

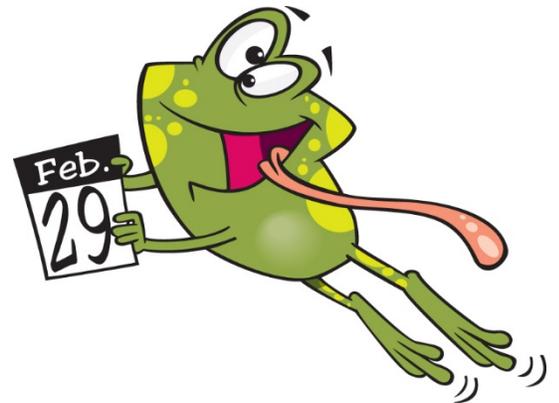
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**LEAP INTO THE YAP FEB. 29 FOR LEAP YEAR PALOOZA**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The St. Charles County Parks Department is always looking for new and exciting event ideas and Leap Year offers the perfect opportunity! Join us Saturday, Feb. 29 – the day that only comes every four years – for “Leap Year Palooza!” Grab your friends and enjoy this bonus day with a round of fun activities, games and crafts from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Youth Activity Park (YAP), 7801 Highway N in Dardenne Prairie.



This exciting new program is for children ages 4 - 8 and is designed to get kids jumping and leaping in the park! Participants will make frog-themed snacks and crafts, and play indoor games including navigating a Leap Frog obstacle course!

Cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited; pre-register online at <http://bit.ly/2020LeapYearPaloozaRegistration> or call the Youth Activity Park at 636-561-4964.

After the program, guests of all ages are invited to continue to leap to new heights by climbing to the top of the park’s free 30-foot indoor rock wall, or playing table tennis, foosball, air hockey or video games inside the complex. Outside, if the pavement is dry, they can bring a skateboard, scooter or BMX bike and ride the 33,000-square-foot skate/bike course in the park—the largest of its kind in Missouri. This state-of-the-art course is equipped with nighttime lighting and has beginner, intermediate and advanced bowls with coping; a street course; and a snake run scattered with ramps, gaps, and hubbas. It is open year-round. Helmets are required to use the course and a parent-signed waiver must be completed online at [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org) or at the park prior to participation. An outside sand volleyball court and half-court basketball court also are available.

Those who are hungry before, during or after all that activity will want to visit the YAP Café. The café offers a variety of snacks including pizza, frozen grapes, pretzels with cheese, mac n’ cheese cups, fried mozzarella sticks, chicken strips, fountain soda, Dippin Dots and ice cream and more!

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And coming soon to the YAP: The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of constructing the largest asphalt pump track in the country! At an amazing 30,000-square feet, this monstrous track will stand above the rest with beginner, intermediate and advanced sections. Located next to the skate/bike course in the park, the new track will consist of a circuit of paved rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden by riders "pumping"—generating momentum by up and down body movements—instead of pedaling or pushing. When construction is complete in 2020, the pump track will be open year-round, accommodate riders of all abilities, and provide the challenges necessary to host local and national bike competitions in the park.

For more information, follow us on [Facebook](#) for frequent construction updates, or visit <http://bit.ly/YouthActivityPark> for more information about the park.

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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 16 parks that total 3,645 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](http://stccparks.org).