

Cantigny Park – November & December Events

The following activities, special holiday events and workshops are coming soon to Cantigny! The park entrance is at 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road, also in Wheaton. More details are online at Cantigny.org and CantignyGolf.com. Phone 630.668.5161 (park) or 630.668.8463 (golf).

At a Glance *(detailed listing of all events begins on page 2)*

Color Key:

Green: Garden Programs

Red: Kids, Family & Concerts

Blue: Golf Academy and Youth Links

Black: Adult Programs

Nov 1	Garden Tour: Tree Trail
Nov 2	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Nov 2	Date with History Lecture
Nov 3	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Nov 3	Needle Felting Workshop
Nov 4	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Nov 4	Whisky Dinner
Nov 5	Pancake Breakfast
Nov 5	Cantigny 5K Run/Walk
Nov 6	Toy Soldier Show
Nov 6	Cross Country Challenge
Nov 7	Doodlebugs Art Class (first of 3 sessions)
Nov 8	Golf Academy Workshop
Nov 9	Storytime with Winfield Library
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12	Bird Walk
Nov 16	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Nov 19	Snow Globes Craft
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop
Nov 22	Community Christmas Trees Display (through Dec 29)
Nov 22	Golf Academy Workshop
Nov 29	Poinsettia Display
Nov 30	Storytime with West Chicago Library
Dec 1	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Dec 1	Gingerbread House Decorating
Dec 2	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Dec 3	Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival
Dec 4	Lunch with Santa
Dec 5	Doodlebugs Art Class (first of 2 sessions)
Dec 6	Music Together Sing-a-Long (first of 3 sessions)
Dec 6	Garden Tour: Winter Walk
Dec 6	Golf Academy Workshop
Dec 7	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Dec 7	Date with History Lecture

Dec 10-11	LEGO Train Show
Dec 14	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Dec 17	Christmas Bird Count
Dec 18	Holiday Concert
Dec 19	Holiday Floral Workshop
Dec 20	Golf Academy Workshop

Event Details:

Tuesday, November 1

Garden Tour: Tree Trail

Visitors Center, 11 am

Learn all about Cantigny's trees on this guided walk led by Joy Kaminsky, the park's director of horticulture. Tour departs from Visitors Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, November 2

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme of this session is "Strut Like a Skunk." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, November 2

Date with History Lecture Series

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Author Richard S. Lowry will speak. Free admission and parking. For program details, visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.

Thursday, November 3

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Forest Friends." Class also meets Nov. 10 and Nov. 17. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Thursday, November 3

Perfect Pet Needle Felting Workshop

Education Center, 6:30 pm

Create a needle-felted sculpture of your favorite animal with instruction by the staff of Wool and Company. You'll learn how to work with a wire armature to create a lifelike figure. No experience necessary! \$40 fee includes all materials. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, November 4

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Forest Friends." Class also meets Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, November 4

Balvenie Whisky Dinner

Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 7 pm

Balvenie's Whisky Ambassador will host an evening featuring five whiskies perfectly paired with hors d'oeuvres and five courses specially created by Cantigny Executive Chef John Scieszka. Cost is \$68 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity. Seating is limited; for reservations, call 630.668.8194. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

Saturday, November 5

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 am to 1 pm

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion will host this fundraiser in conjunction with the Cantigny 5K Run/Walk. Feast on pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, and maybe win a door prize too! \$6 per person; \$2 for ages 4 and under. Walk-ins welcome.

Saturday, November 5

Cantigny 5K Run/Walk

Parade Field, 9 am

A great race in beautiful surroundings! Event is chip-timed and limited to 900 runners. Youth Run and Tot Run, too. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Register at signmeup.com/75571.

Sunday, November 6

Toy Soldier Show

Visitors Center, 9 am to 4 pm

Toy soldier enthusiasts will display collections of small-scale soldiers and armaments. Items will be for sale and painting techniques will be demonstrated. Free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle).

Sunday, November 6

Cross Country Challenge

Cantigny Golf, 10 am

Enjoy this season-finale event featuring 9 holes played cross-country style! This will be a fun and totally unique challenge for golfers of all skill levels. The format is 4-person scramble; Cantigny will complete a foursome for singles and twosomes. Entry fee of \$260 per team includes green fee and cart, range balls, tee gift and on-course contests, prizes, tailgate lunch and refreshments. Enter by Nov. 3 at CantignyGolf.com or 630.260.8197.

Monday, November 7

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Drop off your child for an hour of art exploration! Each week's activities are based on different children's book illustrations or an art masterpiece. The theme for this 3-session class is "Line Forms Here" Class also meets Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. For ages 4-6. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, November 8

Workshop: Practice Strategies

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help you enjoy golf even more! Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Wednesday, November 9

Storytime with the Winfield Library

Education Center, 10 am

Join us for a special Manners storytime with songs and a craft. Pick up a free parking pass at the Winfield Library. Registration required; limit 40. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Nuccia Choate at 630.653.7599. Program is free.

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day and Luminary Tribute

Parade Field, 5 pm to 9 pm

Honor those who served and sacrificed for America's freedom by attending a solemn Luminary Tribute featuring more than 2,000 candles. The First Division Museum will stay open late and

special Veterans Day programming will be offered inside the museum and the Cantigny Visitors Center. Parking is free all day.

Saturday, November 12

Bird Walk

Visitors Center, 8:30 am

Join the DuPage Birding Club for an easy-pace stroll around the grounds. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

Wednesday, November 16

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme of this session is "Scurry Like a Squirrel." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, November 19

Snow Globes Craft

Cantigny Greenhouse, 10 am & 1 pm

Kids ages 5 to 8 can make up to three snow globes with an assortment of provided jars, figures, trim and snow. They make cute holiday presents for friends and family. Class participation limited to one registered child per accompanying adult. Fee is \$15 with all materials provided. Parking is free.

Monday, November 21

Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop

Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm

Create a fresh circular arrangement that could hold a large candle or hurricane to grace your holiday table. Joyce Grattoni, AIFD, will instruct. Your design will include fresh and dried materials for a unique and beautiful result. Bring a hand pruner and wire cutter to class; all other materials provided. \$45. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, November 22

Community Trees Display

Robert R. McCormick Museum

Through the holiday season, see Christmas trees artfully decorated throughout the mansion by seven local non-profit groups with missions linked to Colonel Robert R. McCormick. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree. The seven participating nonprofits receive a donation from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and the organization with the winning tree will receive additional funding. Museum visitors may also donate if they choose.

Tuesday, November 22

Workshop: What Junior Golfers Need to Know

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help young players improve and enjoy the game even more. Cost \$10. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Tuesday, November 29

Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display

Cantigny Greenhouse, 10 am to 2 pm

Visitors to this annual open house will see more than 4,000 poinsettia plants all in one place at their holiday best. Plants will be available for sale, and Cantigny horticulturists will lead tours and answer questions. Groups welcome as well as individuals. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 630.260.8177.

Wednesday, November 30

Storytime with the West Chicago Library

Education Center, 10 am

Join the West Chicago Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories. Contact the library for further details and reservations at 630.231.1552, ext. 117. Program is free.

Thursday, December 1
Sprouts Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Snow Cool!" Class also meets Dec. 8 and Dec. 15. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Thursday, December 1
Gingerbread House Decorating
Robert R. McCormick Museum, 4:30 pm

Take a peek inside the impressive Freedom Hall, decked out for the season, and then decorate your very own preassembled gingerbread house inside the 115-year-old mansion! Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and holiday music as you work. For ages 6-12. Cost \$16; free parking. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, December 2
Sprouts Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Snow Cool!" Class also meets Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, December 3
Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival
Parkwide, 4 pm to 8 pm

Families and children of all ages will enjoy the park's inaugural holiday festival. Activities will include a tree lighting ceremony, ice carving demonstrations, carolers, live reindeer display, children's crafts, facepainting, sleigh rides, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Event is free with regular parking (\$2 per vehicle).

Sunday, December 4
Lunch with Santa
Le Jardin, 11 am & 1 pm seatings

Enjoy a special holiday buffet and meet Mr. C! Young guests can have their picture taken with Santa and each will receive a Santa-style stocking cap. Balloon-twisting entertainment too! \$23/ adults; \$15/ages 3-12; kids 2 and under free. Prices include tax and gratuity. Full menu posted online. For reservations call 630.260.8260 or e-mail jchase@cantigny.org.

Monday, December 5
Doodlebugs Art Class
Education Center, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Drop off your child for an hour of art exploration! Each week's activities are based on different children's book illustrations or an art masterpiece. The theme for this 2-session class is "Beary Winter." Class also meets Dec. 12. For ages 4-6. Cost: \$12 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, December 6
Music Together Sing-a-long
Education Center, 9:30 am or 10:30 am

The first of three Tuesday sessions (class also meets Dec. 13 and Dec. 20). For ages birth to 6 years. Tuition is \$45 for the first registered child and \$30 for registered siblings over 9 months old. Younger siblings are free. Class is 45 minutes. Free parking. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, December 6

Garden Tour: Winter Walk

Visitors Center, 11 am

Enjoy a guided walk designed to give you a new perspective on the beauty of a winter garden. Joy Kaminsky, Director of Horticulture at Cantigny, will lead. Tour departs from the Visitors Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, December 6

Workshop: Power Secrets of the Pros

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that's sure to help your game. Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Wednesday, December 7

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme of this session is "Winter Moon." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, December 7

Date with History Lecture Series

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Author Jon T. Hoffman will speak. Free admission and parking. For program details, visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.

Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11

LEGO Train Show

Visitors Center, 9 am to 4 pm

Cantigny Park's 10th annual holiday show is produced by the Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club and is their largest show of the year! Admission is free with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle).

Wednesday, December 14

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme of this session is "Snow Cool!" For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, December 17

Christmas Bird Count

Visitors Center, 8:30 am

Join members of the DuPage Birding Club for this traditional data collection event to benefit bird conservation. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. To sign up, send an e-mail to jreiter@mccormickfoundation.org. Event and parking are free.

Sunday, December 18

Holiday Concert

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 3 pm

Selections from Bach, Bartok and Debussy at this piano recital by Mark Valenti will put you in a holiday mood. Tickets are free but distribution is by lottery due to limited seating. Limit two per person. To enter, call 630.260.8162 or email register@cantigny.org before Dec. 9. Winners will be contacted by Dec. 15.

Monday, December 19
Holiday Floral Workshop

Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm

Janet Gallagher, Floral Design Instructor at Kishwaukee College, will help you create three beautiful arrangements (small, medium and large sizes) that look like gift-wrapped packages. Bring a hand pruner and wire cutter to the class; all other materials included in \$35 fee. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, December 20

Workshop: Key Steps to an Effortless Swing

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will end your golf year on a high note. Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor 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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