

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER



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Little Miami River Trailblazer Adventure

Sponsored by James Investment Group and Greene Memorial Hospital

Sunday, 9/23 begins at noon

The Little Miami Watershed Network (LMWN) is presenting the first annual Little Miami River Trailblazer Adventure. This is a fundraiser event where teams search for checkpoints along the Little Miami River. Each checkpoint will have fun information about the Little Miami River and its watershed. The event has three legs, one on foot, one in a canoe, and one on bikes. Teams may do one leg, two legs, or all three legs! Teams have a limited amount of time to visit as many checkpoints as they can during each leg. To learn more about LMWN, the event and registration, or how to donate, visit www.lmrivercleeners.org

Ages: For all ages

Team Size/Cost: 2 to 6 person teams. (\$200/2-4 person team. Each additional person, \$25. Children 3 and under are free.)

Location: Adventure begins and ends at the Park District Headquarters

Halloween in the Park

Saturday, 10/20 at 3-6pm

Fun for the whole family! A new twist on an old tradition. Come and walk the "Trail of Tricks and Treats"; local groups and businesses will have activity booths for you to discover on the winding trail through the Gooding Addition. Then check out the pumpkin patch for your perfect pumpkin to decorate at our decorating station on the patio. Come inside to listen to spooky tales by the Winters Library. Enjoy complimentary games, crafts, witch's brew and fall family fun!



***** NEW PARKING*** Please park at Washington Mill Park (3311 Washington Mill Road) and take the **FREE** shuttle back and forth for the event, parking is extremely limited at the Park District Headquarters (2751 Washington Mill Road). We are partnering with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools to provide shuttles. Shuttles will run every 15 minutes between the event and parking areas.**

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE event

Location: Park District Headquarters

Halloween in the Park Annual Costume Contest!

Contest categories will be: Group costume, 2 and under, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12 and up.

All participants must register in person next to the contest stage area.

Registration times will be as follows:

2:45-3:30pm (*Ages 6-adult must be registered no later than 3:30pm)

4:15-5pm (**5 and under as well as group costumes must be registered no later than 5pm)

Contests will run in 2 shifts as follows (you must be registered by the times above to participate in your respective category):

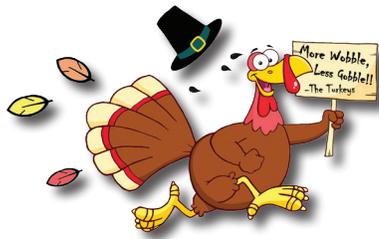
3:45pm – *ages 6-8, 9-11, 12 and up

5:15pm – ** ages 2 and under, 3-5 and group costumes

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners



Wobble Gobble 3k Fun Run/Walk



Saturday, 11/17 at 9am

Before you chow down let's wobble all over Sackett-Wright Park at the 4th annual Wobble Gobble 3K Fun Run/Walk. This all ages, family-friendly fun run will wind through Sackett-Wright Park. We will have activities for the entire family to enjoy a morning in the park. All runners will receive a commemorative goodie bag filled with fun only park district staff can think up! Packet pickup will begin at 8:30am and the run will start at 9:30am. **Pre-register by 11/8, for day of registration price will be \$20 per runner regardless of age.** Space is limited to 150 runners; registration is the only way to guarantee your spot. For details about race route, schedule of events and how to volunteer visit our website.

Ages: For all ages

Cost: \$15/runner ages 15 and up; \$10/runner ages 14 and under

Location: Sackett-Wright Park



Christmas in the Park

Saturday, 12/8 at 5-7pm

Christmas in the Park is a Bellbrook tradition that makes cookies seem a little sweeter and lights in the park a little more sparkly. We will kick off the festival with our park lighting ceremony to welcome Santa to the park with Bellbrook hospitality! Local music groups will fill the park with seasonal carols while Santa meets with his clients. Free activities for kids and families will include: crafts, gingerbread contest tent, and hot chocolate. We will accept winter clothing items that will be donated to the Bellbrook Family Resource Center benefitting local families in need this winter. There will also be a bake sale that directly benefits the BHS service group "Partnerships for Success", who also volunteer to organize this event with the park district. No registration is required to attend. Spend the evening with family and friends getting into the spirit of the holidays.

10th annual Gingerbread House Contest will be featured during Christmas in the Park. Entries need to be dropped off at Bellbrook Park from 4-5pm. Judging will take place afterwards. All entries may not exceed a 2'x3' base and must be made from 75% food products. The winners will be announced during the festival.

Gingerbread House Contest Categories:

- Child 7 and under
- Child 8-13
- 14 and up
- Family/All ages group entry
- Community/Business group entry

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE event

Location: Bellbrook Park



ADULT ENRICHMENT

OSU Extension Master Gardener Series

These presentations are open to adults with all levels of experience, participants can come to as many that apply to their interests. Detailed descriptions for each topic can be found on our website www.bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org.

Registration for topics is preferred to prepare for supplies, however drop-ins are welcome.

September 19th – "Drip irrigation: A Benefit to Plants and DIY for Homeowners" – Mary Lucius

October 3rd – "Here Comes Winter" – Jerry Haun

October 10th – "Putting your tool to bed" – Skip Mahan

November 14th – "Cover crops for your gardening" – Macy Reynolds

December 5th – "Native plants" – Terese DeSimio

Ages: Adults

Cost: FREE event

Location: Park District Headquarters

Online Registration is available

We now offer online registration for all programs! You can register for programs by visiting our website and clicking the online registration tab. You can also check the status of park shelters to better prepare for your next gathering at one of our 7 shelters.

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Adult Craft Night: Seasonal Blocks with Kendal

9/12 or 11/12 at 6:30-8pm



Join local artist, Kendal Wright to make a fun and festive block decoration for your home throughout the season. She will bring all supplies and knowledge to help you make your own block décor. 9/12 class will make "Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving". 11/12 class will make "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

Kendal's work can be seen on her etsy page, HandmadeOnOurFarm.

Ages: 16 and up

Cost: \$15/ person regardless of residency per class

Location: Park District Headquarters

Hike and Sketch – Outdoor sketch class

Saturday, 9/29 at 11am-1pm

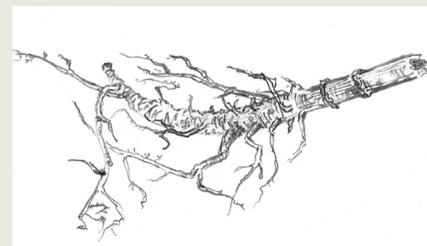
Join local artist, Andrew Dailey, for a casual morning of drawing in the great outdoors. Andrew will lead the program offering drawing tips and feedback. Andrew has taught drawing for Miami University, University of Dayton, Wright State University and Rosewood Arts Centre. He exhibits his work in regional and national venues. In 2011, Dailey was honored with an Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts council. Participants will take short hikes to locations throughout the park to sketch. Arrive prepared to hike short distances between drawing sites **Pre-registration 2 days prior to program.**

Program.

Ages: Adults

Cost: Free Event

Location: Morris Reserve



Bake-Off

Sunday, 11/4 at 3-5pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this event, but if you consider yourself a dessert connoisseur, we dare you to put your baked goods to the test by entering in our 1st ever, Bake-Off! Attendees can taste and vote for their favorite baked good, or just spend time with family and friends.

After indulging your sweet tooth, take a quick hike on the wooded trail in the Gooding Addition (adjacent to the park headquarters). There will be a \$1 per tasting associated with each baker's entry and all of the money will go to the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center; otherwise it is free to be a part of the festivities. **Volunteers will get free tastes and votes.** To become a competitor or volunteer contact the park district for details. Bake-Off champion will be awarded the **"Sweet Tooth Trophy"** and bragging rights until next Fall!

Bake-Off Competitors need to pre-register by 10/31 (the Wednesday before the cook-off).

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE for competitors; \$1/cupcake or cookie taste

Location: Park District Headquarters

Glass Ornaments with Busy Beaver Arts!

Thursday, 11/8 at 6-8pm

Join artists from Busy Beaver Arts and Crafts as they teach you the art of glass fusing. You will create 4 ornaments that will be ready for pick up the next week. This unique class will let you create a fun decoration to have for years to come.

All supplies are provided.

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$40/ res; \$50/ non-res

Location: Park District Headquarters





Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, 1/26 at 3-5pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this event, but if you consider yourself a chili connoisseur, we dare you to put your recipe to the test by entering in our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off. Attendees can taste and vote for their favorite chili, or just spend time with family and friends. After chowing down, take a quick hike on the wooded trail in the Gooding Addition (adjacent to the park headquarters). There will be a \$1 per tasting associated with each chef's entry and all of the money will go to the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center; otherwise it is free to be a part of the festivities. **Volunteers will get free tastes.**

To become a chili competitor or volunteer contact the park district for details. Chili champion will be awarded the **"Cheesy Chili Trophy"** and bragging rights until next winter!

Chili Competitors need to pre-register by 1/23 (the Wednesday before the cook-off).

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE for competitors or \$1/cup of chili comes with voting rights and traditional sides

Location: Park District Headquarters

FITNESS CLASSES

Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, 8/7-9/11, 9/18-10/23, 11/6-12/11, all classes meet at 7-8:30pm

Hatha Yoga is a system of relaxation, breathing, exercise and meditation designed to reduce stress and increase energy. This class is for beginning or continuing yoga students who also want to enhance strength, flexibility, and balance. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat or blanket. Registration is required no later than the Friday before each 6 week session begins.

Instructor: Steve Chappell.

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$50 (6 classes) or \$12 drop-in for residents; \$55 (6 classes), \$ 15 drop-in for non-residents - registration is still required

Location: Park District Headquarters



POUND Fitness

Tuesdays, (on-going) at 6-6:45pm

Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeals to men and women of all ages and abilities. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket. POUND® Fitness Licensed instructor: Amy Kistler.

Ages: 14-Adults

Cost: \$3 drop-in for residents; \$5 drop-in for non-residents

Location: Park District Headquarters



Zumba Toning

Tuesdays, (on-going) at 7-8pm;

When it comes to body sculpting, ZUMBA® Toning combines targeted body-sculpting exercises and high energy cardio work with Latin-infused ZUMBA® moves. Torch calories while strength-training at this dance fitness-party. Learn how to use lightweight, maraca-like Toning Sticks to enhance rhythm and tone target zones, including arms, abs, glutes and thighs. One pound ZUMBA® Toning sticks are provided. ZUMBA® Licensed instructor: Amy Kistler.

NO CLASS 12/18 or 12/25

Ages: 14-adults

Cost: \$3 drop-in for residents; \$5 drop-in for non-residents

Location: Park District Headquarters

NEW!! Strollers in Motion

FREE Preview Days: 8/21 and 8/28 at 9:30am

Wednesdays, 9/12-10/10, 10/24-11/28 at 9:30am (No Class 11/21)



A stroller-based workout for moms, dads or other caregivers. Each total body workout incorporates power walking and strolling, strength training, balance work and toning. An awesome way to get fit, meet new people, and have fun with your little ones! And, after some classes, special activities will be planned for the children!

PREVIEW DAYS ARE FREE – NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.

Age: *Baby wearing moms and dads! Siblings can tag along too!*

Cost: *\$24/ resident, \$30/ non-resident for 5 week session.*

Punch cards can be purchased at the beginning of each session and would expire 6 months after purchase, no refunds or credits.

Location: *Kehl Park/ inclement weather Park District Headquarters*

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 8/2-9/6, 9/13-10/18, 10/25-12/13, all classes meet at 11:30am-1pm

This class is for beginners as well as more experienced students who want to try a gentle, slower and relaxing practice. We will combine relaxation techniques, proper breathing, gentle stretches and meditation. People with injuries, health problems, or other issues that limit mobility or cause pain can also participate. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat or blanket.

Registration is required no later than the Friday before each 6 week session begins.

Instructor: Steve Chappell. **NO Class 11/23.**

Ages: *Adults*

Cost: *\$50 (6 classes) or \$12 drop-in for residents; \$55 (6 classes) or*

\$15 drop-in for non-residents-registration is still required

Location: *Park District Headquarters*



GET INVOLVED TODAY



Volunteering for the park district is more than just service hours, it's connecting and creating memories with our community.

Join the experience and fun today!

The Opportunities are endless with the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District.



Park District Volunteer Program

If you are looking for community service hours to help fulfill a project or school requirement this would be a great place to start. We are always looking for volunteers at most of our programs, special events and different park improvement projects. Our new online registration system helps to organize and track volunteer hours so that we have accurate records for you if needed. This online system is also a great way to send you reminders of your volunteer shift, as well as if there is an important program change to the volunteer commitment you are signed up for. Our volunteer opportunities are perfect for adults, students, scout groups, organizations, and families. Please register for volunteer opportunities online to see the most current opportunities or contact Alison Jenks-Pifer at apifer@bellbrook-sugarcreek-parks.org for special opportunities. Volunteers 18 and up are background checked to ensure safety of participants and other volunteers.



Athletic Field Status Text Alert Updates:

If you would like to start receiving athletic field status updates via text message please sign up online through "Recdesk" for our "2018 Athletic Field Updates". Texts will be sent if there is a change in field status during athletic seasons. You must list your mobile carrier in order to properly receive the updates directly to your phone.

ARCHERY PROGRAMS



This project was supported by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. All equipment for Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District archery programs has been provided thanks to grant monies from ODNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Restoration Program. Please do not bring your own equipment to these programs without prior approval from park staff.

PROGRAMS

Autumn Archery for Seniors

Saturday, 9/15 at 9:30-10:30am

This course is for anyone that has been interested in learning the technique of archery or doing it again after, ahem, a few years off. You will learn how to aim and shoot from our NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) certified instructors.

Minimum of 8 required.

Pre-registration is required by 9/12.

Ages: 50 and up

Cost: \$10 for res. /\$15 for non-res

Location: Park District Headquarter



Autumn Archery for Beginners

Saturday, 9/15 at 11-noon

Come try out our exciting new archery unit and learn a fun skill in the great outdoors! You will learn how to aim and shoot from our NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) certified instructors. Could you be the next Katniss or Legolas?!

Minimum of 8 required. Pre-registration is required by 9/12

Ages: 8-adult (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: \$20 for res. /\$25 for non-res

Location: Park District Headquarters



NATURE PROGRAMS

Stargazing

Saturday, 9/15 at 8-9:30pm

Everyone is invited to join local astronomy enthusiasts on this autumn night for an evening of stargazing; there will be a lot to see as local astronomers share their telescopes to explore the wilderness above us! The Moon, Saturn and Mars will dominate the evening sky along with Venus and Jupiter setting early. There is a lot to see this evening in the wilderness above Bellbrook! Bring your telescope or binoculars if you have them or just look through the provided telescopes. Come to Washington Mill Park to discover the night sky.

This program will be cancelled during inclement weather/ cloudy skies.

Ages: For all ages (children must be with an adult)

Cost: FREE event

Location: Morris Reserve



Sticks, Stones and Bones!

Saturday, 10/13 at 7:00-8:30pm

Local amateur archeologist Doug Baird will be discussing the five prehistoric groups of Native man 800-13,000 years before the present. This will include the study of very early manmade tools, ancient cultures and mega mammals! Flint knapping demonstrations will also be included at this lantern lit chat. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and dress for the cool night air.

Pre-registration is required until minimum is met, once minimum is met walk ups are welcome.

Ages: All Ages (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: FREE Event

Location: Morris Reserve



Register online for any of our programs at bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org • (937) 848-3535

Big Tree Hike

Sunday, 11/4 at 2-3:30pm

Come explore our beautiful nature park with our naturalist and discover the giant Sycamore and Ash trees along our wooded trail. The Sycamore is so large it is only 2 inches from being a state champion!! We will also be discovering the variety of nut trees along the way. Wear sturdy hiking shoes for hilly and possibly slippery trails.

Pre-registration 2 days prior is required until minimum is met, once minimum is met walk ups are welcome.

Ages: All Ages

Cost: FREE event

Location: Sweet Arrow Reserve



Holiday Luminary Walk

Friday, 12/28 at 6-7pm

Walk the nature trail and the asphalt path around the park as the glowing luminaries light your way for the holidays. Enjoy a winter evening outside and learn about conservation and Ohio's wildlife at our educational nature table. Celebrate and make some noise to bring in the New Year! Dress for winter weather and wear boots for muddy or icy trails.

Pre-registration 2 days prior is required until minimum is met, once minimum is met walk ups are welcome.

Ages: All Ages (children must be with an adult)

Cost: Free Event

Location: Kehl Park

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Little Miami River Trailblazer Adventure

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Sunday, 9/23 begins at noon



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Ages: For all ages

Team Size/Cost: 2 to 6 person teams. (\$200/2-4 person team. Each additional person, \$25. Children 3 and under are free.)

Location: Adventure begins and ends at the Park District Headquarters



Where's the Bear?!?!

Look under, over and through the woods for our hidden bears! Families can search high and low to solve the mystery by finding all of the missing bears throughout the Park District and our community partners. All bears can be found at any time of the day (parks are closed after dark). Get the game board on our website and look for clues of missing bear whereabouts posted on our Facebook page and website. Mail or turn in your completed game board in to the Park District Headquarters (2751 Washington Mill Road), all correct answers will be entered into a drawing for several prize baskets. This program is brought to you in partnership with Bellbrook Middle School's 8th grade STEM class who designed the bear emblem for a class project learning 3-D printing methods.

Completed game boards should be turned in or mailed to 2751 Washington Mill Road no later than 12/28/18.

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE

Location: Various park locations



Bake-Off

Sunday, 11/4 at 3-5pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this event, but if you consider yourself a dessert connoisseur, we dare you to put your baked goods to the test by entering in our 1st ever, Bake-Off! Attendees can taste and vote for their favorite baked good, or just spend time with family and friends. After indulging your sweet tooth, take a quick hike on the wooded trail in the Gooding Addition (adjacent to the park headquarters). There will be a \$1 per tasting associated with each baker's entry and all of the money will go to the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center; otherwise it is free to be a part of the festivities. **Volunteers will get free tastes and votes.** To become a competitor or volunteer contact the park district for details. Bake-Off champion will be awarded the **"Sweet Tooth Trophy"** and bragging rights until next Fall!

Bake-Off Competitors need to pre-register by 10/31 (the Wednesday before the cook-off).

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE for competitors; \$1/cupcake or cookie taste

Location: Park District Headquarters

Fireside Christmas Carols

Friday, 12/14 at 7-8:00pm

Join us to sing along with all your favorite Christmas Carols as we sit around the fireplace! Sip hot chocolate and bring some Christmas Cookies to share with others as we enjoy the Christmas Spirit and a warm fire.

Pre-registration 2 days prior is required until minimum is met, once minimum is met walk ups are welcome.

Ages: All Ages (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: Free event

Location: Park District Headquarters

TODDLER and PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Little Learners Preschool Fun

Fridays, 8/25, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9 and 12/7 at 10:30-11:30am

Each Little Learners session has a different theme, and following each theme we will read stories, play games and create a project all while learning about letters, numbers, shapes, colors, nature, and so much more! This program is meant to help strengthen and build the skills that your preschooler is learning at home and at preschool.

Don't miss out on the fun! An adult companion must attend.

Minimum of 10 required.

Pre-registration is required by Monday before each date until minimum is met.

Ages: 2-5 years

Cost: FREE for res./session; \$5 for non-res./session

Location: Park District Headquarters

Picnic Play Dates

9/20 and 10/17 at 11am-12pm

This program is for families with small children to come together, have a picnic, and enjoy a few activities together. Bring a picnic lunch and eat with new and old friends, then join us in some silly activities designed for little hands and big imaginations. Let's enjoy the weather before it gets too chilly! **Minimum of 8 required.**

Pre-registration is required by Friday before each date until minimum is met.

Ages: 1-4 years

Cost: FREE/res; \$5/non-res

Location: 9/20 - Magee Park 10/17 - Kehl Park



Jump, Wiggle and Shout!

10/30, 11/26, 12/20 at 10-10:30am

Let's move inside for an indoor playroom full of fun and new friends. This program is all about silly wiggles and goofy babbles. Your little one will have a blast movin' and groovin' to music while developing coordination, balance, listening skills, and gross motor skills. 10/30 program, feel free to come in costume! An adult companion must attend. **Minimum of 8 required.**

Pre-registration is required.

Age: 1-3 years

Cost: Free for residents; \$5 for non-residents

Location: Park District Headquarters

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

Can YOU Survive in Nature?

Sunday, 9/16 at 2-5 pm



Are you eager to learn about the basic survival skills of shelter, water, fire and food? If so, join us for this exciting event planned by Bellbrook Girl Scouts in conjunction with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District! In addition to these survival skills, participants will learn basic first aid and take a selfie scavenger hunt. Of course there will also be games, plus ice cream which attendees will make themselves. Best of all, your child will leave as a good citizen having contributed to a community service project benefiting Helping Hands of Dayton. Participants do not need to be involved in scouting to be a part of the day.

Pre-Registration is required by 9/12.

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: FREE Event

Location: Kehl Park

Fall Frolics Youth Hikes

9/21, 10/12, 11/19 and 12/5 at 2:45-4:15pm

Join us for an adventure through the trails at Sweet Arrow Reserve! We will discover historic trees and critters near the creek, and along the way we will get to climb hills, rocks, and logs to explore new paths that will lead to all sorts of adventures. Please dress for a mess and wear sturdy shoes for the trails and possible wet creek crossings.

Minimum of 8 required.

Pre-registration is required by Monday before each date until minimum is met.

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: FREE event

Location: Sweet Arrow Reserve



Babysitting Certification

Wednesday, 11/20 at 9am-4pm

This course is designed for young adults who will be babysitting or providing child and infant care. You will learn emergency action steps, fire/water safety, infant care, and also CPR, basic first aid and choking management. The program will be taught by a certified American & Safety Health Institute (ASHI) instructor. Participants will receive certification cards for CPR; Basic First Aid & Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) upon successful completion of the program. Bring a sack lunch.

Minimum of 8 required.

Pre-registration is required by 11/12.

Age: 12-15

Cost: \$55 for residents; \$65 for non-residents (includes certifications)

Location: Park District Headquarters



2019 Camp T-shirt Contest

Designs due 11/2/18

Each camp season, the Park District gives camp shirts to the first 75 registered participants. We are looking for creative and talented teens to enter a unique, nature-inspired, camp themed t-shirt design into our very first Camp T-shirt Contest. All designs need to be digital and are due by November 2nd. For contest rules go to our website.

Please contact Jamie Welton at 937-848-3535 or info@bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org for more information.

Ages: 13-18 years

Cost: FREE event

Entries due at Park District Headquarters or info@bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org

Monarch Butterflies NEED your help!



The Monarch butterfly is a beloved icon of the insect world. Nearly all of us are familiar with its eye catching black and orange coloring. These butterflies have a unique life cycle that includes a multi-generational migration all the way to Mexico. Unfortunately the loss of habitat from agriculture and development has caused a decrease of millions of acres that no longer provide the milkweed host plant that these insects need to survive, resulting in a severe drop in their population. Here at the park district we are trying to help them out by providing habitat for them in several ways. The Greene County Master Gardeners has planted a butterfly garden in Petrikis Park that includes

Milkweed plants in it as well as the new rain garden planted at the Park Headquarters last summer. We currently have planted abundant milkweed seeds in our newest park, The Morris Family Reserve on State Rte. 725. You too can contribute to the monarch's current crisis by planting milkweed in your own flower and vegetable gardens and by passing this information onto others. This little bit of citizen science can make a huge difference if we all participate. Please help bring back a beautiful species that is teetering on the edge of extinction!

Kendra Schide, Chief Naturalist



Thank You Corner

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District would like to thank the following individuals/businesses for their recent support:

- Bluebird box monitors for their diligence 2018 nesting season
- The Greene County Master Gardeners for keeping the gardens throughout the Park District looking so nice.
- Heather Luby for your help at preschool programs, coordinating multiple programs and events throughout the Spring and Summer.
- Kathy Barker for coordinating archery camp and helping with camps and festivals throughout the year.
- Karen Williams for helping at camps, festivals and programs throughout the summer season.
- Summer Program Volunteers who helped make camps and programs throughout the summer possible.
- Our summer seasonal staff that helped make this summer's programs and parks wonderful. We are so grateful for such a dedicated group of talented people.
- Winters Library for the hours we have worked together on new programs and exciting future programs.
- Our new volunteer naturalists for assisting with our nature and park programs.



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For your convenience, The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District offers online registration and can accept credit card payments for program fees, rentals, and deposits.

Administration Offices

2751 Washington Mill Rd
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305
Phone: 937-848-3535

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Bellbrook Park

57 North Main Street

Magee Park

1820 Little Sugarcreek Rd

Petrikis Park

3771 West Franklin St

Robert E. Gooding Addition

2751 Washington Mill Rd

Ron Kehl Park

1730 Sonoma Court

Sackett-Wright Park

3371 State Route 725

Sweet Arrow Reserve

789 Little Sugarcreek Rd

Washington Mill Park

3311 Washington Mill Rd

Morris Reserve

3151 Lower Bellbrook Rd

8th Annual Photo Calendar Contest

Now through October 3rd, 2018

Grab a camera, get out in the parks and capture the beauty of our special community. The top 12 photos (as voted by the public) will appear in the "Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District's 2019 Calendar". Deadline to submit a photo is October 3, 2018. For contest rules go to our website. Voting on Facebook and in person at the Park District Headquarters will take place from October 10th -24th. The calendar will be available at the Park District Headquarters in mid-November 2018. Please contact Jamie Welton at 937-848-3535 or info@bellbrook-sugarcreek-parks.org for more information.

Ages: For all ages

Cost: FREE event



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