

29TH ANNUAL KANSAS STATE FIDDLING AND PICKING

It is time to mark your calendars for the 29th Annual Kansas State Fiddling and Picking Championship, August 22nd and 23rd at South Park in downtown Lawrence, KS. The weekend of traditional acoustic music includes workshops, concerts, dancing and competition for all ages. The Sunday contests are free to the public. Starting at noon, there will be free concerts, great food and special activities. The state's top musicians play for prizes and bragging rights in fiddle (featuring a separate youth and senior division), flat-pick guitar, fingerpick guitar, mandolin and banjo, ensemble folk singing and miscellaneous acoustic instruments. Watch www.kansasfiddlingandpicking.com for details on performers, contest registration and other event details.

LAWRENCE POLICE CAMP

Fee: \$20 per child, includes shirt, a hat and meal on last day

The Police Camp is for children ages 8 through 12. The program is structured to be fun, informative, as well as challenging. The curriculum will include a wide range of activities that incorporates teamwork, problem-solving skills, physical fitness and general police information. Application will be available at Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department facilities, the Lawrence Police Department and the Lawrence Police Department's Web site, www.lawrencepolice.org. Application deadline is Friday, May 16, and must be mailed or brought with application fee to the Police Department, 4820 W. 15th St. Questions should be directed to the Special Projects Unit at (785) 830-7416. **Instructors are Lawrence Police Officers. The camp will be held at Free State High School. There is a maximum of 60 campers. Camp will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 12-14. June 12: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; June 13: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 14: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

SQUARE DANCING

Learn modern western square dancing with a wonderful instructor and experienced dancers to guide you. Square dancing combines exercise of the mind and body in a fun-filled, friendly atmosphere and is a perfect activity to share with your spouse or partner. Lessons begin September 21-Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Call Lynn or Sherry Brun at 785-312-7105 or see www.HappyTimeSquares.com for location details or other information. Couples preferred.

LAWRENCE HUMAN RELATIONS

The Lawrence Human Relations Commission/Department is a civil rights enforcement agency. If you believe you have been discriminated against in your employment, housing or a public accommodation, you may be able to file a complaint with the department. For more information, please contact us at (785) 832-3310. Visit us on the web at www.lawrencehumanrelations.org.

2009 LAWRENCE FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

September 27, 2009, noon to 5:00 p.m. | South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St. This is a community event that celebrates a wide variety of cultures in Lawrence. The festival features music, dance, activities, food, games, and crafts in a family-friendly atmosphere. Bring your kids! This event is free and open to the general public. If you would like to volunteer or have a booth at this event, contact Deb at alliance@lawrencealliance.org. This event is sponsored by the Lawrence Alliance and the Centro Hispano Resource Center.

OTHER PROGRAMS

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 18 | Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department will take part in Earth Day activities. The following are the scheduled events sponsored by the Horticulture and Forestry Divisions.

Tree Identification Walk – 11:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.

South Park Butterfly & Rose Gardens, Downtown Japanese Friendship Garden– 12:30 p.m. South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.

ROTARY ARBORETUM TOUR

Lawrence Parks and Recreation's Horticulture Division will hold tours of the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum and Waterwise Garden will be held at 6:30 a.m. **Tuesdays, June 16, and September 22**, at the arboretum, located at 5100 W. 27th St. The tour is designed for the public to learn more about Waterwise gardening methods and to experience the educational opportunities the arboretum exhibits. The tour will feature the extensive collection of colorful wildflowers and plants. The Waterwise Xeriscape Garden is a joint collaboration of Parks and Recreation and the City's Utilities Department. The tours are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact, the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450.

SOUTH PARK ROSE GARDEN TOUR

Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m. | South Park Gazebo, 1141 Massachusetts St. Come tour the Rose Garden at South Park and learn first hand how to make your roses hearty and colorfully vibrant.

UNION PACIFIC DEPOT GARDEN TOUR

Friday, August 7, 9 a.m. | Union Pacific Depot, 402 N. 2nd St. Tour the always beautiful gardens at the Depot and see the wildflowers, annuals, shrub roses and perennials in full bloom. Learn what types of flowers grow best in Kansas and how to design your backyard garden for full seasons of color.

JAPANESE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. | Tuesday, September 15 6:30 p.m. | Japanese Friendship Garden, 1045 Massachusetts St. Learn about the de-

velopment of this award-winning area and how our Japanese sister city helped in its development. During the May garden stroll, you'll see flowering perennials and shrubs in full bloom. Learn how the area was developed from the original concept and how it has been maintained over the years. The September chrysanthemum display will celebrate fall. You'll also learn about and how to prune for the fall/winter seasons.

WORLDS OF FUN/OCEANS OF FUN

Lawrence Parks and Recreation offers Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun single day passes at discounted rates. Passes may be purchased at the LPRD Administrative office, 947 New Hampshire St, Suite 200B (above Pepperjax Grill). Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All transactions to be in **cash only**, please. No checks or credit cards are accepted.

Worlds of Fun single day passes cost \$30 per person, and Oceans of Fun single day passes are \$24. The department also offers Ride and Slide passes for \$45, giving access to both parks on the same day. Tickets are discounted from the gate price.

Worlds of Fun Single Day Passes:

\$30 per person/single day

Worlds of Fun is open on the following schedule:

April 12-May 4: Weekends only

May 10-Aug. 24: Daily

Aug. 30-Sept. 21: Weekends only

Sept. 26-November 2: Weekends only

Oceans of Fun Single Day Passes:

\$25 per person/single day

Oceans of Fun is open on the following schedule:

May 24-Aug. 24: Daily

August 30-Sept. 7: Weekends only

RIDE and SLIDE

\$45, one person, both parks, same day

Ticket sales will end Friday, Sept. 4. Children ages 2 years and under are admitted Free. Operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Call 785-832-3450 for more information or visit www.worldsoffun.com.

LAWRENCE CEMETERIES

The City's Parks and Recreation Department operates Oak Hill, Maple Grove and Memorial Park Cemeteries. Space is available at no charge for veterans in our Veterans Plot. For fees and further information, contact the cemetery office located in Memorial Park Cemetery, 1517 E. 15th St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or call (785) 832-7955.

WOODCHIP SALE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department will hold two Woodchip sales this year. Dates include: Thursday - Saturday, April 2-4. Hours will be:

- Thurs., April 2 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thurs., October 1 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Fri., April 3 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Fri., October 2 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sat., April 4 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat., October 3 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The woodchip sale takes place at the LPRD Forestry Division facility located at 1420 E. 11th St. The sale is held rain or shine. **Cost is \$10 per pick up load, the price will be more for larger trucks.** The woodchip sale is to eliminate woodchips generated by the department throughout the year. Parks and Recreation doesn't purchase mulch, instead it recycles trees that are cut down throughout the city. The trees are then ran through a chipper and used as mulch.

WOOD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department has drop off for wood debris from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays April 11 through November 14, at 1420 E. 11th St. **The fee is \$3 per truckload.** No leaves are accepted at this site.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

In 2008, an Integrated Pest Management program was created by the department with input from the public. An IPM Policy Manual was created as an on-going working document for the department. The manual can be found at www.lprd.org/parks/ipm.shtml. If you have questions regarding the Integrated Pest Management program or the IPM policy manual, please call Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department's Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450.

KEEP IT SAFE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department makes safety a primary concern with its facilities, parks and trails. We suggest the following precautions to ensure safety for all:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Get to know your neighborhood and community parks (entrances and access points, sight-lines, walkways and distance to destination points)
- Jog, hike or bike with a friend
- Carry a cell phone (if possible)
- Stay in well lit areas at night
- Avoid remote areas of the park
- Keep your car keys ready when approaching your car in a parking lot
- Stay in an area where you can see others involved in activities in the park
- Avoid travel in areas where groups may be mingling that may make you uncomfortable
- Avoid shrubbery/landscaping that might hide sight-lines and good visibility
- Avoid heavily-wooded areas when hiking or biking alone
- Educate children about talking to strangers and all other park safety rules
- Know where and how to report any suspicious activities to police.
- Place valuables (purses, watches, billfolds etc.) out of sight or in trunk when leaving car unattended while on trails or in parks.

If you have concerns about any of our parks, trails or facilities, please let us know at (785) 832-3450.

PARKS AND PATH MAPS AVAILABLE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation encourages everyone to go outside and enjoy the city's parks, trails and open spaces. Copies of the *Park and Path Map* may be picked up at any Parks and Recreation facility. It also may be found at www.lprd.org/parks/trailmap.pdf. We encourage everyone to follow the "Keep It Safe" practices listed in this section when visiting city parks, trails and facilities.

SHELTER RENTAL AND FACILITY RENTAL FLYERS AVAILABLE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation has facilities and shelters available for rent when you're planning your organization's next meeting, your child's birthday party, family reunion or get-togethers. Copies of both flyers are available at all Parks and Recreation facility. Information may also be found in the Recreation Facilities section of this Activities Guide. For more information about shelter or facility rentals, please contact the Recreation Facilities Division, located within the Community Building, 115 W. 11th St. (785) 832-7920.

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer with the Parks and Recreation Department? We offer many opportunities to get involved! From youth coaches to assisting with city landscaping, there's something for everyone. Volunteers working with youth will be screened through a background check process. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department's Administrative Office, 947 New Hampshire St., Suite 200B, (785) 832-3450.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Don't know what to get that special someone? Why not give them something fun that will help keep them active? A Lawrence Parks and Recreation gift certificate is the perfect gift! A gift certificate can be purchased in any amount and may be used to participate in any activity, program or class. Please contact Parks and Recreation at (785) 832-7920.

NATURE CENTER GIFT SHOP

Prairie Park Nature Center's Gift Shop, 2730 Harper St., offers items of nature. Books on birding, clothing, rocks, games and puzzles will help you "get wild." For more information, please contact Prairie Park Nature Center at (785) 832-7980.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Want to help support Parks and Recreation and also get your business name out? The Lawrence Parks and Recreation Activities Guide is released twice a year – in April and December, listing all the classes, programs and activities for two seasons. Your support not only helps promote your business but also shows community support of its programs and activities. To place an ad or find out more information, please contact Roger Steinbrock, Marketing Division, at (785) 832-3450 or e-mail parksec@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

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Cottin's Hardware & Rental
1832 Massachusetts St.

Deems Farm Equipment, Inc.
1110 E. 23rd St.

Lawrence Journal-World
609 New Hampshire St.

Scotch Fabric Care Services
7 Lawrence Locations

Stephen's Real Estate
2701 W. 6th St.

Sunflower Broadband
One Riverfront Plaza, Suite 301

Waxman Candles
609 Massachusetts St.

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