
S'mores and more: Family Campout at Cantigny on July 1

WHEATON, IL, June 20, 2011 — Cantigny is inviting families to experience the park in an entirely new way the night of Friday, July 1. The first-ever Family Campout will feature a picnic dinner provided by the park, a twilight nature walk, children's craft, s'mores around the campfire and maybe even a ghost story or two.

Cantigny's three campsites, near the Education Center, are usually reserved for Scout groups. The Family Campout responds to the many inquiries from the general public about pitching a tent and spending the night on the historic 500-acre Cantigny estate.

Openings still remain for this unique camping opportunity, priced at \$25 per person. Interested families are encouraged to register online at Cantigny.org. Those with questions may call 630.260.8162.

Campers will arrive on July 1 between 5 and 6 pm. Breakfast will be served the next morning at 7 am with departure at 8 am. All campers may then enjoy Cantigny Park's gardens, trails, museums and other attractions.

Families are asked to bring their own tents, sleeping bags and flashlights. A limited number of tents and sleeping bags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from the park.

Camp activities will be geared to children ages 5 and older, and there is a limit of three children per adult. In case of inclement weather, the Education Center will be available for shelter.

Parking is free for registered campers at the Cantigny greenhouse and administration building. Access is from Shaffner Road on the east side of the park.

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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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