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## **Whoo-Hoo! Children Enjoy Snow Day at St. Charles County's Quail Ridge Park**

*St. Charles County, Missouri* – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department hosted its first ever Snow Day event at Quail Ridge Park near Wentzville on Wednesday, Feb. 5. With nearly five inches of snow on the ground, and school called off for the day, it was the perfect winter wonderland for this fun event. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children of all ages came out to play fun snow games and sled down the popular park hill that is situated near the park entrance. There were about 75 children and a dozen parents who came out to enjoy some fun in the snow.

"Since Quail Ridge Park opened in July 2000, it has become a very popular place for children and adults alike to sled and recreate during snow days," said St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer. "This new Snow Day program also offered children a chance to participate in some fun, organized snow activities while having the day off school."

The St. Charles County Parks Program Coordinator Bekin Youngblood and Parks Marketing Coordinator Nancy Lee Gomer were in charge of putting together the St. Charles County Parks Department Snow Day event and even led the fun snow activities that were played in the park.

"So many children come out to Quail Ridge Park to sled that we thought, why not host some fun, organized games for the kids who are already out there," said Parks Marketing Coordinator Nancy Lee Gomer.

While the wind whipped across the top of a hill, a fire ring offered some warmth to those huddled around it. The snow on the hillside was plentiful, but it wasn't the wet snow needed to host some of the activities.

"We planned on having a snowman building contest and other snowball games, but had to change things up because the snow was just way too dry to pack," said Parks Program Coordinator Bekin Youngblood.

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Children attending the event had a chance to participate in several activities which included the fastest sled competition, snow relay races, tug-of-war, snow tow races and more! The winners of each activity were awarded fun prizes to take home.

“We believe the event was a success and anticipate hosting future Snow Day events at Quail Ridge Park,” said Gomer.

To learn more about the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department, visit us on the web at [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org) or contact us at 636.949.7535.

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