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### **VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, HUNT EGGS AND PLAY GAMES AT THE YOUTH ACTIVITY PARK** *Children of all ages and abilities are invited to this free event on March 24*

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The Easter Bunny is coming to the Youth Activity Park (YAP) in Dardenne Prairie, Saturday, March 24! To celebrate his arrival, the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is hosting several age-specific egg hunts and activities for children of all abilities. This fun-filled program is free, but space is limited and registration required.

Bring your basket and join us for the YAP Annual Egg Hunt and the third 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 the hunts. Each age group is in the hunt for a golden egg, and the lucky discoverer receives the grand prize. Photos with the Easter Bunny and egg-themed games will round out the activities. The Chick-Fil-A Cow also makes a special appearance. Families are encouraged to bring their camera to capture these special moments.

#### **YAP Annual 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 for children with disABILITIES**

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 by the St. Charles County Police Bomb Squad and assembled by bomb squad officers and students from the Lutheran High School Robotics Club.

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Thanks to our generous sponsors, each child will take home a prize basket donated by Hayleigh's Helping Hands and a Chick-Fil-A guest card. Batteries Plus Bulbs supplied the batteries for the beeping eggs, Kohl's 4 Kids and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon are giving away bike helmets, Bahama Buck's is providing free treat vouchers for children, and members of the St. Charles County Ambulance District and Cornerstone Methodist Church in O'Fallon are assisting with the hunts.

Don't miss out on this fun community event! Registration is limited to 100 children per hunt. Participants are encouraged to register by March 17 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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#### **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 Historic Daniel Boone Home. A new park at Pitman Hill Road and Kisker Road is under construction.

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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