

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Ballroom Dances

Ages: All

Put on your dancing shoes for an evening of ballroom dancing to big band sounds. Light refreshments will be served. Dance lessons will be available 6 - 7 p.m. just before the dance. There is a \$2 fee for the lesson. Call 816-325-7843 for directions or for more details.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Sep 12	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Nov 14	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Dec 12	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Jan 9	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Feb 13	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Mar 13	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Apr 10	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person
Jun 12	Sat	7 - 10 p.m.	\$10 person



Nature Photography Contest

Ages: All

Take your best nature photo at an Independence park and show everyone the natural beauty that surrounds us. All photographers will receive a disposable camera and must enter their best picture by 5 p.m. June 11. Individuals must pre-register at the Truman Memorial Building to receive camera and information packet. Photos will be judged in two age groups: 18 years and younger and those 18 and older. All photos will be displayed at George Owens Nature Center and at other city locations during the summer and fall. Register Feb 4 - May 14. June 11 is the deadline to submit photos. Call 816-325-7843 for more details. Cost is \$5 per photographer.



Itty Bitty Family Campout

Ages: Families with children up to age 7

Pack up the car and take the kids on their first camping trip to George Owens Nature Park. Activities will be scheduled throughout the night. Group size is limited, so reserve your spot by calling 816-325-7843.

Date	Day	Time	Fee	Activity #
Sep 11 -12	Fri - Sat	5 p.m. - 9 a.m.	\$5	11101-05
Sep 18 -19	Fri - Sat	5 p.m. - 9 a.m.	\$5	11101-06

Location: George Owens Nature Park

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Tales to Trails

Take a themed hike on a paved trail at George Owens Nature Park and read a children's story along the way. Families with young children will enjoy the beauty of this wooded trail, pausing along the way to read a part of the story. Families can stop by the Nature Center after completing their hike to enjoy a story related activity. A different story will be featured each session. Call 816-325-7115 for more information.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Nov 3 - 29	Tue - Sun	Regular Park Hours	Free
Jan 5 - 31	Tue - Sun	Regular Park Hours	Free
Mar 2 - 31	Tue - Sun	Regular Park Hours	Free

Location: George Owens Nature Park



Pumpkins in the Park

Ages: All

Bring the entire family out to enjoy the beautiful fall weather, decorate a pumpkin for Halloween and listen to stories by the River and Prairie Storyweavers group. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided. This program is supported by Sibley Orchard. This is a free event. Call 816-325-7843 for directions or for more details.

Date	Day	Time	Location
Oct 20	Tue	4:30 - 6 p.m.	Roberts Park
Oct 24	Sat	2 - 10 p.m.	Mystic Pumpkin Fest
Oct 27	Tue	4:30 - 6 p.m.	Cler-Mont Park



Nature Walkers

Take a walk on the wild side this fall. Bring the stroller for the little ones and enjoy the paved nature trails. Chat with other families while exercising on one of two loop trails. Check in at the nature center and receive a water bottle. Attend six of nine sessions and receive a free adult t-shirt. Call 816-325-7115 for more information.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Sept 3 - Oct 29	Thur	10 - 11 a.m.	Free

Location: George Owens Nature Park



Parents University

Parenting is a rewarding yet challenging job. Parents University is for you if you would like to spend a Saturday morning exploring ways to meet the challenges of being a parent, grandparent, or foster parent! Enjoy a variety of classes from which to choose, fun activities for children 12 and younger, breakfast for everyone, prizes and much more. For more information, call 816-325-7186 or visit the Web site www.coalition4childsafety.org/ParentsUniversity.html

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Mar	Sat	8 a.m. - noon	\$5 per adult

Location: Pioneer Ridge Middle School, 1656 Speck Rd. Independence, MO 64057

Grandparent-Grandchild Valentine Cookie Decorating

Grandma and Grandpa, help create a special Valentine Day memory with your grandchild. Bring your grandchild, age 3 and older, to the Palmer Center to decorate cookies for the holiday. Cookie decorating supplies and refreshments will be provided. Register by Feb 9. Call 816-325-6200 or stop by the Palmer Center.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Feb 13	Sat	10 a.m. - noon	\$3 / \$1 add child

Location: Palmer Center