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**FREE EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR APRIL 8 AT THE YOUTH ACTIVITY PARK**

***Children with all abilities are invited!***



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – On your mark! Get set! Let's hunt for Easter eggs!

Children of all ages and abilities are invited to attend the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at the County's Youth Activity Park in Dardenne Prairie. The event features the second annual EGGstravaganza for children with disABILITIES, co-hosted by the Parks Department and the St. Charles County Police Department.

Rain or shine, more than 8,000 candy and toy-filled eggs will be hidden throughout the park's 25-acre facility for seven hunts. Photos with the Easter Bunny and egg-themed games will round out the activities. Families are encouraged to bring their camera!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Three age-appropriate hunts begin in the morning:

- 11 a.m., ages 3 and under
- 11:30 a.m., ages 4-6
- Noon, ages 7-12

**EGGstravaganza**

In the afternoon, children with sensory, mobility and visual disabilities are invited to participate in one of four hunts:

- 1 p.m., children 12 and under with sensory disabilities
- 1:30 p.m., children 12 and under with mobility disabilities
- 2 p.m., children 12 and under with visual disabilities
- 2:30 p.m., children 13 and older with disabilities.

Children with mobility equipment will hunt for eggs using magnetic sticks; those with visual disabilities will hunt beeping eggs designed and assembled by the St. Charles County Police Bomb Squad.

Registration is limited to 100 children per hunt. Participants are encouraged to register by April 5 by calling the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or online at [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

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The Easter Egg Hunt and EGGstravaganza would not be possible without sponsors. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Alex Bishop Inc. McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A of O'Fallon. Each child will receive a free kid's meal voucher from Chick-Fil-A. The McDonald's Drink Runner will be on location during the event, serving complementary drinks to participants and their families.

EGGstravaganza is sponsored by Batteries Plus Bulbs, Alex Bishop Inc. McDonalds, Bahama Buck's, Chick-Fil-A of O'Fallon, St. Charles County Ambulance District, Kohl's 4 Kids, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, Lutheran High School and Hayleigh's Helping Hands. Batteries Plus Bulbs is donating 150 9-volt batteries for the beeping eggs. Kohl's 4 Kids and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon are giving away bike helmets and Chick-Fil-A of O'Fallon is providing free kid's meal vouchers. Hayley's Helping Hands is donating 200 prize baskets, Bahama Buck's is providing free treat vouchers for children and Lutheran High School students donated prizes for the older youth hunt.

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#### **About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and the recently acquired Historic Daniel Boone Home at Lindenwood Park. Plans for a new park at Kisker Road and Highway 94 are underway.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

#### **About St. Charles County**

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

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