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## CLARK COUNTY SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

MARCH - MAY 2024







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## LEANN'S LITTLE BIT

Our parks have been bustling with activity throughout the winter months! It is easy to think about warm spring days and getting outside as we look ahead with excitement for a new season of opportunity and growth. The Clark County Park District and National Trail Parks and Recreation District are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our residents and contributing to the character of Clark County through parks, trails, programs and events. The District manages over 2,000 acres of parkland and 30 parks including a historical park and museum, nature preserves, athletic venues, playgrounds, trails, 164 acres of wetland and 12 miles of river. We have a great team of employees who dedicate themselves daily to making our parks and programs some of the best around. By creating a sense of place, parks and recreation opportunities provide critical connections for individuals, families and the entire community through the natural environment, recreational pursuits, historic appreciation, and social and cultural events. This sense of place shapes the cohesive fabric of vision, values and identity of the community while promoting an active lifestyle for all ages. If you are looking to make an impact in our community, consider working for the Park District! We are currently looking for staff in the areas of maintenance, summer camps and Splash Zone. Our staff

interact with our park visitors and program participants, making a positive impact on their experience while visiting. As a first job for many, working in the parks, at our camps or at Splash Zone gives you a start on your work or school career, providing hands-on experience serving people. For employment information, visit our website under the MORE tab. The Park District and its beauty are a part of our daily life. Our future is bright and we are excited to be able to show you the great things that are to come in the parks!



**I hope to see you in a park or on a trail this spring!**

*Leann G. Castillo*

Leann Castillo,  
Director - National Trail Parks &  
Recreation District  
Interim Director - Clark County  
Park District

# PROGRAM REGISTRATION

## HOW

Registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis up to the maximum enrollment. Late registrations and transfers are only possible when there are openings. A late registration fee of \$5 will be charged after regular deadlines. You may register online, by mail, walk-in or phone. Early registration is encouraged as many programs fill up fast. Preregistration is required for all programs that have a deadline date noted.

## PAYMENT

Payment of fees are due when you register. Phone registrations must be paid by credit card. Please make checks payable to: NTPRD. Note: \$25 service fee on all returned checks.

## CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of registration form and fee, that individual is automatically enrolled (space permitting). You will receive an email confirmation with available program details. Please show up for the first class at the appointed time and place unless you are notified otherwise. Athletic League participants will be contacted by a coach with practice and game information once they have had their initial meeting.

## IF PROGRAMS ARE FULL

If the program is full, you may request to be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a space becomes available.

## REFUNDS

All customer-initiated program or activity withdrawals are entitled to receive a household credit for the program fee minus a 15% refund processing fee if requested in the allotted time:

Camps • Two days following the original registration deadline.

Athletics • One month following the original registration deadline.

Special Events - Single Day Events or Instructor-Provided Classes • Prior to original registration deadline.

NTPRD and CCPD reserves the right to cancel or postpone any program or activity upon which the customer is entitled to a full refund of the program fee in the form of a check.

## ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

National Trail and CCPD recognizes that recreation is beneficial to all persons. To meet this need, NTPRD and CCPD are committed to providing assistance and reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities to access all services and programs offered by the District. If accommodations are needed due to disability, please tell us at least two weeks before the event. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide adaptations and accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities.

## ACTIVITY/PROGRAM WAIVER

I, the undersigned, hereby assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of activities and transportation to and from NTPRD and CCPD while participating in this program. I do further hereby resolve, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the NTPRD and CCPD, its Boards, organizers, sponsors and instructors appointed by them. I grant NTPRD and CCPD permission to publish in print, electronic or video format the likeness or image of my child or myself. I release all claims against NTPRD and CCPD with the respect of copyright ownership and publication, including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

## INFORMATION ACCURACY

Occasionally there may be an error in dates, times, fees or other pertinent information in our activity guide. When such errors occur, our staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. We thank you for your patience and understanding when those situations arise. For updated information on any program, please consult the National Trail at website: [ntprd.org](http://ntprd.org).

## WAYS TO REGISTER

### ONLINE

Visit [ntprd.org](http://ntprd.org) and select the programs and events tab to find available upcoming programs, events or leagues and click the registration button. If you are a prior customer, your email address is your username.

### IN PERSON

Stop by our administrative office located at 1301 Mitchell Blvd. in Springfield during business hours.

### BY PHONE

(937)328-7275 only if paying by credit card.

### BY MAIL

Send registration form along with check to:  
National Trail Parks & Recreation  
District, 1301 Mitchell Blvd.  
Springfield, OH 45503

Registration forms available online at <https://ntprd.org/forms/>





The Clark County Park District, d.b.a. National Trail Parks & Recreation District, is a local governmental agency that is dedicated to forging meaningful connections between the community and the wonders of nature and our shared history. Through immersive educational programs, activities and recreational opportunities, we aim to conserve and champion our region's natural beauty and historical significance. We proudly oversee an expansive network of parks and recreational facilities, offering a diverse range of programs tailored for the residents of Clark County.

Spanning over 2,000 acres, our district boasts beautiful parks, recreational facilities, and nearly 30 miles of multi-use trails. Our passionate team is committed to upholding the highest standards in park maintenance, services, and program offerings. We are united in our vision of community through people, parks, and diverse programs. Our aim is to enhance Clark County by motivating individuals to embrace both history, nature and recreation by actively engaging in our park spaces, experiences and programs.

## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1301 Mitchell Boulevard • Springfield, Ohio 45503 • **Phone:** (937)328-PARK (7275)

**Website:** [ntprd.org](http://ntprd.org) | [clarkcountyparks.org](http://clarkcountyparks.org) • **Email:** [nationaltrail@springfieldohio.gov](mailto:nationaltrail@springfieldohio.gov)

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 am- 5 pm • Closed Holidays

## PARKS

Administration Building	1301 Mitchell Boulevard
Battle of Peckuwe Site	5638 Lower Valley Pike
Buck Creek Nature Park	1101 Mitchell Boulevard
Davey Moore Park	600 South Western Avenue
Estel Wenrick Wetlands	2855 Union Rd., Medway
George Rogers Clark Park	930 S. Tecumseh Rd.
Jack Hemry Park	400 Elk Avenue
Layne Addition Park	Cortland Drive & Leland Drive
Leadingham Prairie	Intersection Union & Spangler Rd.
Kirby Preserve	Entrance in Old Reid Park
Mad River Gorge & Nature Preserve	2710 Dayton-Springfield Rd.
Municipal Stadium Wetlands	Buck Creek Trail
New Reid Park	3144 East Leffel Lane
Northern Estates Park	Northern Estates Neighborhood
Old Reid Park	Entrance on Croft Road
Perrin Woods Park	Parkwood & Southern Parkway
Rebert Pike Nature Park	1696 Rebert Pike
Selma Road Park	724 York Street
Sherman Avenue Park	760 Sherman Avenue
Skate Park Off Mitchell	1425 Mitchell Boulevard
Snider Valley	1801 Snider Road, Medway
Snyder Park	Plum St., Bechtel Ave., SR 40
Spangler Nature Preserve	3656 Spangler Rd., Medway
Standpipe Park	32 North Greenmount Avenue
Veterans Park	Cliff Park Road
Virgil A. Mabra Park	1413 Oakleaf Avenue
Warder Fit Stop	226 Warder St, Buck Creek Trail

## FACILITIES

Annex Baseball Field	1425 Mitchell Boulevard
Carleton Davidson Stadium	1101 Mitchell Boulevard
Davidson Interpretive Center	5638 Lower Valley Pike
Eagle City Soccer Complex	500 Eagle City Road
Hertzer House	930 S. Tecumseh Rd.
Lagonda Fields	1975 Mitchell Boulevard
Leadingham Farm	3656 Spangler Rd., Medway
NTPRD Chiller	301 W. Main Street
Snyder Park Clubhouse	1900 Snyder Park Drive
Splash Zone	300 Eagle City Road
Veterans Park Amphitheater	107 Cliff Park Road

## TRAILS

Buck Creek Trail	Plum Street East to the Reservoir
Little Miami Scenic Trail	Jefferson St. to Greene County Line
Prairie Grass Trail	Madison County Line to Greene County Line
Simon Kenton Trail	Jefferson Street, North to Urbana

## CCPD BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

President - Pam Bennett, Vice-President - Tim DeVore, Secretary - Andy Elder, Kim Fish & Dana Waggoner

## NTPRD BOARD MEMBERS

Chair - Sabrina Tackett, Vice-Chair - Lea Elliott, Secretary - Derek Alvarado, Debbie DeWitt, Jim Gay, Randy Yontz and Jack Simonton

## SHELTER RENTAL

April 1-Sept. 30 (Prices Vary)

Shelter rentals are available at the following locations:

Davey Moore Park	1 shelter
Eagle City Soccer Complex	1 shelter
George Rogers Clark Park	4 shelters
Lagonda Fields Park	1 shelter
New Reid Park	2 shelters
Old Reid Park	2 shelters
Snyder Park	7 shelters
Virgil A. Mabra Park	2 shelters

## FACILITY & FIELD RENTAL

Rentals for private or public events are available at Splash Zone, Veterans Park Amphitheater, Carleton Davidson Stadium, and other National Trail facilities, including sports fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and football. For details, please contact us at (937) 328-7275.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community members looking to contribute to our parks and recreation system can volunteer, benefiting from flexible schedules, service hours, skill-building, and job experience. Training is required for all volunteers.

Call 24 Hours a Day for Program Cancellation  
Information • 937-324-7645





# nature focus

## SPOTTED SALAMANDERS NATURE'S NIGHTTIME NINJAS

Have you ever heard of the Spotted Salamander? It's one of the coolest creatures you can find in the forest! Let's dive into the fascinating world of these slimy yet super cool amphibians.

### SPOTS GALORE!

Imagine a small, sleek creature with a shiny black body covered in bright yellow spots. That's the Spotted Salamander for you! These spots help them blend into their woodland homes, making them masters of camouflage. They have short legs and a long tail, perfect for slithering through the forest floor.

### WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Spotted Salamanders love to hang out in damp, wooded areas. You can find them hiding under logs, rocks, and leaf piles. They especially love areas near ponds or streams, where they can lay their eggs in the spring.

### WHAT DO THEY EAT?

These little guys are not picky eaters! They munch on all sorts of tasty treats like insects, worms, snails, and even small frogs. Yum! They use their sticky tongues to catch their prey, just like a frog.

### FROM EGG TO ADULT

Spotted Salamanders have a pretty interesting lifecycle. In the spring, they gather at ponds to breed. The females lay their eggs in the water, attaching them to underwater plants. After a few weeks, the eggs hatch into tiny larvae called "salamander babies". These babies have gills and spend their time swimming and feeding in the water.

As they grow, they go through a magical transformation called "metamorphosis". Their gills disappear, and they develop lungs, legs, and the ability to live on land. Finally, they become adults and venture into the forest to find their own homes.

### WATCH OUT FOR PREDATORS!

Despite their cool spots, Spotted Salamanders have to watch out for predators like snakes, birds, and even some mammals. To protect themselves, they can release a yucky-smelling liquid from their skin, which tastes bad to predators. They also use their camouflage skills to hide from danger.

## PROTECTING OUR SPOTTED FRIENDS

Unfortunately, Spotted Salamanders face threats from habitat destruction and pollution. As our woodlands disappear, they have fewer places to live and breed. That's why it's essential to protect their homes and keep our forests clean and healthy.

### DID YOU KNOW?



- They're like undercover agents with their secret nighttime missions - they're nocturnal!
- They'd win a talent show for their disappearing act - they blend in like camouflage experts!
- They've got a slimy superpower. Spotted Salamanders can produce a sticky substance from their skin when threatened, making them slippery escape artists!
- They're all about that underground life, living in burrows during the day to avoid the scorching sun.
- Forget Match.com - They find their mates through pheromones. It's like sending love letters in the air!
- Move over, Spider-Man - Spotted Salamanders can regrow lost limbs. They're the real superheroes of the animal kingdom!



## LET'S NUTURE OUR NIGHTTIME NINJAS!

Next time you're exploring the forest, keep an eye out for these amazing creatures. The Spotted Salamander might be small, but it's definitely mighty! Let's work together to protect their homes and ensure they continue to thrive in the wild.



## ▶ PROGRAMS

Register for NTPRD Chiller programs in person at the NTPRD Chiller or online at [NTPRDChiller.com](http://NTPRDChiller.com). Skate and helmet rental are included with Chiller classes.

## HOCKEY

### HOCKEY 1 - 4

**Ages: 6 & Older**

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**10:15 - 11:00am**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

Learning to Skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class progression will start with proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning and more while skating in hockey skates. As students progress through the series, additional skating elements will be added, eventually moving into full hockey drills and skills including sticks and pucks with full gear required.

## ICE SKATING

### LEARN TO SKATE - ADULT & TEENS

**Ages: 13 & Older**

**Mondays, March 18 - May 6**

**6:15 - 7:00pm OR**

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**9:00 - 9:45am**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

This class is the foundation of all skating disciplines. Upon completion, skaters will have the basic skills necessary to advance to more specialized areas of skating. Skills taught: First steps, balance, gliding, stopping and introductory edges. Skaters will be grouped by age and experience.

## FITNESS

### TRAIL HIKERS

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Wednesdays**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**Rebert Pike Nature Park • March 6,**

**April 3, May 1 & May 29**

**Kirby Preserve • March 13, April 10**

**& May 8**

**New Reid • March 20, April 17 &**

**May 15**

**Mad River Gorge • March 27,**

**April 24 & May 22**

**FREE**

These guided, self-paced hikes allow you to explore our local natural environment. Wear hiking boots, all trails are natural. Hikers must complete a yearly registration form before their first hike.

### CLARK PARK HIKERS

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Thursdays**

**9:00 - 10:00am**

**George Rogers Clark Park**

**FREE**

Join Park District volunteers each Thursday morning to enjoy a walk through the woods. Meet at the lower parking lot below the dam and experience the beauty and camaraderie found in the outdoors.








Join the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest beautification initiative! With millions of volunteers nationwide and hundreds annually in Clark County, we're dedicated to keeping our community clean and beautiful. Select a park, bike path, or public area to spruce up. We provide gloves, trash bags, free disposal, and a token of appreciation. Let's make this year's Cleanup even more impactful! Scan the QR code to download the application and keep Clark County pristine.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS ARE WELCOME




## FITNESS

### TRAIL WALKERS

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Tuesdays**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**FREE**

Trail Walkers is a guided walking program, which highlights the multi-purpose trail system while promoting fitness, fellowship and fun. These guided walks will get you moving outdoors while you explore our local multi-use trails. Prior to the first walk participants are required to complete a yearly registration form.

### TRAIL RIDERS

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Mondays**

**10:00 - 11:30am**

**FREE**

Trail Riders is a guided cycling program that promotes fitness and fun. These paced recreational rides are an average speed of 10-12 mph and explore Clark County's local multi-use trails. Helmets are required. Prior to the first ride participants are required to complete a yearly registration form.

### YOGA

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Wednesdays, March 20 - April 24**

**6:00 - 7:00pm**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: March 13**

**Fee: \$50**

This class will include warm-ups; basic yoga postures including bending, stretching and balancing, breathing techniques and deep relaxation. This yoga class is suitable for both beginners and experienced yoga students. Most postures can be varied to meet individual's needs. Participants will need a yoga mat. A firm blanket for seated postures and a water bottle are recommended.

## TRAIL WALKERS SPRING SCHEDULE

### DATE

March 19  
March 26  
April 2  
April 9  
April 16  
April 23  
April 30  
May 7  
May 14  
May 21  
May 28

### TRAIL

Buck Creek Trail  
Buck Creek Trail  
Simon Kenton Trail  
Simon Kenton Trail  
Ferncliff Cemetery  
Tecumseh Trail  
Buck Creek Trail  
Simon Kenton Trail  
Prairie Grass Trail  
Simon Kenton Trail  
Buck Creek Trail

### MEETING POINT

NTPRD Administration Building  
Old Reid Park  
Eagle City Soccer Complex  
Countyline Road Staging Area  
Ferncliff Cemetery & Arboretum  
Smith Park in New Carlisle  
Old Reid Park  
Eagle City Soccer Complex  
Train Depot, South Charleston  
Splash Zone Waterpark  
Old Reid Park

## TRAIL RIDERS SPRING SCHEDULE

### DATE

May 6  
May 13  
May 20

### TRAIL

Simon Kenton Trail  
Buck Creek Trail  
Little Miami Scenic Trail

### MEETING POINT

Eagle City Soccer Complex  
Heritage Center, Springfield  
Beatty Station Staging Area

## PICKLEBALL

### PICKLEBALL FOR BEGINNERS

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Saturdays, May 4, 11 & 18**

**9:30 - 11:00am**

**Dredge Tennis Complex, Snyder Park**

**Deadline: May 1**

**Fee: \$40 per participant**

Weekly sessions cover pickleball rules, skills, and gameplay, ending with round-robin games. Players need to bring their own paddles; balls supplied.

## SOFTBALL

### SENIOR LEAGUE

**Ages: 49 & Older (as of Aug 1, 2024)**

**Lagonda Fields**

**Deadline: May 17**

**Fee: \$375 per team (Includes WSL Sanction Fee)**

Teams will play a 7-game season every Tuesday from June 4, ending with a tournament at Lagonda Fields. Pitching screens provided. Register at NTPRD with a \$200 non-refundable deposit. Full payment required by May 17. Spaces are limited.

### SUMMER LEAGUES

**Ages: 18 & Older**

**Lagonda Fields**

**Deadline: April 8**

**Fee: \$455 per team +**

**\$30 WSL Sanction Fee**

Teams will compete in a 10-game schedule starting week of May 1st on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot, with full payment due by April 12. Spaces are limited.

### NIGHT LEAGUES

Wednesday • Men's open

Friday • Men's Open (Lag 2 comp)

Sunday Night • Coed Open



## ACTIVITIES

### CRAFTY CARDS

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Mondays, March 4, April 1 & May 6**  
**6:00 - 8:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: Thursday Prior**  
**Fee: \$15.00 per class**

Crafty Cards offers a fun escape with friends or solo 'me' time, including supplies and instructions for 4-5 projects. Work at your own pace and skill level.

### YARN CLUB

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Fridays, March 8 & 22**  
**Fridays, April 12 & 26**  
**Fridays, May 10 & 24**  
**9:00 - 11:00am**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**FREE**

Enjoy coffee and company as you work on your yarn project in this social group for all skill levels. No formal instruction, but sharing tips is encouraged. Participants must complete a yearly registration form before their first session.

### PREPARING FOR THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

**Ages: 12 & Older**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
**6:30 - 7:30pm**  
**Davidson Interpretive Center**  
**Deadline: March 11**  
**FREE**

Discover the upcoming solar eclipse: start in amateur astronomy, explore our solar system, and learn what to see during the eclipse. Held in partnership with the Miami Valley Astronomical Society.



### HISTORY CHAT AN HISTORICAL STUDY OF WOMEN IN CLARK COUNTY

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Wednesday, March 20**  
**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
**Davidson Interpretive Center**  
**Deadline: March 18**

#### FREE

Celebrate Women's History Month with Sue Mattinson, ex-president of the South Charleston Heritage Commission, as she sheds light on the pivotal role of women in South Charleston's history. Discover how these women, often seen as background figures, played significant roles in shaping the community.

### BEGINNING BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Friday, March 22 • 6:30 - 8:30pm**  
**Saturday, March 23 • 9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: March 13**  
**Fee: \$40**

Learn beekeeping basics and the vital role of honeybees in a 2-part workshop led by Certified Master Beekeepers, perfect for beginners. Bring lunch or purchase nearby.

### WATERFOWL WALK

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Friday, March 29**  
**8:00 - 9:00am**  
**Old Reid Park**  
**Deadline: March 27**

#### FREE

Join our morning walk to observe ducks and water birds up close. Spot various species and bring binoculars if available. Meet at Pumphouse Road bridge.



### STAINED GLASS SUNCATCHER

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Saturday, April 6**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: March 29**  
**Fee: \$70**

Create a stained glass suncatcher in a day, ideal for both beginners and skilled crafters. This class, focusing on a solar eclipse keepsake, teaches basic techniques with pre-cut pieces. Fee includes instruction and materials for your piece—a great start for stained glass enthusiasts.

### DESIGN YOUR OWN EARRINGS

**Age: 16 & Older**  
**Thursday, April 11**  
**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: April 5**  
**Fee: \$20**

Let's get creative with making earrings! In this class, you'll learn how to make earrings using cool techniques. It doesn't matter if you're just starting out or if you already know a lot about making jewelry.

### SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Friday, April 12**  
**10:00 - 11:30am**  
**Mad River Gorge & Nature Preserve**  
**Deadline: April 8**  
**FREE**

Look for beautiful spring wildflowers and learn about these short-lived beauties. Pamela Bennett, Extension Educator, Horticulture and Associate Professor at the Ohio State University Extension will lead this hike.





## MUZZLE LOADING CANNON CLASS

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Saturday, April 13**  
**8:00am - 7:00pm**  
**George Rogers Clark Park**  
**Deadline: April 1**  
**Fee: \$90 (GRCHA Members)**  
**\$100 (Non Members)**

Learn the art of Muzzle Loading Artillery from experts of the First Mad River Light Artillery (FMRLA) and the 4th Indiana Light Artillery! This class focuses on safety and hands-on experience with two historical cannons: an 18th-century British 6 lb. light artillery piece and a 19th-century Civil War 3 inch Ordinance Rifle. You'll get to try out different firing sequences and ignition systems from various crew positions on each cannon. If you've taken the class before, bring your materials; the cost for repeat attendees is \$85 for GRCHA members and \$95 for non-members. Hurry, spots are limited! GRCHA members have priority registration. Contact FMRLA at (937) 244-5311 or email claymore@siscom.net for more info or to sign up.



## NATURE DISCOVERY HIKE

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Friday, April 19**  
**10:00 - 11:00am**  
**George Rogers Clark Park**  
**Deadline: April 17**

### FREE

Discover spring wildflowers on a hike through the woods, where you'll spot ephemerals. This walk also launches the Garlic Mustard Challenge, teaching you to identify this invasive plant.

## WARBLER WANDER

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Friday, April 26**  
**8:00 - 9:30am**  
**George Rogers Clark Park**  
**Deadline: April 24**

### FREE

Witness spring bird migration on a morning walk, observing warblers and other migrants. Open to all skill levels. Meet at Demint Shelter House. Bring binoculars if possible.

## HANGING BASKET & CONTAINER CLASS

**Ages: 18 & Older**  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**9:30am • Container Class**  
**10:15 am • Hanging Basket Class**  
**NTPRD Greenhouse,**  
**1515 Mitchell Blvd.**  
**Deadline: April 17**  
**Fee: \$30**

Create your hanging basket or container garden at our annual workshop. Get all the instructions and supplies you need to craft a vibrant display to take home.

## FLOWER POWER

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Thursday, May 9**  
**5:30 - 7:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: May 3**  
**Fee: \$50**

"April showers lead to May flowers and smiles! Join Flourish's design team to create a stunning spring bouquet sure to brighten any day. Take home your arrangement and enjoy light snacks."

## HISTORY CHAT DIVIDED FAMILIES OF THE CIVIL WAR: BROKEN COUNTRY, BROKEN FAMILIES, BROKEN HEARTS

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Thursday, May 9**  
**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
**Davidson Interpretive Center**  
**Deadline: May 7**  
**Fee: \$10**

Divided loyalties in the Civil War tore many families apart. Hear compelling tales of ordinary people as well as famous families who experienced the pain of having loved ones on the opposite side.

## CRAFTY CARDS: CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

**Ages: 16 & Older**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**11:00am**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: May 10**  
**Fee: \$35**

Prepare your spring and summer greetings by crafting 12 cards in 3-4 designs at our workshop. All materials, instructions, and light snacks included.

## HISTORY CHAT THE HARTMAN ROCK GARDEN

**Ages 16 & Older**  
**Wednesday, May 22**  
**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
**Davidson Interpretive Center**  
**Deadline: May 20**

### FREE

Historian Kevin Rose will discuss the Hartman Rock Garden's history and importance, a notable art site by Ben Hartman. He'll focus on five key objects to explore Hartman's inspirations and creativity.

# Green Spaces, Great Places.

DISCOVER THE ADVENTURE IN YOUR BACKYARD

**12 MILES**  
OF RIVERS  
& STREAMS  
PROVIDING  
RECREATIONAL  
BLISS

VISIT THE DISTRICT'S

**30 PARKS**  
SPANNING OVER  
**2,000**

**ACRES** OF  
ADVENTURE

NATURE'S CANVAS

**13 PRESERVES**

ALIVE WITH MEADOWS,  
PRAIRIES, WILDFLOWERS  
& WILDLIFE



FIND YOUR PATH  
**30+ MILES**  
OF SCENIC TRAILS  
FOR BIKING,  
WALKING &  
RUNNING



UNLEASH ADVENTURE  
**18 PLAYGROUNDS,**  
**48 ATHLETIC**  
**COURTS,**  
**FIELDS &**  
**DIAMONDS**  
PROVIDE ENDLESS  
EXCITEMENT



WANDER INTO  
OUR WETLANDS

**164+**

ACRES OF  
NATURE'S  
UNTOUCHED  
OASIS



REACH NEW HEIGHTS  
**BOULDERING  
& CLIMBING**  
AT THE MAD RIVER GORGE



SEASONS OF  
CELEBRATION  
HOME RUNS AT  
**CARLETON  
DAVIDSON  
STADIUM**  
& HARMONIES IN  
**VETERANS  
PARK**  
AT THE SUMMER  
ARTS FESTIVAL



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**REVOLUTIONARY WAR** PAST  
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## ▶ PROGRAMS

### HOCKEY

#### HOCKEY 1 - 4

**Ages:** 6 & Older

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**10:15 - 11:00am**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

This Learn to Skate program is essential for aspiring hockey players, starting with basic techniques like balance and forward skating in hockey skates. As participants advance, they'll progress to more complex skating techniques and eventually full hockey drills, including stick and puck handling, with full gear required.

### ICE SKATING

#### LEARN TO SKATE - STINGER 1

**Ages:** 4 - 5

**Mondays, March 18 - May 6**

**5:45 - 6:30pm OR**

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**9:00 - 9:45am**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

Designed for kids 3-5 to build confidence while learning to skate incorporating fun and games.

#### LEARN TO ICE SKATE - BASIC 1

**Ages:** 6 - 12

**Mondays, March 18 - May 6**

**6:15 - 7:00pm OR**

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**9:00 - 9:45am**

**March 18/23 - May 6/11**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

This foundational class covers essential skating skills—first steps, balance, gliding, stopping, and basic edges—preparing skaters for advanced disciplines. Participants are grouped by age and experience.

#### LEARN TO SKATE - ADULT & TEENS

**Ages:** 13 & Older

**Mondays, March 18 - May 6**

**6:15 - 7:00pm OR**

**Saturdays, March 23 - May 11**

**9:00 - 9:45am**

**NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$125**

This foundational skating class equips skaters with essential skills—first steps, balance, gliding, and stopping—for progression into specialized skating areas. Grouped by age and experience, participants learn introductory edges and more.



### TENNIS

#### YOUTH TENNIS EXTRAVAGANZA

**Ages:** 7 - 15

**Wednesday, May 1 (Rain Date May 2)**

**5:00 - 6:30pm**

**Dredge Tennis Complex, Snyder Park**

**Deadline: April 30**

**FREE**

Celebrate National Tennis Month this May with the Springfield Area Tennis Association. Enjoy an evening of tennis, basic skills, games, and contests. Bring your racket or borrow one of ours. Pre-register for free pizza and water.

#### TEAM TENNIS

**Grades 1 - 6 (2024 - 25 School Year)**

**June 3 - 6 (Rain Date June 7)**

**SESSION 1**

**Grades 1 - 3 • 9:00 - 10:00am**

**Grades 4 - 6 • 10:00 - 11:00am**

**SESSION 2**

**Grades 1 - 3 • 5:30 - 6:30pm**

**Grades 4 - 6 • 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Dredge Tennis Complex, Snyder Park**

**Deadline: May 19**

**Fee: \$65**

National Trail Youth Team Tennis introduces kids to tennis through fun, friends, and play, laying the groundwork for success on and off the court. With USTA's Youth Tennis format, kids play with equipment and courts sized just for them, ensuring they can start rallying and playing immediately. Enjoy drills and games in a fun, structured setting. Registration comes with a tennis racquet, shirt, and more at [Midwestteamtennis.com](http://Midwestteamtennis.com), in collaboration with the Springfield Area Tennis Association.

### BASEBALL

#### START SMART BASEBALL

**Ages:** 3 - 5 (as of May 1)

**Tuesdays, May 14 - June 18**

**5:30 - 6:15pm OR**

**6:30 - 7:15pm**

**Snyder Park Ball Field**

**Deadline: April 29**

**Fee: \$70**

Start Smart Baseball is a developmentally age appropriate introductory program. This six week program prepares children and their parents for organized baseball and softball without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment is used in teaching throwing, catching, batting, running, and agility. A parent or guardian's participation is required.



## ACTIVITIES

### LEGO CHALLENGERS

**Ages: 8 - 12**

**Friday, March 8**

**Friday, April 19**

**5:30 - 6:30pm**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: Monday Prior**

**Fee: \$5 Per Session**

Each session offers Lego challenges, including scene recreation, mystery builds, and STEM solutions, allowing enthusiasts to creatively solve problems and have fun with bricks.

### WETLAND WARRIORS: FROG FINDERS

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**Tuesday, March 19**

**3:30 - 5:00pm**

**George Rogers Clark Park**

**Deadline: March 15**

**FREE**

Wetland Warriors is a youth outdoor program focused on exploring nature, making discoveries, building friendships, and developing leadership skills. Join us for an amphibian search, hiking, games, and crafts in this drop-off event. Meet at the Demint Shelter, dressed for the weather with closed-toe shoes.

### WELCOME SPRING! TRAIL TOTS EDITION

**Ages: 3 - 5 (with a caregiver)**

**Thursday, March 21**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: March 18**

**Fee: \$8**

Children will learn about nature during this outdoor program while having fun and meeting new friends. Celebrate the beginning of spring with outdoor exploration, stories and songs.

### WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**Wednesday, March 27**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: March 15**

**Fee: \$30**

In this half-day workshop, guided by an entomologist, young participants will explore the intriguing insect world, study specimens and their adaptations, learn about entomological tools, and make an insect-themed craft to keep.



**HISTORY ROCKS ECLIPSING THE SUN: NATIVE AMERICAN TRADITIONS & CELEBRATIONS**

**Ages: 6 - 12 (With a Caregiver)**

**Thursday, March 28**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**Enon Branch - Clark County Public Library**

**Deadline: March 25**

**FREE**

Ohio will host its first total solar eclipse since 1806. Join us for a program exploring Native American traditions and beliefs about solar eclipses, featuring stories and songs, in partnership with the Clark County Library.

### CROW SERIES: SOLAR SHADOW

**Ages: 6 - 12 (with a caregiver)**

**Wednesday, April 3**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**Smith Park in New Carlisle**

**Deadline: March 29**

**FREE**

What happens during a total solar eclipse? Come find out with fun activities! The Crow Series is an program in partnership with the New Carlisle Public Library.

### WETLAND WARRIORS: WETLAND WONDERS

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**Tuesday, April 16**

**3:30 - 5:00pm**

**Estel Wenrick Wetlands**

**Deadline: April 12**

**FREE**

Enjoy spring wildflowers, learn about unique species, and gear up for the Garlic Mustard Challenge with a hike. Dress appropriately in outdoor gear and closed-toe shoes for this drop-off activity.

### YOUNG BIRDERS

**Ages 11 - 17**

**Tuesday, April 23**

**4:00 - 5:00pm**

**Old Reid Park**

**Deadline: April 19**

**FREE**

Learn about birds and how to spot them! We'll look for ducks and warblers. Don't forget your binoculars if you have some.



**GET UP & GO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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Call National Trail at 937-328-7275 for more information.

**New Carlisle Elementary 5th Grade**

Our next session will begin on March 13. Applications will be available at the school starting February 18.

# YOUTH

## **SPRING HATCHLINGS: A TRAIL TOTS EXPLORATION**

**Ages: 3 - 5 (With a Caregiver)**

**Thursday, April 18**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: April 15**

**Fee: \$8**

Celebrate spring by learning about animals that lay eggs with learning stations and artwork. Additional activities include outdoor exploration and stories, crafts and songs.

## **HISTORY ROCKS: EARTH DAY EXPLORERS**

**Ages: 6 - 12 (With a Caregiver)**

**Thursday, April 25**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**Enon Branch •**

**Clark County Public Library**

**Deadline: April 22**

**FREE**

Celebrate Earth Day by exploring its interesting history through a story and craft activity. This program is held at and in partnership with the Enon Branch of the Clark County Library.

## **CROW SERIES: SPRING AWAKENING**

**Ages: 6 - 12 (With a Caregiver)**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**New Carlisle Public Library**

**Deadline: April 26**

**FREE**

Celebrate the return of spring and May Day with a story, music and craft. The Crow Series is held in partnership with the New Carlisle Public Library.

## **NATURE CANVAS**

**Age: 13 & Older**

**Saturday, May 4**

**12:00 - 2:00pm**

**Davidson Interpretive Center**

**Deadline: May 1**

**Fee: \$20**

Where young artists explore the beauty of the natural world through painting. This course offers teenagers the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature, gain inspiration from their surroundings, and develop their artistic skills under the guidance of experienced instructors. designed to provide teenagers with a comprehensive introduction to nature-inspired painting technique.

## **FAIRY & GNOME GARDEN PLANTER**

**Ages: 7 - 12 (With a Caregiver)**

**Saturday, May 11**

**10:30 - 11:30am**

**George Rogers Clark Park**

**Deadline: May 3**

**Fee: \$5**

Discover how to make a fairy garden and bring it home! We'll give you all the supplies. Join us on Fairy and Gnome Nature Day. Sign up before it's full!

## **LOLLIPOP LEARNING**

**Ages: 5 - 8 (With a Caregiver)**

**Saturday, May 18**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**Kiwanis Children's Garden, SPGA**

**Deadline: May 13**

**FREE**

Come to the updated Nature Hut in the Kiwanis Children's Garden to assemble and learn the parts of a plant, featuring a lollipop as the flower bud. There will be a story time following the activity. All materials will be provided. This program is offered by the Springfield Kiwanis Club.



## **HISTORY ROCKS EPIC EXPLORATIONS THE LEWIS & CLARK ODDYSSEY**

**Ages: 6 - 12 (With a Caregiver)**

**Thursday, May 23**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**Enon Branch • CCPL**

**Deadline: May 20**

**FREE**

In May 1804, Lewis and Clark set out on an amazing expedition. Learn about this incredible journey with a story and craft. This program is held at and in partnership with the Enon Branch of the Clark County Library.



## **LITTLE GREEN THUMBS: TRAIL TOTS EDITION**

**Ages: 3 - 5 (With a Caregiver)**

**Thursday, May 16**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Deadline: May 13**

**Fee: \$8**

Children will learn about nature during this outdoor program while having fun and meeting new friends. Activities include outdoor exploration and with stories, crafts and songs. Explore the garden and plant vegetable seeds.

## **WETLAND WARRIORS: MAD RIVER GORGE SPRING SAFARI**

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**Tuesday, May 21**

**3:30 - 5:00pm**

**Mad River Gorge & Nature Preserve**

**Deadline: May 17**

**FREE**

Explore the Mad River Gorge with a hike and games during this drop-off program. Please dress in weather-appropriate gear and closed-toe shoes.





# SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

## WEEK-LONG CAMPS

### CAMP KIDSTUFF I

**Ages: 6 - 12**

**June 3 - 7**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum**

**Fee: \$90**

Join us for our Around the World camp where we'll explore cool countries and cultures! Get ready for awesome activities like arts, crafts, and outdoor fun. You'll make great memories, learn cool stuff, and meet new pals. Let's go on a global adventure together!

### TRAIL TOTS CAMP

**Ages: 3 - 5 (Toilet Trained)**

**June 10 - 14**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**NTPRD Administration Building**

**Fee: \$70**

This camp is great for kids who love nature and want to learn by doing. You'll get to see all kinds of animals like mammals and bugs. There are lots of fun things to do, like walks in nature, finding hidden treasures, and even gardening. Plus, you'll do arts and crafts, listen to music, dance, and play outside games. It's a whole week of exploring and having fun in nature!

### CAMP GET UP & GO

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**June 24 - 28**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Smith Park, New Carlisle**

**Fee: \$90**

Get ready to be super sleuths and uncover the secrets of staying healthy! This week, we've got loads of exciting stuff planned just for you. We've got fun games, sports, yummy food tips, cool guest speakers, and even a field trip! You'll sharpen your detective skills by solving mysteries and decoding secret messages. It's non-stop fun and learning! This awesome camp is made possible thanks to the United Way of Clark, Champaign, and Madison Counties.

### MAD SCIENCE CAMP

**Ages: 6 - 8 • 9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Ages: 9 - 12 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**July 8 - 12**

**Davidson Interpretive Center**

**Fee: \$85**

Get pumped for mind-blowing experiments, discoveries, and tons of fun as we dive into the wild world of science! Campers get to explore all sorts of awesome science stuff through hands-on experiments, games, arts and crafts.

### NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**July 15 - 19**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum**

**Fee: \$90**

Get ready to embark on an exciting outdoor adventure and connect with the wonders of nature. Campers will explore the nature and enjoy the outdoors with art projects, hiking, and learning new games.

### CAMP KIDSTUFF II

**Ages: 6 - 12**

**July 29 - August 2**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum**

**Fee: \$90**

Welcome to Hero Academy! Here, every camper can be a hero! Come join us for a week of awesome adventures where you'll learn to be brave, work together, and do what's right. Get ready for lots of fun with games, crafts, exploring outdoors, and more!

### SPORTS SAMPLER CAMP

**Ages: 5 - 8**

**July 22 - 25**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Snyder Park**

**Fee: \$70**

The camp will use fun games and drills to teach the basics of baseball, soccer, tennis, and flag football.

### FAIRYTALE FOREST

**Ages: 3 - 5 (Toilet Trained)**

**July 22 - 26**

**1:00 - 4:00pm**

**Smith Park, New Carlisle**

**Fee: \$70**

Discover the magic of the outdoors! Our camp is designed to spark imagination and curiosity. Campers will be introduced to fascinating forest creatures like fairies, dragons, talking animals, and more. With nature themed activities, storytelling, sensory play, arts, crafts, games and more.

### RIISING STARS THEATRE CAMP

**Ages: 7 - 11**

**June 24 - 28**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Davidson Interpretive Center**

**Fee: \$85**

Get ready to catch the theater bug at our awesome youth theatre camp! Your kid will learn confidence, skills, and how to shine on stage. They'll make a cool show with the Springfield Arts Council's Youth Arts Ambassadors.

### WITTENBERG SOCCER CAMP

**Ages: 8 - 15**

**June TBD**

**9:00 - 11:00am**

**Wittenberg University Steamer**

**Fee: TBD**

Get ready for an awesome week-long soccer camp hosted by the Wittenberg men's soccer team! We'll be teaching you all the basic skills you need to rock the field, and we'll do it through fun games and drills that'll have you cheering. Don't forget your shin guards and water bottle! And guess what? Everyone who joins gets a cool t-shirt to remember the fun.

## DAY CAMPS

### TIME TRAVEL CAMP

**Ages: 7 - 12**

**Thursday, June 20**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**George Rogers Clark Park**

**Fee: \$40**

Go back in time to explore and learn about our local history with arts and crafts, hiking and games.

### WARHAWKS BASEBALL CLINIC

**Ages: 8 - 16**

**Monday, June 17**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Carleton Davidson Stadium**

**FREE**

Campers will have a blast learning from the Ohio Warhawks all the cool moves like hitting, throwing, and catching. Plus, we'll chat about teamwork and good sportsmanship! Campers get a free t-shirt and a baseball to take home too!

### ARCHAEOLOGY DIGS

**Ages: 6 - 12**

**Friday, June 21**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**George Rogers Clark Park**

**Fee: \$50**

Explore ancient mysteries and uncover secrets from the past. Campers will enjoy hands-on digging, cool guest speakers, learning activities, surprising finds, arts and crafts, games, and tons of fun!

### NIGHT OWLS

**Ages: 8 - 12**

**Tuesday, July 2**

**6:00 - 10:00pm**

**Snyder Park Clubhouse**

**Fee: \$40**

Discover the mysteries of creatures that only come out when the sun sets! Learn about nature and animals that love the night. We'll have a blast with activities like campfires, hikes, flashlight tag, and more!

# FOR EVERYONE

## ACTIVITIES

### CARDBOARD CLASSIC

**All Ages**  
**Saturday, March 9**  
**11:30am**  
**NTPRD Chiller**  
**Fee: \$5**

Bring your pre-constructed bobsled and race for the Gold. Teams of one or two will push the sled while the pilot guides it towards the finish line. All participants must wear clean, athletic shoes. Helmets are available and recommended. Prizes will be awarded for race winners and most creative sled. Download Cardboard Classic rules at <https://ntprd.org/cardboard-classic-bobsled-races/>.

### PUZZLE PALOOZA

**Ages: 5 & Older**  
**Friday, March 15**  
**6:00 - 8:00pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: March 8**  
**Fee: \$20 per team**

Puzzle Palooza is a race to finish a 500 piece puzzle. Teams of up to four people will all begin working at the same time and the first team to finish will be crowned the winners.

### SPRING BREAK SPLASH

**All Ages**  
**Friday, March 29**  
**10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Wittenberg University Natatorium**  
**Pre-Registration Deadline: April 28**  
**Fee: \$3 (pre-registered)**  
**\$5 (at door)**

Nothing says spring break like swimming. Join us at Wittenberg University for a little fun time in the water. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the water. The Natatorium is located at 250 Bill Edwards Drive in Springfield.

### SHEDDING LIGHT ON SOLAR ECLIPSES

**Ages: 5 & Older**  
**Tuesday, April 2**  
**6:30 - 7:30pm**  
**NTPRD Administration Building**  
**Deadline: March 29**  
**Fee: \$6 per person**

Come explore the exciting motions in our solar system! Join us for a cool program led by the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, who will discuss what happens when the moon covers the sun's light. You'll even get to simulate eclipses yourself! Plus, learn how to watch a total solar eclipse safely. Kids, bring an adult pal along for the fun!

### TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE PARK

**All Ages**  
**Monday, April 8**  
**11:00 - 4:00pm**  
**Veterans Park**

#### FREE

Experience the total solar eclipse that will cross over Ohio on April 8. Enjoy live bands, food trucks, art activities, vendors and more during this family friendly once-in-a-lifetime event. Solar eclipse glasses available while supplies last.

### GARLIC MUSTARD CHALLENGE

**All Ages**  
**April 19 - May 10**  
**FREE**

Hey nature lovers! Let's protect our environment by tackling the garlic mustard challenge! This plant is taking over our parks and harming our native plants. Join us for a fun cleanup event! You can work solo or with up to three friends. Collect five full 30-gallon trash bags of garlic mustard, and you'll get a cool t-shirt as a reward! Want to learn more? Come to the Nature Discovery Hike on April 19. Can't make it? No worries! You can pick up garlic mustard fact sheets at the NTPRD Administration or Davidson Interpretive Center, or visit [ntprd.org](https://ntprd.org). Team up to keep our parks healthy and beautiful!

### Fairy & Gnome NATURE DAY

**All Ages**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
**10:00 - 12:00pm**  
**George Rogers Clark Park**  
**Deadline: May 8**

#### FREE

Have the opportunity to create a woodland fairy and gnome home and place it along the wooded trail during this family-friendly event. Enjoy the spring trees and wildflowers along the way. Other activities will include craft, face painting and more. Also, come dressed as a fairy or gnome.



### FISHING DERBY

**All Ages**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**George Rogers Clark Park**  
**FREE**

Join us for the return of the highly anticipated Annual Fishing Derby, brought to you by the collaboration between the Civilian Ranger Patrol and the Clark County Park District Ranger Division. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Hosterman Lake in George Rogers Clark Park, this event promises a day of outdoor fun and friendly competition. Grab your fishing pole and get ready for a memorable experience as all other necessary supplies will be provided. Whether you're an experienced angler or a novice enthusiast, everyone is welcome to participate in this exciting event.





# FOR EVERYONE

## SPRING AT NEW BOSTON PLANT SALE

All Ages

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5

10:00am - 5:00pm

George Rogers Clark Park

**FREE TO ATTEND**

Prepare to cultivate your garden for the upcoming 2024 season! Explore a wide selection of plants, flowers, and vegetables available for purchase. Additionally, browse through unique offerings from select merchants and artisans showcasing their goods. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association, as a portion of the proceeds from plant sales will go towards benefiting their cause. Join us for a day filled with gardening delights and local craftsmanship!

## PRELUDE TO THE REVOLUTION ENCAMPMENT (1754 - 1763)

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 &

Sunday, May 5

10:00am - 6:00pm

George Rogers Clark Park

**FREE**

Experience the vibrant scenes of military units from the 1754-1763 era, showcasing the War for Empire between Britain and France, two decades prior to the Revolution. Explore the field filled with demonstrating artisans, merchants, and delightful food vendors. For further details, visit the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association or The King's American Regiment/Allison's Company of Kentucky Militia pages on Facebook. Don't miss this engaging program offered by the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association!



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## HERTZLER HOUSE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

All Ages

Sunday, May 19

1:00 - 3:00pm

Hertzler House

**Donations Appreciated**

Join the Hertzler House Advisory Committee to celebrate the arrival of Spring with a charming tour of this historic landmark! Explore the rich history and charm of the Hertzler House while enjoying complimentary refreshments. Step back in time as you discover the fascinating stories behind this beautifully preserved home. Whether you love history or just enjoy a nice outing, this event will be memorable for everyone. Don't miss this chance to embrace Spring and connect with your local community at the Hertzler House!



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# BUILDING AQUATIC LEADERS

## LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

Ages: 15 & Older  
Wittenberg University  
Natatorium  
Deadline: March 3  
Fee: \$175  
Become a highly trained lifeguard through the American Red Cross. NTPRD will offer an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class at Wittenberg University Natatorium. Fees include Pre-course assessment, online training course, in-person water classes, safety pocket mask and more. Class and pre-assessment requirements available at [ntpzd.org/lifeguard-certification/](http://ntpzd.org/lifeguard-certification/) or by calling (937)328-7275.



# BLUEGRASS AT THE BARN

ALL AGES | FRIDAY, JUNE 7  
6:00 - 8:30PM  
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK PARK  
\$10 PER PERSON  
YOUTH 17 & UNDER FREE

Get ready for a toe-tappin', knee-slapping good time at Bluegrass at the Barn! Join us for an awesome evening filled with the lively tunes of Tony Hale and Blackwater and the foot-stompin beats of Lafferty Pike. We have tons of seating available in our spacious lawn area beside the historic Hertzler Barn. Remember to grab your favorite blanket or chairs for maximum comfort while you enjoy the show! See you there for some barnyard boogie!



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- Stimulates the regrowth of native vegetation

Looking for additional information? Contact National Trail at (937)328-PARK(7275).





# SPLASH ZONE



300 Eagle City Road  
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12:00 - 7:00pm

August 12 - 17

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Adults 18 & Older - \$8 • Youth - \$6  
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## SEASON PASSES

Clark County Residents

**SENIOR PASS • \$100**  
(AGES 60 & OLDER)

**REGULAR PASS • \$110**  
(AGES 14 - 59)

**YOUTH PASS • \$90**  
(AGES 4 - 13)

## FITNESS PASS

Clark County Residents

**ADULT PASS • \$85**  
(AGES 18 & OLDER)

Includes water walking, lap swimming & fitness classes. Water, beach and park area will be cleared and closed by 11:30am.

June 3 - August 11

August 12 - 17

9:00 - 11:30AM\*\*

(Monday - Saturday Only)

5:45 - 6:45PM

\*\*Fitness features & classes ONLY.

## SUPER PASS

Clark County Residents

**SENIOR PASS • \$145**  
(AGES 60 & OLDER)

**ADULT PASS • \$155**  
(AGES 18 - 59)

May 27 - August 13

August 12 - 17\*\*

9:00 - 11:30AM\*\*

(Monday - Saturday Only)

\*\*Fitness features & classes ONLY.

12:00 - 7:00pm

(Monday - Sunday)

For safety reasons, pass holders may be asked to vacate the pool & beach area between 11:30am - 12:00pm and ask to re-enter through front gate.





# ENDOWMENT FUND



Join us in supporting the vital work of the National Trail Endowment Fund, dedicated to making parks and recreation programs accessible, safe, and enjoyable for everyone in our community. Your generous donations are not just contributions; they are investments in the health, well-being, and happiness of our community, especially its younger members.

Your support plays a crucial role in providing scholarships to underprivileged youth, offering them opportunities to participate in various enriching programs and activities. These experiences can significantly impact their development, fostering a sense of belonging,

encouraging physical activity, and nurturing their potential.

To make a meaningful difference, please consider donating to this cause. Your contribution will directly support these essential programs and the youth who benefit from them. To donate, kindly write a check payable to the Springfield Foundation. Please ensure that "National Trail Endowment" is clearly written in the memo line or mentioned in a letter accompanying your gift. This helps direct your donation effectively to the cause.

Mail your donation to:  
Springfield Foundation  
333 N. Limestone St.  
Springfield, Ohio 45503

Every donation, large or small, has the power to transform lives. It's an opportunity to show your commitment to our community's growth and the future of our children. Together, we can ensure that all children, regardless of their background, have access to the enriching experiences that our parks and recreation programs offer. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community.

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# MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

SNYDER PARK GARDENS & ARBORETUM *2024*

Join Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County each month for various garden educational programs, events, good music, and yoga in the heart of beauty and nature!



**PERENNIAL PRUNING**  
Saturday, March 30th  
Wingert Tossey Pavillion  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

**MASTER GARDNER PLANT SALE**  
Saturday, May 4th  
9:00AM - 2:00PM

**MUSIC IN THE GARDEN**  
MONDAY, MAY 13TH  
WINGERT TOSSEY PAVILLION  
7:00PM

**GARDENING IS FUN**  
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH  
10:00 - 12:00PM  
AGES: 6 - 12  
REGISTER AT [CLARK.OSU.EDU](https://clark.osu.edu)

**Additional Information:**  
<https://go.osu.edu/clarkmgvmeetmeingarden>



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# PARKS ARE A GIFT. PASS IT ON.



## TRANSFORM OUR PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM BY JOINING PARTNERS FOR THE PARKS.

For over 14 years, Partners for the Parks has been transforming Clark County's parks into thriving green spaces. As a committed non-profit, we rally our community to make our region a better place to live, work, and enjoy. Our efforts span across the National Trail Parks & Recreation District and Clark County Park District, aiming to foster healthier and happier communities. Our volunteers are at the heart of our mission, tirelessly enhancing our parks and recreational offerings. With the community's support, we've brought projects like Bethie's Sprayground, led the effort to restore the Howard Z. Dredge Tennis Complex, and hosted annual events that connect us with nature. By joining Partners for the Parks, you're not just contributing; you're part of a legacy for future generations, ensuring Clark County remains a vibrant, green, and connected community. Whether through membership, donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or attending our events, your involvement is key to our success. Ready to make an impact? Contact us at [PartnersForTheParks@gmail.com](mailto:PartnersForTheParks@gmail.com) and join our mission to enrich Clark County's outdoor spaces.

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#### EXPLORE VARIOUS WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR PARKS

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## *Don't Miss These* **SPRING EVENTS**

### **DESIGN YOUR OWN EARRINGS**

Thursday, April 11  
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### **WATERFOWL WALK**

Friday, March 29  
Old Reid Park  
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### **FAIRY & GNOME GARDEN PLANTER**

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### **PUZZLE PALOOZA**

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### **SPRING BREAK SPLASH**

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### **FISHING DERBY**

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program  
details.*