroll led by one of Cantigny's volunteer photographers. Beginners welcome. First in a series of free monthly photo walks. Group size limited to 10; register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Parking \$5.

Sunday, April 15

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Monday, April 16

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Tuesday, April 17

**WSI: Wildlife Scene Investigations (homeschool class)
Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Using teamwork and keen observation, interpret and solve wildlife scene mysteries! Geared to ages 7-10 but all ages welcome. Staff from Willowbrook Wildlife Center will instruct. Cost: \$10 per child; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, April 18

**Green at Home: Green Cleaning
Education Center, 7 to 8 pm**

Learn which household cleaning products are safest and best for the environment and your family's health. A representative from SCARCE will lead this free program packed with valuable information. Parking \$2. Register at 630.260.8162 or e-mail register@cantigny.org.

Sunday, April 22

**Japanese Papermaking
Education Center, 12 to 2:30 pm**

Learn an ancient art form using traditional Japanese fibers and incorporating dyed pulps, dried flowers and other botanical materials to create handmade paper. Students will create at least 20 sheets of unique and colorful papers. No experience necessary. Expert instruction by Joanne Laudolff of Water Street Studios. Cost: \$35; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Sunday, April 22

Concert: The Earth Rocks!

Le Jardin (in the Visitors Center), 3 to 4:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with musical fun for the whole family by ScribbleMonster! Enjoy a special Earth Day craft before the show at 3:30 pm. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. \$5 per child; adults and kids under 2 are free. Parking free.

Monday, April 23

Hoop Earrings Workshop

Education Center, 6 to 8 pm

Create sterling silver and beads hoop earrings with expert instruction by artist Lisa Dienst-Thomas. All supplies included for up to two pairs. No experience necessary. Cost: \$38; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, April 24

Health & Wellness Presentation Series

Visitors Center Theater, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

This presentation by fitness expert Kate Galliett of ProKine Performance could be a life changer! Whether you are a fitness advocate already or a complete newcomer to exercise, you'll learn how to turn goals into achievements through fitness concepts. Free program; parking \$2. To guarantee your seat, e-mail register@cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162 by April 20.

Wednesday, April 25

Wiggleworms 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 for this class is Baby Chicks and Ducks. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Saturday, April 28 (9 am to 4 pm)

Sunday, April 29 (10 am to 4 pm)

Woodcarving Show

Visitors Center

"Artistry in Wood," presented by the North Suburban Carvers, will feature many of the Midwest's finest woodcarvers exhibiting their work and offering one-of-a-kind items for sale. Visitors will see a wide variety of carvings and carving styles. Show is free; parking \$5 (or \$2 before 10 am).

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Monday, April 30

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of exploration! Class meets four consecutive Mondays: April 30, May 7, 14 and 21. The theme is Art Around the World. Kids will experiment with a variety of art mediums as they learn about art from different cultures and create pieces similar to the ones discussed. Cost: \$24; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

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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. It 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.

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