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ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS HOSTS FALL EVENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Learn the art of home brewing, gourd crafting and disc golf turkey tossing this season in your favorite St. Charles County park during the month of November! The Parks Department offers a variety of programs and activities for all ages and interests.

- Bring the family out for our **Friday Night Public Stargazing** at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance and discover constellations and stars through complex telescopes. The Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) hosts these educational stargazing programs in the park's Astronomy Viewing Area. For more information about program times, visit www.asemonline.org.
- Ride with us on an old-fashioned hayride through Broemmelsiek Park in Defiance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings now through Nov. 5. Groups of 20 can reserve a tractor-pulled hay wagon for a 45-minute ride through prairies and tree-lined fields in the park. After the ride, they can sit around a glowing campfire for an hour and are welcome to bring treats to roast. Advanced reservations are required by calling the Parks Department at 636-949-7535. The cost is \$125 per wagon. Hayrides may be reserved for 6, 7, and 8 p.m. on Fridays and 5, 6, 7, and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Preschoolers learn through the lens of nature at our **Little Explorer Nature Program** scheduled the first Thursday of each month through December. Bring your adventurous tots to Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance from 10-11 a.m. for a short hike, fun activities, story time and snack. Your little explorer will experience a different theme each time! Cost of the program is \$3 and pre-registration is suggested. To make a reservation, call 636-949-7535 or visit www.stccparks.org.
- Learn the art of home brewing during **Learn to Home Brew Day** from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Heritage Museum near St. Charles. Little Hills Home Brewers and park staff teach methods of making beer at home through demos and tastings. Find out what system will work best for you, and what equipment is needed to start your own home brewery. The event is free! To register, call 636-949-7535 or visit www.stccparks.org.
- Grab your bike, a light and hit the trails at night! Join Gateway Off-Road Cyclists (GORC) and St. Louis Area Mountain Bikers (SLAMB) for a free **Friday Night Mountain Bike Ride** at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at Indian Camp Creek Park near Wentzville. Riders must wear a helmet and have a 600 lumen light to experience park trails after hours. Register online at www.stccparks.org or call 636-949-7535.

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Fall Events, continued

- Make a mark on a St. Charles County Park! The Parks Department is seeking volunteers to assist with trail building during our **Trail Work Day** from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Matson Hill Park in Defiance. Bring a set of gloves, a pair of sturdy boots and some safety glasses and do your part to grow our parks. Lunch will be provided to all who lend a hand. Call 636-949-7535 or visit us online to register!
- Transform gourds and birdhouses into art on the frontier! Children ages 8 and up can create the perfect seasonal craft from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, under The Grand Pavilion at The Historic Daniel Boone Home near Defiance. Cost of the program is \$5. Space is limited and pre-registration required. Call 636-949-7535 or visit www.stccparks.org to register.
- Compete for cash prizes, trophies, and a Thanksgiving turkey at the annual Disc Golf Blind Turkey Toss, Saturday, Nov. 18, at Indian Camp Creek Park near Wentzville. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third-place finishers in the tournament. The competitor closest to the pin of one of the glowing baskets wins a Thanksgiving turkey! Cost is \$10 per person. Registration begins at 4 p.m. on the day of the event; the tournament begins at 5 p.m. Call 636-949-7535 for more information.

For more information on these and other events, contact the St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or visit www.stccparks.org.

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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. 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.

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.

For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.