
“Night in the Mansion” Family Overnight at Cantigny’s McCormick Museum

WHEATON, IL, August 29, 2012 — A popular Cantigny Park event returns on Friday, September 28, when the Robert R. McCormick Museum presents “A Night in the Mansion” Family Overnight. Participation is geared toward children ages 5 to 10 and their parents or guardians.

Guests will enjoy a variety of activities inside the historic former home of Cantigny’s benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. The evening begins with a visit by owls from the Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn. All ages will appreciate this opportunity to see these fascinating birds up close and to learn from the experts at Willowbrook, a unit of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

Following the owl talk, guests will enjoy a pillowcase craft and flashlight tour of the mansion. Everyone will then settle into their sleeping bags for a showing of “Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga’Hoole” in the historic Gold Theatre.

A light breakfast will be served in the museum on Saturday morning. Overnight guests may then wish to explore Cantigny Park on their own and enjoy the fall colors.

“Night in the Mansion” begins at 6:30 pm on September 28. The cost is \$45 per person (\$40 for Cantigny Plus members) and includes craft supplies, snacks, movie, continental breakfast and complimentary parking. Reservations (required) can be made online at Cantigny.org or by calling 630.260.8162. Space is limited.

The McCormick Museum is open for free guided tours from 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday, through October. Tours conclude at 4 pm in November and December.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny, the Colonel’s 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public. Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. 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.

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