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CLASS TEACHES CANOEING BASICS, OPPORTUNITY TO FLOAT WITH EXPERTS
Aug. 3 at St. Charles County's Broemmelsiek Park

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Learn the basics of canoeing and then head out on a floating adventure with experts from the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department and Earth's Classroom from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3 during **Canoe 101 and Beyond**. Participants begin by learning how to canoe on Betty's Lake at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance and then venture out on a 7-mile float on the Missouri River.

This beginner class is open to children 12 and older and promises an exciting water adventure! Participants first will learn and test their skills on scenic, 13-acre Betty's Lake at Broemmelsiek Park, where staff will teach basic skills and common terminology of a canoe, as well as:

- proper methods and techniques for safe canoeing.
- how to properly fit a life jacket.
- different paddle strokes and when to use them.
- different scenarios on what you might encounter on various bodies of water.

After lessons, they'll put their skills to the ultimate test when the river floating experience begins! From Broemmelsiek Park, participants travel about 16-miles in their own vehicle or carpool with other participants to the Klondike Park Boat Ramp near Defiance to launch their canoes on the Missouri River. Along the way, they'll learn fascinating details of history and ecology from our community partners at Earth's Classroom. After the float ends at the boat ramp at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area, participants carpool back to the Klondike Park Boat Ramp.

Broemmelsiek Park is located at 1795 Highway DD near Defiance and participants should meet at the park's visitors center. Bring a sack lunch! Cost of the program is \$25 per person. Registration is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required by calling the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or visiting <http://bit.ly/2MRB3DU> to register online. Participants ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

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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.



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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.