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USHER IN SPRING WITH A FREE FAMILY HIKE AND CAMPFIRE EVENT AT BROEMMELSIEK PARK ON MARCH 24

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Celebrate the arrival of spring with St. Charles County Parks' first ever Family Hike and Campfire from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance. Springtime is the perfect season to explore the park, listen for sounds of animals in the woods and discover native flora along the way. This is free family fun, but registration is required.

Get your family together and take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life at Broemmelsiek Park for an evening hike and talk around the campfire. Meet at Shelter #7 in the park. We'll take a short hike, roast marshmallows, make s'mores, learn a few campfire tunes and tell a funny story or two.

Broemmelsiek Park is located at 1795 Highway DD near Defiance. The program is free, but registration is required by calling the parks department at 636-949-7535 or signing up online at <http://bit.ly/2oldWa6>.

To learn about upcoming programs, camps, special events, classes, and hands-on activities planned in a park near you, check out our first edition of the 2018 St. Charles County Park Activity Guide at www.stccparks.org. The guide features programs from January through April and is the first of three to be published this year.

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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. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.

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.