

# 2024 FALL PROGRAMS/EVENTS



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or stop by the Baker Recreation Center  
Big Creek Park - 940 N. Main Street

## LIL' EXPLORERS



**LOCATION:** DONALDSON COMMUNITY CENTER

**TIME:** 9:00AM - 9:45AM

**DATE:** MONDAYS: AUG 26, SEPT 23, OCT 28,  
NOV 25, DEC 23

**COST:** FREE

Geared toward children 5 and under and their caregivers to explore movement, music, and literacy. Story Time includes a theme each month with stories, songs, hands-on activities, and bubbles. This monthly program is a great opportunity to learn and interact with your child and meet new friends. On warm weather days, we will get outside and explore nature!

## MONARCH MIGRATION

**LOCATION:** LAKELAND PARK - BOND LAKE

**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**DATES:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

**COST:** \$2 PER PERSON



Join the BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT with a local expert! Learn and see close up a butterfly's life cycle, make your own butterfly to take home, and sing the monarch song! Be a part of tagging and releasing monarchs and watch them on their journey. Monarch Watch is an international system that tracks their patterns and identifies trends that will help us plan how to protect butterflies from extinction, as well as understand the effect of climate change on wildlife.

## BARK IN THE PARK

**LOCATION:** BIG CREEK DOG PARK

**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**DATE:** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

**COST:** \$25 PRE-REGISTRATION  
(INCLUDES SHIRT & BANDANA)

**DAY OF - \$2 PER PERSON MINIMUM DONATION**



This event will support the Humane Society of Fulton County (HSFC). A variety of activities will be available; including a photo booth, Marvelous Mutt Show, demonstrations, animals for adoption, and pet-related exhibitors including nail trims. Proceeds from Bark in the Park will help fund HSFC's life-saving care for local animals in need and promote the adoption of homeless shelter animals.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES

**LOCATION:** WALLACE PARK

**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**DATES:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

**COST:** FREE

Get Outdoors & Play ultimate football!  
Games, Snacks, and giveaways Free to all youth thanks to the support of our community sponsors. Ages 5 & up



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## FALL FESTIVAL

**LOCATION:** BIG CREEK PARK - FIRE PIT

**TIME:** 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**DATES:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
(RAIN DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH)

**COST:** FREE (MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN  
PUMPKIN TO ENTER IN THE CONTEST)

You are invited to a day of fall fun the whole family will enjoy! Design your pumpkin racer (rules will apply) to compete in The Pumpkin Race 500.

Judging will be held in the categories of fastest car and best decorated for each age group. The festivities will continue at the fire pit as we jump into the autumn season with crafts, games, a wiener roast (while supplies last), and hayrack rides!



## FALL HIKE

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**DATE:** MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

**COST:** FREE

Enjoy a day off of school with a hike on the trails at Big Creek Park with one of the U of I Extension Master Gardeners and see the stunning views of the changing colors of fall. Learn to identify native trees along the path. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. We will be staying on the trails. Leaf rubbing activity to follow the hike.



## MOVIE IN THE PARK

**LOCATION:** BIG CREEK PARK PAVILION

**TIME:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**DATE:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
(RAIN DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH)

**COST:** \$3 PER PERSON

Outdoor Movie in the park under the stars, showing a Halloween themed movie on the big screen. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase.



## CANTON SPOOK TRAIL

**LOCATION:** LAKELAND PARK-NAGEL PLAYGROUND

**TIME:** NOT-SO-SCARY MONSTERS FOR CHILDREN  
UP TO AGE (8) FROM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ALL OTHER AGES 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**DATE:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND,  
RAIN DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.

**COST:** \$1 PER PERSON

The Canton Park District and Canton High School Thespian Club will host the 36th annual Spook Trail. This is a one-night-only event! This year's theme will provide some new frights with the same fun as always! All groups are guided by haunted hosts.



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