



## **Cantigny Park Plans Patriotic Celebration on July 4th**

**WHEATON, IL, June 22, 2010** – Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, will be alive with patriotic sights, sounds and activities for the whole family on Independence Day. Continuing an annual tradition, events and parking will be free at Cantigny on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

From noon to 3 pm, the Cantigny Parade Field will feature inflatables, sack races and other games for kids. Children can also get an American flag tattoo, ring the Liberty Bell and sign the Declaration of Independence. Cannon demonstrations will be conducted by Revolutionary War reenactors.

The Robert R. McCormick Museum will host children's activities on the south porch, also beginning at noon.

At 3 pm, the Southwest Community Concert Band will play patriotic music in front of the First Division Museum. Guests should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, and picnic baskets are welcome.

The First Division Museum and McCormick Museum will each be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission to the museums is free. A stroll through Cantigny's spectacular gardens is another option to consider. Cantigny also features a large public picnic area with a playground.

Inside the Cantigny Visitors Center, Le Jardin will serve lunch from 11 am to 3 pm, and Bertie's (for ice cream, snacks and coffee drinks) will operate from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

Cantigny Park is open every day in the summer from 7 am to dusk. A complete schedule of concerts and events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

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### **About Cantigny**

Cantigny, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick. Cantigny Park is home to the McCormick Museum, 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).

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