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**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS & 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.

SEPTEMBER

FEATURED EVENT!

Through November 1

Special Vietnam Exhibit: “Five Years in the Jungle”

First Division Museum

The museum invites all ages to “Five Years in the Jungle: Vietnam Experiences of the 1st Infantry Division 1965-1970.” The popular exhibit opened in May and coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Big Red One’s deployment to Vietnam. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, September 1

Garden Tour: Prairie

Visitors Center, 11 am

Join Todd Henderson and Craig Kruckenberg from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny’s 2-acre prairie featuring native grasses and forbs, such as asters, Echinacea and Rudbeckia. The prairie is a haven for wildlife, including birds and butterflies. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, September 2

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am or 11 to 11:45 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is Backyard Birds. Choose 9:30 or 11 am start. Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 2

“Spanish for Me!” Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 2 to 2:45 pm (first of 3 sessions)

“1, 2, 3...Spanish for Me!” is a new program for children ages 3 to 5. Cantigny educator Edith Roman will help kids learn a second language through familiar songs, games and crafts. The theme is “Body Parts.” Class meets on three consecutive Wednesdays: September 2, 9 and 16. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 2

Date with History: Author John Prados

Visitors Center, 7:30 pm

The author will discuss his book, "Vietnam: The History of an Unwinnable War, 1945-1975." Prados offers a fresh look at both the war and the debates about it to produce a much-needed and long-overdue reassessment of one of our nation's most tragic episodes. Program and parking are free. The Cantigny Shop will have copies of Prados's book available for purchase. For more information visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Thursday, September 3

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am or 1 to 2 pm (first of 3 sessions)

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 Backyard Bugs. Class meets on three consecutive Thursdays: September 3, 10 and 17. Choose 10 am or 1 pm start. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, September 5

Concert: Woody James

Bandshell, 3 pm

If you favor the country-western sound—and the tunes of Johnny Cash in particular—then this act is for you! Woody James, a Kendall County native, is a 23-year-old singer and guitarist who can really deliver the goods. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, September 6

Concert: Pirates Over 40

Bandshell, 3 pm

This band's special blend of tropical sounds and rhythms is best described as Caribbean Rock. All ages will enjoy this unique and carefree style of music! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Monday, September 7

Concert: Chicago Skyliners

Bandshell, 3 pm

Celebrate Labor Day with one of the top Big Bands in Chicagoland! The Chicago Skyliners, formed in 1988, feature contemporary arrangements of traditional big band hits, including the music of Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Sammy Nestico, Stan Kenton and Maynard Ferguson. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, September 9

Blossom Bits: A Floral Designer's Nuggets & Gems

Visitors Center, 12 pm

Join Beth Libby, Cantigny Floral Designer, for a lecture and tips. Gardening myths will be her featured topic. Advance registration appreciated: Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Thursday, September 10

Monarch Butterfly Tagging

Visitors Center, 1 pm

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event at Cantigny's Idea Garden assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they

migrate back to the mountains of Mexico. Highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

Saturday, September 12

**Second Saturday: Founding Fathers
Education Center, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program. In September, coinciding with Cantigny's Revolutionary War Reenactment, we will celebrate Robert McCormick's ties to our nation's Founding Fathers. Did you know that Robert McCormick and Ben Franklin each ran a newspaper? Try your hand at a printing activity and find out more about McCormick's interest in our country's patriots! Free program; parking \$5.

FEATURED EVENT!

**Saturday, September 12 & Sunday, September 13
Revolutionary War Reenactment**

Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

History will come alive as hundreds of talented living history actors from the Northwest Territory Alliance converge on the park. Witness mock battles and experience life in the 18th century by strolling through a large encampment of soldiers and civilians. "Rev War Weekend" is one of Cantigny's most popular annual events—it's fun, educational and free! Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Monday, September 14

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (first of 3 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of artistic exploration! This month's theme is Nature Art. Class meets on three consecutive Mondays: September 14, 21 and 28. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 16

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am or 11 to 11:45 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is Itty Bitty Creatures. Choose 9:30 am or 11 am start. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 16

Garden Tips & Tastes

Idea Garden, 12 pm and 6 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Thursday, September 17

Monarch Butterfly Tagging

Visitors Center, 1 pm

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event at Cantigny's Idea Garden assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they migrate back to the mountains of Mexico. Highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

Friday, September 18

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

First Division Museum/Cantigny Visitors Center, 10 am to 5 pm

This observance is held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. It is one of six days throughout the year that

Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. At 11 am, Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion will conduct a brief remembrance ceremony. Throughout the day, a missing man table will be displayed in the lobby of the First Division Museum. The table and items on it symbolize the sacrifices made by prisoners of war and those still missing in action.

FEATURED EVENT!

Friday, September 18

Family Night Out: "Selfie" Scavenger Hunt

Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Cantigny's monthly Family Night Out series continues with our first-ever Selfie Scavenger Hunt! Guests will be challenged to take a family photo in specified places or with various objects located around the park. Prizes too! Free with paid parking (\$2).

Sunday, September 20

Jewelry & Accessories Show

Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm

Cantigny's annual Beads, Bangles & Baubles Jewelry & Accessories Show will showcase an array of handcrafted items from local artists. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT!

Sunday, September 20

Cantigny Car Show

South parking lot, 9 am to 3 pm

One of the most popular car shows in the region! Over 90 awards will be presented to the 400 vehicles on display. DJ music by Carousel Sound and food/drink concessions available. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, September 20

Historic Military Vehicle Display

First Division Museum, 9 am to 3 pm

See and learn about the First Division Museum's fleet of historic military vehicles ranging from World War I through Vietnam. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, September 20

Garden Photo Tips

Visitors Center, 2 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited to 10—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, September 23

Sip & Stretch Yoga

Education Center, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Relax with a cup of tea while practicing gentle yoga with certified instructor Natalie Sord. This class will focus on maintaining a healthy back. All levels welcome. Cost \$12; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

OCTOBER

Monday, October 5

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (first of 3 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of artistic exploration! This month's theme is Felting Fun. Class meets on three consecutive Mondays: October 5, 12 and 19. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, October 6

Fall Color Hayrides

Visitors Center, 10 am to noon

Enjoy the autumn colors from a tractor-pulled haywagon. Rides will start and end at the Visitor Center. Groups of 10 or more are asked to register in advance by calling 630.260.8162. Rides are free on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parking is \$5.

Wednesday, October 7

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am or 11 to 11:45 am

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is Exploring Autumn. Choose 9:30 am or 11 am start. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, October 7

Date with History: Robots and the Future of War

Visitors Center, 7:30 pm

Michael C. Horowitz will discuss the possibilities of advanced technology in warfare. The speaker is an associate professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests include military innovation, the future of war, forecasting, the role of leaders in international politics, and the relationship between religion and international politics. Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Thursday, October 8

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am or 1 to 2 pm (first of 3 sessions)

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 Exploring Autumn. Class meets on three consecutive Thursdays: October 8, 15 and 22. Choose 10 am or 1 pm start. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, October 10

Reporting for Duty: The WWII Experience

First Division Museum, 8:45 am to 2 pm

“Recruits” at this one-of-a-kind event will enjoy a hands-on experience with the vehicles, weapons and first-aid used by soldiers during World War II. Participants will get a close look at each vehicle, see and hear the weapons used by American and German forces during the war and witness the functions of a field hospital. Cost is \$100 per person or \$85 for two or more. Program includes lunch, personalized dog tag and event t-shirt. Limit 45 participants. All must sign a waiver of liability. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All participants must be able to stand for periods of time and be able to climb a 3-foot ladder. This is a rain or shine event. For advance registration (required) visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org/vehicles.

FEATURED EVENT!

Saturday, October 10

Cantigny Fall Festival

Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrate autumn with harvest-time fun at Cantigny Park! Activities for all ages, plus food and live music. Event is free with paid parking (\$5). A nominal fee applies to some activities.

Saturday, October 10
Usborne Children's Book Fair
Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm

Stop in to browse a wide selection of books for young readers before and during the Cantigny Fall Festival. Usborne Books offers some of the most exciting, engaging and educational children's books on the market today. Free event; parking \$5.

Saturday, October 10
Second Saturday: Fall Fest
Education Center, 12 to 3 pm

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. The McCormick Museum is celebrating Fall Fest by honoring Robert McCormick's love of trees. We'll take fallen leaves and create a leaf guide that you get to take home! Free program; parking \$5.

Sunday, October 11
ClaySpace Pottery Show
Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm

ClaySpace 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 (\$5).

Friday, October 16
Family Night Out: Pumpkins & Treats
Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

The park's monthly Family Night Out series continues with a Halloween theme. Costumes welcome! We'll have a fun craft, pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating and more. Free with \$2 parking.

Sunday, October 18
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Visitors Center, 2 pm

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Wednesday, October 21
Inchworms Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am or 11 to 11:45 am

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Wednesday, October 21
Sip & Stretch Yoga
Education Center, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

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Saturday, October 24
Cantigny Catapult Contest
Parade Field, 10 am to 12 pm

The First Division Museum invites teams to build a working catapult, a device once used in medieval warfare. There are three categories of competition: distance, shot group and

accuracy. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each category. Full details, contest rules and entry forms are online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org/catapultcontest.

Friday, October 30

Boo Bash!

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to this fun hour of not-too-spooky activities and stories, ending with a yummy treat! For ages 3 to 5 with adult. Cost: \$10 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

FEATURED EVENT!

Friday, October 30

Murder in the Mansion

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 6:30 pm

Make this a Halloween to remember by enjoying cocktails, a delicious meal and solving a good mystery! Full details (including theme) about this professionally produced interactive dinner/theater event are online at Cantigny.org. Participation is limited to 54 guests. Cost: \$100 per person; \$90 for Cantigny members. Register by October 23 via the website or 630.260.8162.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Col. 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, can be found online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, clubhouse with banquet and dining rooms, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.