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Cantigny Park

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Wheaton, Ill., June 4, 2018 — When school is out, Cantigny Park is in! This summer, Cantigny offers weekly afternoon programs for children that are free, fun and educational. These programs—two of them new for 2018—are great for kids and highly popular with parents, grandparents and caregivers!

No preregistration is necessary, and adults pay only for parking (\$5 per car). The programs are on a “drop in” basis, meaning participants are welcome at any time during the designated hours of 1 to 3 pm.

The following programs are available:

- **History Connections**
Tuesdays, June 5 through August 28
First Division Museum
Children ages 6 to 12 will explore a different theme each week and learn something new about our country’s military history.
- **Wild Wednesdays**
Wednesdays, June 13 through August 8
Visitors Center backyard
Kids from 3 to 10 will enjoy hands-on nature exploration through games and crafts. Each week will have a different theme such as bugs, water or flowers.
This program is not held during inclement weather.
- **History Alive!**
Thursdays, June 4 through August 27
First Division Museum
Children ages 6 to 12 will learn about a different military topic each week. Dress in a soldier’s uniform, interact with artifacts and participate in games and crafts from the day’s designated era.
- **NEW IN 2018!**
Rockin’ Science Thursdays
Thursdays, June 28 through August 9
Cantigny Education Center
Kids ages 7 to 11 will engage in hands-on science activities, some indoors and some out, with a new theme of investigation and exploration each week.

- **NEW IN 2018!**

- **South Porch Program**

- Fridays, June 1 through August 31

- McCormick House

- Children ages 6 and up will enjoy hands-on activities and crafts related to the life and interests of Colonel Robert R. McCormick and his family. *This program is not held during inclement weather.*

Cantigny offers a wide range of summer programming for children, including art classes, LEGO® camps, military science rockets, Camp Cantigny, family concerts and Movies in the Park. Many activities and events are free with paid parking. The complete schedule of summer events, classes and concerts is online at Cantigny.org.

Cantigny is open every day this summer from 7 am to dusk. Parking fees are \$5 per vehicle on weekdays, \$10 on Saturdays and Sundays. Free parking Wednesdays are June 6, July 11 and August 1.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the 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 House, the newly renovated 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.