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**JULY-AUGUST EVENTS, CONCERTS & 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](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.668.5161.*

**JULY**

**Sunday, July 1**

**Free Family Concert: ScribbleMonster Bandshell, 11 am**

Kids want to sing, dance and get creative when ScribbleMonster performs. This award-winning group delivers a high-energy, play-along rock concert the whole family will enjoy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, July 1**

**Free Concert: Billy Croft & The 5-Alarm Band Bandshell, 3 pm**

This red-hot country act makes its Cantigny debut, playing top 40 favorites by artists such as Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line and Miranda Lambert. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, July 2**

**LEGO® Camp: Intro to STEM**

**Visitors Center Medill Room, 9 am to 12 pm**

Design and build with LEGO bricks, exploring your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. For ages 5-6. Class meets July 2, 3, 5 and 6. Cost \$112. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, July 2**

**LEGO® Camp: STEM Challenge**

**Visitors Center Medill Room, 1 to 4 pm**

Using LEGOs, apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture through engineer-designed projects. For ages 7-12. Class meets July 2, 3, 5 and 6. Cost \$112. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 3**

**Lecture: Author Georgiann Baldino**

**McCormick House, 7 pm**

Author Georgiann Baldino presents "A Family and Nation Under Fire," her new book about the Civil War letters and journals of William and Joseph Medill. A book signing will follow remarks. There is no cost to attend but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Parking is \$5.

**Wednesday, July 4****Free Concert: Southwest Community Concert Band  
First Division Museum plaza, 3 pm**

Enjoy patriotic music and more at this spirited Independence Day performance. The Southwest Community Concert Band, established in 1982 and under Musical Director Ray Forlenza, is always a popular attraction at Cantigny. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Thursday, July 5****Summer Evening Stroll  
Gardens, 6 pm**

New for 2018, Cantigny Horticulture offers complimentary evening garden tours on the first and third Thursdays during the summer. Tours are conducted by Master Gardener docents and start from the park's Visitors Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, July 6****Movie in the Park: "Justice League"  
Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, July 7****Free Concert: Wheaton College Festival of Piano Music  
McCormick House, 3 pm**

Wheaton College artists perform a variety of piano music inside historic Freedom Hall. There is no cost to attend but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Parking is \$10.

**Saturday, July 7****Family Yoga  
Education Center, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Adults with kids ages 2-6 are invited to stretch out at this first-time class for families. Cost is \$5 per person; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, July 8****College of DuPage Theater: "Goldie's Next Big Adventure"  
Bandshell, 12 pm**

At this playful performance by COD's Theater Department, directed by Amelia Barrett, actors invite the audience to choose story points along the way. No two shows are alike! Bring your imagination and participate in a "no-shushing" hour of fun. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, July 8****Free Concert: U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus  
First Division Museum plaza, 3 pm**

Cantigny is honored to welcome this visiting concert ensemble from Washington, D.C., acclaimed for its diverse musical repertoire, including marches and patriotic favorites, orchestral masterworks, a cappella vocal arrangements and Broadway musicals. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, July 9****Tea Time Social  
Cantigny Park Allée, 11 am to 12:30 pm**

This drop-off program for ages 4 to 9 is new for 2018! Tea Time Socials ([teatimesocials.com](http://teatimesocials.com)) will present a fairies and gnomes inspired party in the park's shady allée. Program includes an assortment of finger sandwiches and petite pastries accompanied by tea or lemonade. Children will learn etiquette, manners and kindness in

a fun environment. An activity in the Idea Garden follows the meal. Tea will be inside the Education Center in the event of inclement weather. Cost: \$39 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Music Together Summer Sing-A-Long**

**Education Center, 9:30 am, 10:30 am OR 11:30 am**

This is the first of four classes meeting on Tuesdays through July 31. Choose from three start times; each class is 45 minutes. Ideal for ages 6 and under, this class is fun for the whole family and features interactive parent-child songs, chants, dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost: \$59 for first child; \$47 for siblings. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Tour: Idea Garden**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's "garden for gardeners." The space takes on a creative French flair in 2018 as the park commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Cantigny. Take home some great ideas for your own garden! Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Date with History: World War II**

**Visitors Center, 7 pm**

Author and historian Douglas Porch will discuss the Mediterranean theater in World War II, 75 years later. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org).

**Thursday, July 12**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets, experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of model rockets. Enjoy a rare opportunity to pick up a WWII "Super Bazooka," a Vietnam-era LAW and more modern rocket launchers. All participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$17; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, July 13**

**Storytime in the Garden with Winfield Public Library**

**Visitors Center, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Free program and parking fee waived for those who present a pass, available in advance at the library's Youth Services desk.

**Friday, July 13**

**Movie in the Park: "Despicable Me 3"**

**Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, July 14**

**"Purple Martins 101"**

**Cantigny Golf, 7:30 am**

Learn all about one of America's favorite birds from Cantigny volunteer Ray Feld. The presentation will include an up-close look inside one of the martin "hotels." Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton. Free program and parking.

**Saturday, July 14**

**Second Saturday Family Program: Aviation  
Education Center, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick House's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Activities this month will recall Cantigny's surprising connection to aviation—Colonel McCormick had a landing strip on the grounds and Charles Lindbergh once visited the estate! Try your hand at making a paper airplane and test it against other visitors for distance. Free program; parking \$10.

**Saturday, July 14**

**West Suburban Symphony Orchestra  
First Division Museum plaza, 7:30 pm**

Join Maestro Peter Lipari and the West Suburban Symphony for an orchestral tour of our country! The program will feature John Williams's *Music from Lincoln* in honor of the Illinois Bicentennial, selections from Aaron Copland's *Rodeo* ballet, and medleys of well-known American songs. Symphony Passports are \$30 in advance or \$35 the week of concert. A passport admits one car and up to four occupants. Passports are \$25 for Cantigny members. Purchase passports at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org), call 630.260.8162 or stop by the Cantigny Shop.

**Sunday, July 15**

**Cantigny Red Oaks Vintage Base Ball Festival  
Parade Field, 10 am**

Pull up a hay bale and witness "America's Pastime" as it was played during Civil War times, under the rules of 1858. Clubs scheduled to appear: DuPage Plowboys, Oregon Ganymedes, Rockford Forest Citys, Creston Regulators, Aurora Town Club and Somonauk Blue Stockings. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, July 15**

**Free Concert: New Odyssey  
Bandshell, 3 pm**

Together for more than 30 years, this group featuring "three guys and 30 instruments" offers a wide variety of crowd-pleasing music. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, July 16**

**Camp Cantigny  
9 am to 12 pm (5 days)**

Kids entering grades 2 to 5 are invited to Cantigny for a week of fun and exploration. Each day takes campers to a different part of the park for activities, games, crafts and discoveries. Camp concludes on July 20. Cost \$105. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, July 16**

**Golf Course Cart Tour  
Cantigny Golf, 5:45 pm**

See and learn about the elaborate floral plantings on Cantigny's scenic 27-hole golf course. Guests will travel in golf carts on this unique guided tour focusing on flowerbeds, restored natural areas, majestic trees and more. Advance registration required and group size limited to 50. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Meet at Cantigny Golf at 5:45 pm (27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton). Cost: \$5; parking free.

**Wednesday, July 18**  
**The Spirited Botanist**  
**Idea Garden, 6:30 pm**

Enjoy a refreshing botanical cocktail in the lovely Cantigny gardens. Host Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture will demonstrate a cocktail (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties) featuring a fruit, vegetable, herb and/or edible flower as the main ingredient. The cocktail this evening will feature borage, basil and gin. Advance registration required. Cost: \$25. Parking free. Meet at the Visitors Center.

**Wednesday, July 18**  
**Gardens Bike Tour**  
**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens and other park attractions. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Advance registration required at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, July 18**  
**Garden Photo Tips**  
**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Receive advice from a skilled Cantigny Horticulture volunteer, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Thursday, July 19**  
**FIT4MOM Stroller Fitness**  
**Visitors Center, 9:30 am**

Young moms will enjoy this fun and beneficial 60-minute workout that includes cardio, strength and balance training. Expert fitness instructors and participants sing songs, play games and blow bubbles to keep the children engaged. First class free. For more information or to register, visit [www.dupagecounty.fit4mom.com](http://www.dupagecounty.fit4mom.com).

**Thursday, July 19**  
**Storytime in the Garden with West Chicago Public Library**  
**Visitors Center, 10 to 11 am**

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Free program and parking fee waived for those who present a pass, available in advance at the library's Youth Services desk.

**Thursday, July 19**  
**Lunch & Learn: Robert R. McCormick**  
**McCormick House, 12 to 1 pm**

Curator and interim director of McCormick House, Will Buhlig, will offer insight into the fascinating life of Robert R. McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor. Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Thursday, July 19**  
**Summer Evening Stroll**  
**Gardens, 6 pm**

New for 2018, Cantigny Horticulture offers complimentary evening garden tours on the first and third Thursdays during the summer. Tours are conducted by Master Gardener docents and start from the park's Visitors Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, July 19**  
**Red Oaks Farm Dinner**  
**Cantigny Gardens, 6:30 pm**

New for 2018, this is the second in a series of monthly farm-to-table dinners. Chefs will prepare a decadent five-course meal with fine wine pairings, served open-air in the Cantigny gardens. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) for theme and menu. Cost: \$95, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reservations and payment accepted at 630.260.8260.

**Thursday, July 19**  
**Civic Awareness Series: Immigration**  
**McCormick House, 7 pm**

Rob Paral of Rob Paral and Associates will present "Immigration: Untangling the Facts, History and Economics." Q&A and discussion over coffee and dessert will follow the presentation. This continues a series presented by Cantigny's Robert R. McCormick House and the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. Program and parking are free but advance registration is required due to limited seating. Register online at [wheatonlwvill.org](http://wheatonlwvill.org).

**Friday, July 20**  
**Family Fun Night: "The Millennials" and Golf Activities**  
**First Division Museum plaza, 5 to 8 pm**

The park's popular Friday Family Night series continues! Enjoy classic rock-n-roll music by The Millennials and putt-putt around with the kids. Stay for Movie in the Park, too: "Coco" starts at 8:30 pm. Food trucks on site. Free with parking (\$5).

**Friday, July 20**  
**Movie in the Park: "Coco"**  
**Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, July 21**  
**Sunday, July 22**  
**American Indian Veterans Celebration**  
**Parade Field**

Spectators are welcome during this gathering of native veterans. Music, art, dance, guest speakers and award presentations are all part of this fourth-annual national event at Cantigny. For full details visit [www.trickstergallery.com](http://www.trickstergallery.com).

**Saturday, July 21**  
**Family Yoga**  
**Education Center, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Adults with kids ages 7-12 are invited to stretch out at this first-time class for families. Cost is \$5 per person; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, July 22**  
**Free Concert: American English**  
**Bandshell, 3 pm**

Possibly the nation's best Beatles tribute band invades Cantigny Park! American English captures the very essence of John, Paul, George and Ringo in every detail. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, July 23**  
**Afternoon Tea**  
**McCormick House, 2 pm**

Adults can enjoy a taste of English civilized society inside the McCormick mansion's stately Freedom Hall. The menu includes finger sandwiches, smoked salmon canape,

scones, petit fours and, of course, a variety of gourmet loose leaf tea. Cost: \$22 (\$20 for Cantigny members). Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

### **Tuesday, July 24**

#### **Military Science: Rockets**

##### **First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets, experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of model rockets. Enjoy a rare opportunity to pick up a WWII "Super Bazooka," a Vietnam-era LAW and more modern rocket launchers. All participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$17; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

### **Tuesday, July 24**

#### **Tea Time Social**

##### **Cantigny Park Allée, 11 am to 12:30 pm**

This drop-off program for ages 4 to 9 is new for 2018! Tea Time Socials ([teatimesocials.com](http://teatimesocials.com)) will present a fairies and gnomes inspired party in the park's shady allée. Program includes an assortment of finger sandwiches and petite pastries accompanied by tea or lemonade. Children will learn etiquette, manners and kindness in a fun environment. An activity in the Idea Garden follows the meal. Tea will be inside the Education Center in the event of inclement weather. Cost: \$39 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

### **Thursday, July 26**

#### **McCormick Day**

##### **Parkwide, 12 to 5 pm**

An afternoon of family fun is planned as the park celebrates the birthday of Cantigny benefactor Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). In honor of Colonel McCormick's military service, guests will enjoy Army-themed crafts, programs and activities, plus a magic show at 4 pm. We'll have a cake cutting, too, so bring along your sweet tooth! The entire day is free, including parking—Cantigny's annual "thank you" to the community.

### **Friday, July 27**

#### **Movie in the Park: "Beauty and the Beast"**

##### **Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

### **Saturday, July 28**

#### **Sunday, July 29**

##### **Military Through the Ages**

##### **Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Witness a timeline reenactment featuring a wide span of military encampments throughout history, ranging from ancient Rome through Operation Desert Storm. Visitors will learn first-hand how soldiers lived and fought during different eras and see the progression of weapons, clothing and technology over time. The encampments, in chronological order, will facilitate self-guided walking tours, with living-history actors available to interpret and answer questions. Free with parking (\$10).

### **Sunday, July 29**

#### **Free Concert: Good Clean Fun**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

Good Clean Fun and band leader Michael Bruccoleri covers eight decades of popular music. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

## **AUGUST**

### **Wednesday, August 1**

#### **Military Science: Rockets**

##### **First Division Museum, 1 to 3 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets, experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of model rockets. Enjoy a rare opportunity to pick up a WWII "Super Bazooka," a Vietnam-era LAW and more modern rocket launchers. Participants take home an Estes rocket. Cost: \$17; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

### **Thursday, August 2**

#### **Tea Time Social**

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### **Thursday, August 2**

#### **Summer Evening Stroll**

##### **Gardens, 5 pm**

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### **Friday, August 3**

#### **Movie in the Park: "Sherlock Gnomes"**

##### **Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

### **Saturday, August 4**

#### **Dog Days at Cantigny**

##### **Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Bring your furry best friend and enjoy everything canine at this 10<sup>th</sup> annual event. Lots of special entertainment for all ages plus vendor exhibits and sales. All dogs must have current vaccination tags and be social with others. Free with parking (\$10).

### **Saturday, August 4**

#### **Family Yoga**

##### **Education Center, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Adults with kids ages 2-6 are invited to stretch out at this first-time class for families. Cost is \$5 per person; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

### **Sunday, August 5**

#### **Free Concert: Second Time Around**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

This 9-member classic rock band from Barrington strives for accuracy and passion in every performance. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10). Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, August 6**

**Cantigny Post 556 American Legion Pasta Dinner  
Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 4:30 to 8 pm**

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion invites the community to a delicious fundraiser! Enjoy a wonderful all-you-can-eat pasta dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Cantigny's award-winning culinary team. Cost: \$10 per person or \$3 for ages 4 and under. No reservations needed. Free parking.

**Tuesday, August 7**

**FIT4MOM Stroller Fitness  
Visitors Center, 9:30 am**

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**Tuesday, August 7**

**Tour: Lower Bur Oak Garden  
Visitors Center, 11 am**

Craig Kruckenberg, Cantigny landscape architect, will guide you through this all-new garden, redesigned and freshly planted as part of the park's ongoing Project New Leaf. Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, August 8**

**The Spirited Botanist  
Display Gardens, 6:30 pm**

Enjoy a refreshing botanical cocktail in the newly opened display gardens near the Visitors Center. Host Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture will demonstrate a cocktail (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties) featuring a fruit, vegetable, herb and/or edible flower as the main ingredient. The cocktail this evening will feature pineapple sage, peaches and bourbon. Advance registration required. Cost: \$25. Parking free. Meet at the Visitors Center.

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**Friday, August 10**

**Movie in the Park: "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"  
Bandshell, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, August 11**  
**Second Saturday Family Program: Paper Making**  
**Education Center, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick House's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Robert McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor, made his fortune in the newspaper business. Come try your hand at making the raw material that he depended on! Paper making is fun but a little messy, so be prepared. Free with parking (\$10).

**Saturday, August 11**  
**Free Concert: Blooze Brothers**  
**Bandshell, 3 pm**

This choreographed 11-piece show band covers music from the '40s to today: Motown, Soul, R&B, Classic Rock, Swing and of course the music and crazy antics of the famous original Blues Brothers. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Saturday, August 11**  
**French Picnic Under the Stars**  
**Parade Field, 6 to 11 pm**

This second-year event comes on the eve of the park's popular French Connection Day. Enjoy a French-theme picnic (available for pre-purchase), music by the Chicago Elite Orchestra and stargazing. Bring your telescope or view the stars and planets through scopes provided by the Naperville Astronomical Society. Special Event parking applies at \$15 per car (up to four occupants). For more information and picnic orders, please visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

**Sunday, August 12**  
**French Connection Day**  
**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Enjoy a day-long festival of music, food, art and family fun as Cantigny celebrates everything France—all to commemorate the personal history of the park's benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. (Cantigny is named after the small village north of Paris where Colonel McCormick fought in the Battle of Cantigny in 1918.) Enjoy music by Traveler's Dream and take a photo with the park's Eiffel Tower replica! Free with parking (\$10).

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**Storytime in the Garden with West Chicago Public Library**

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**Thursday, August 16**

**Lunch & Learn: Illinois Bicentennial**

**McCormick House, 12 to 1 pm**

Living history actor Ellie Carlson will help us celebrate our state's bicentennial and party like it's 1818! Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Thursday, August 16**

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**Thursday, August 16**

**Civic Awareness Series: Paul Vallas**

**McCormick House, 7 pm**

Paul Vallas, former Chicago Public Schools CEO and current Chicago mayoral candidate, will present "Challenges Facing Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Q&A and discussion over coffee and dessert will follow the presentation. This continues a series presented by Cantigny's Robert R. McCormick House and the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. Program and parking are free but advance registration is required due to limited seating. Register online at [wheatonlwv.org](http://wheatonlwv.org).

**Thursday, August 16**

**Military History Trivia Night**

**Alter Brewing (Downers Grove), 7 to 9:30 pm**

Join the First Division Museum staff for a fun and educational evening of trivia with our friends at Alter Brewing Company, 2300 Wisconsin Avenue in Downers Grove.

**Friday, August 17**

**Family Fun Night: "Catfight" and Farm-Themed Activities**

**Parade Field, 5 to 8 pm**

The park's popular Friday Family Night series welcomes "Catfight," the popular all-girl cover band from Chicago. Before the concert, kids will enjoy farm-related crafts and projects, courtesy of the Robert R. McCormick House. Stay for Movie in the Park, too: "Black Panther" starts around 8 pm. Food trucks on site. Free with parking (\$5).

**Friday, August 17**

**Movie in the Park: "Black Panther"**

**Bandshell, 8 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, August 18**

**Family Yoga**

**Education Center, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Adults with kids ages 7-12 are invited to stretch out at this first-time class for families. Cost is \$5 per person; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, August 18****Free Concert: Lang Lang Scholars with MYAC Symphony  
First Division Museum plaza, 6 pm**

Cantigny welcomes the debut appearance of the Lang Lang Scholars, part of the International Music Foundation and the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory. Expect an extraordinary symphonic experience under the stars! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, August 19****Vintage Base Ball Game  
Parade Field, 1 pm**

Pull up a hay bale and witness “America’s Pastime” as it was played during Civil War times, under the rules of 1858. The DuPage Plowboys will challenge the Somonauk Blue Stockings. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, August 19****Free Family Concert: Rockin’ with Leonardo  
Bandshell, 11 am**

Leonardo is a Parents’ Choice Award winner who writes songs that entertain, educate and empower audiences of all ages and abilities. His high-energy and interactive concerts are a celebration of possibilities through music and movement. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Sunday, August 19****Free Concert: ABBA Salute  
Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Enjoy the most accurate ABBA tribute in the country. With painstaking attention to detail, the band delivers a mesmerizing Las Vegas type show that pleases ABBA fans of all ages. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Monday, August 20****Afternoon Tea  
McCormick House, 2 pm**

Adults can enjoy a taste of English civilized society inside the McCormick mansion’s stately Freedom Hall. The menu includes finger sandwiches, smoked salmon canape, scones, petit fours and, of course, a variety of gourmet loose leaf tea. Cost: \$22 (or \$20 for Cantigny members). Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, August 24****Movie in the Park: “Wonder Woman”  
Bandshell, 8 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 26****Free Concert: Hot Rocks Band  
Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

For those who like the Rolling Stones, this act is the next best thing to what some consider the greatest rock and roll band of all time. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**Tuesday, August 28****Kid Rock Back to School Bop  
Education Center, 10 to 10:45 am**

Parents and their little ones (ages 5 and under) are invited to celebrate a new school year with a fun and musical session of songs, instruments and imaginative play. For

more about Kid Rock programs, visit [rockitkids.com](http://rockitkids.com). Cost is \$12 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, August 31**

**Movie in the Park: "Jaws"**

**Bandshell, 8 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

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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 (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick House, the newly renovated First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://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](http://CantignyGolf.com).

**Parking:** *Cantigny is pleased to offer free parking on the first Wednesday of every month. (Note: this July only, free parking is on the second Wednesday, July 11). The park's regular daily parking rate is \$5 per car. On Saturdays and Sundays, May through September, parking is \$10 per car. The \$10 rate also applies on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Parking is free for Cantigny Park members and Honor Club members. Parking also is free for those attending ticketed events or other fee-based programs.*