

Cantigny Announces Stargazing on Sept. 26

WHEATON, IL, September 15, 2009 — Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, and the Naperville Astronomical Association, invite the public for an evening with the stars on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The family-friendly stargazing event will take place on the Parade Field outside the Cantigny Visitors Center from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. Visitors will be able to view planets and stars through telescopes and learn how to identify constellations with the naked eye. If the skies are clear, viewing highlights will include Jupiter, the moon, globular clusters, nebulae and galaxies.

Indoor activities are on the agenda too:

- From 7 to 9 pm, children can make glow-in-the-dark necklaces in the Visitors Center
- From 7:30 to 8 pm, a family-friendly presentation about constellations will take place in the Visitors Center Theater
- At 8 pm, also in the theater, Drew Carhart of the Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting will give a talk about light pollution in Chicagoland.

Stargazing at Cantigny is a free event, though a \$2 per car parking fee applies. The event will take place rain or shine, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Cantigny Park is open every day through October from 7 am to sunset. Hours are 9 am to sunset in November and December. More information and a complete schedule of fall events are online at Cantigny.org.

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About the McCormick Foundation

The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [McCormick Foundation.org](http://McCormickFoundation.org).

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