

Calling All Canines! Dog Days Return to Cantigny Park on August 6

WHEATON, IL, July 26, 2011 — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, will host its third annual “Dog Days” on Saturday, August 6, from 10 am to 4 pm. The free event is the one day each year when guests and their favorite furry friends get to enjoy the park together.

“Dog owners really love this event and so do their pets,” said Laura Evans, Cantigny director of visitor services. “They recognize that it’s a rare opportunity and the response to it has been remarkable.”

Dog Days will feature an off-leash dog play area, plus entertaining shows and demonstrations by specially trained animals. Spectator favorites will include the amazing high-flying dogs of the Windy City K-9 Disc Club. About 50 nonprofit organizations and commercial vendors will be on site, too.

All new for 2011 will be the Dog Olympics, sponsored by [Dog Scouts of America](#). Those with highly talented or obedient dogs are encouraged to enter the competition! Events will include:

- Peanut Butter Lick
- Temptation Tower
- Ball Lottery
- Hot Dog Dunk
- Marathon Down
- Leave It Challenge
- Kiss Off
- Doggie Limbo
- Musical Hoops
- Obstacle Course

Registration forms for the Dog Olympics may be downloaded at [Cantigny.org](#).

Pet owners will be free to walk their leashed dogs throughout Cantigny’s beautiful grounds during the event. Visiting dogs must have current vaccination tags and be social with others.

Admission to Dogs Days is free with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle).

Cantigny Park is open every day during summer from 7 am to dusk. A complete schedule of concerts, workshops and special events is posted online.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based McCormick R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a highly rated 27-hole golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](#). For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit [CantignyGolf.com](#).

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