



“Night at the Mansion” Family Sleepover Set for April 23

WHEATON, IL, March 10, 2010 — Ever wondered what happens inside Cantigny Park after dark? Find out on Friday, April 23, at the Robert R. McCormick Museum’s family overnight event: “Night at the Mansion.”

Kids ages 5 to 10 and their parents are invited to enjoy a variety of activities. The evening starts with a visit from some very special guests: Owls from Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn! We’ll then create one-of-a-kind pillowcases, follow our tour guide on a flashlight tour of the mansion and enjoy a snack. Before lights out we’ll settle into sleeping bags to watch *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* in the historic Gold Theatre. Rise early the next morning for a light breakfast in the museum before exploring Cantigny Park on your own.

“This big house has a different personality at night,” said Diane Gutenkauf, director of the Robert R. McCormick Museum. “It’s a little scary, a little unusual and a whole lot of fun.”

“Night at the Mansion” begins at 6:30 pm on April 23. Cost is \$40 per person and includes craft supplies, movie, snacks and continental breakfast. Reservations are required. Register online at Cantigny.org/events or call 630 260 8162.

The McCormick Museum is the former home of Robert R. McCormick. Free guided tours are available Tuesday-Sunday. Parking at Cantigny Park is \$5 during museum hours (10 am to 4 pm) and \$2 at other times. Parking is free for “Night at the Mansion” participants.

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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, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. 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. 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.

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