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TRANSFORM GOURDS INTO ART AT THE HISTORIC DANIEL BOONE HOME
Adults and children can create the perfect seasonal decoration



ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Design the perfect Thanksgiving decoration this season with the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department! Adults and children ages 8 and up can make decorative seasonal art from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 9, at the ***Hands-On Heritage: Gourd Crafting*** at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, 1868 Highway F in Defiance.

With the assistance of longtime park volunteer and expert gourd crafter Ellen Hendricks, participants will learn how to paint designs, a snowman or Santa Claus on gourds under The Grand Pavilion outside in the park. Arrive early; it takes at least an hour to paint and prepare a gourd and two hours to create a birdhouse from a gourd.

The cost of the program is \$5 per person. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 636-949-7535 or visit <http://bit.ly/2019GourdAndBirdhouseCrafting> to register.

While you're visiting the park, take a guided tour of The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Tours are offered at the top of every hour; ticket prices are: adults, \$8; seniors, \$6; children ages 5-12, \$5; and active or retired military and children under 4 are free. There's no charge for self-guided tours of the village grounds.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department's mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 15 parks and consists of 3,643 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there's something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit stccparks.org.