

# Holliday Park Happenings

## Winter & Spring 2010 Program Guide



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# Welcome to Holliday Park

One of Indianapolis' oldest parks, Holliday Park is among the most environmentally diverse, yet accessible, tracts of land within Marion County. The park is located along the banks of the White River and has 95 acres of woodland and over three miles of trails. As a major urban resource, it features an arboretum, prairie, ornamental and native gardens, playground, rock garden, picnic area and nature center.

## Program Registration Information

Program registration begins Friday, December 11, 2009. Register by calling Holliday Park at 327-7180. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Program fees are due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), Visa or MasterCard.

## Environmental Education Field Trips

In addition to the public programs in this Program Guide, the staff of Holliday Park offers programs that explore a wide variety of natural topics for schools, Scouts, and other groups. Environmental EdVentures is a series of grade specific, academic standards-based programs developed to provide exciting hands-on experiences for students. In addition, we are able to provide custom programs related to almost any natural or cultural history topic, Scout badge requirements, etc. For more detailed information, please call 327-7180 or visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) and click on field trips.

## Holliday Park Hours:

Dawn to Dusk

## Nature Center Hours:

Monday-Saturday 9 am- 5 pm

Sunday 1-5 pm

Holliday Park Nature Center

6363 Spring Mill Road

Indianapolis, IN 46260

[www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org), [www.indyparks.org](http://www.indyparks.org)

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# Adult Programs

## Riviera Camera Club Programs

The Riviera Camera Club is the oldest continuously operating club of its kind in the City of Indianapolis. The club strives to be a place where people who are serious about photography can come to hone their skills and be motivated by other photographers of like mind and widely varied abilities and interests. Programs are open to the public.

Tuesdays: Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, Apr. 20, May 4, May 18

7:30-9:30 pm

Free! No registration required!

## Natural History Book Club

Bookstores have natural history books galore with authors from Rachel Carson to Aldo Leopold. This monthly program offers adults a chance to learn about nature through the words of nature writers.

Fridays: Jan. 8, *The Bear*, William Faulkner; Feb. 12, *Living on the Wind*, Scott Weidensaul; Mar. 12, *Fresh Water*, E.C. Pielou; Apr. 9, *The Condor's Shadow*, David Wilcove; May 14: *The Unsettling of America*, Wendell Berry

10-11:30 am

Free! No registration required!

## Amos W. Butler Audubon Society

Named after one of Indiana's greatest naturalists who authored the 1890 publication, *The Birds of Indiana*, the Amos W. Butler chapter of the National Audubon Society is a grassroots organization that promotes the enjoyment and stewardship of birds of central Indiana. The public is invited to join each monthly program. For more information, visit [www.amosbutleraudubon.org](http://www.amosbutleraudubon.org)

Tuesdays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

7:30-9 pm

Free! No registration required!

# Adult Programs

## Volunteer Naturalist Training

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, and enjoy sharing your love of the outdoors with others, then this is the place for you! Our volunteer naturalist program is designed to prepare volunteers who are interested in helping lead groups of children during our Environmental EdVentures field trips. Each monthly program focuses on natural history topics, teaching techniques, and ways to inspire children in nature.

Wednesdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19  
9:30-11 am

Free! No registration required!

## Voyageur Canoe Paddle Making

Join us as you learn to make your own fully functional canoe paddle from scratch. Learn how early settlers and Native Americans used canoes and about the different styles of paddle. Then choose a style and carve a paddle to fit you. Tools and materials provided. This is a three-part series.

Thursdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11

6:30-8:30 pm

\$25/series, registration required

## Maple Sugaring at Home

Come join us at Holliday Park Nature Center to learn how to make your own maple syrup at home. We will cover the history and science of this tasty past-time. The workshop consists of a lesson and demonstration, a hands-on opportunity to drill a tap hole and insert a spile, help with identifying maple trees in the wintertime, and an instructional booklet to take home.

Sunday, Feb. 21

2-4 pm

\$3/person, registration required

# Adult Programs

## Labor and Learn Garden Workshops

Join a team of volunteers and horticulturist Chris Turner to maintain and improve the gardens of Holliday Park. Time will be spent working in the gardens and on alternate sessions, Chris will address a different garden topic\*. Refreshments and tools provided, rain or shine.

Fridays: Mar. 26, Apr. 9\*, Apr. 23, May 7\*, May 21  
9-11 am

Free! No registration required!

## Holliday Park Garden Work Days

The diverse landscaping and gardens of Holliday Park provide visitors beauty no matter what the season. Here's your chance to become a steward of these beautiful grounds. Whether you are looking to fulfill master gardener requirements, or just want to give something back to the park, everyone is welcome. Tools and refreshments are provided.

Saturdays: Mar. 27, Apr. 10, Apr. 24, May 8, May 22

Wednesdays: Mar. 31, Apr. 14, Apr. 28, May 12, May 26  
9:30-11:30 am

Free! No registration required!

## Digital Photography Basics

Join members of the Rivera Camera Club for a workshop covering the fundamentals of nature photography using a digital SLR camera. Participants should bring their digital camera with manual, memory card, batteries, a notebook, and pencil. Be prepared to be inside and out.

Saturday, Mar. 27

9:30 am-12:30 pm

\$10/person, registration required

## Indiana Daffodil Society Program

See the newest styles of daffodils, choose daffodils from a catalog, and learn how to extend your blooming season. Open to the public.

Saturday, Mar. 27

1-2 pm

Free! No registration required!

# Adult Programs

## Outdoor Adventure: McCormick's Creek

Grab your day pack and join us as we head south to McCormick's Creek State Park. We'll take care of the planning so you can enjoy a day of guided hikes led by Holliday Park's naturalists. Cost includes transportation, entrance fees, and lunch.

Saturday, Apr. 10

9 am-5 pm

\$20/person, registration required

## Indiana State Daffodil Show

Over 400 named daffodils will be on display with Daffodil Society members on hand to answer any questions.

Wednesday, Apr. 14, noon-5 pm

Thursday, Apr. 15, 9 am-noon

Free! No registration required!

## Wildflowers with Norma Wallman

Norma is a park visitor who began documenting wildflowers on her regular walks through Holliday Park in 1994. She has now collected 15 years of information specific to the flowers and bloom times within the hills and hollows of Holliday Park. Join her as she takes a leisurely stroll to see what's blooming!

Saturdays: Apr. 17, May 8

10-11:30 am

\$3/person, registration required



# Adult Programs

## Outdoor Adventure: Rafting the White River

Back by popular demand! Come explore the White River as few get to see it, from the water. We will load up into white-water rafts and paddle down the river. Naturalists in each raft will point out wildlife and natural features along the way. Cost includes transportation, use of rafts, life jackets, and paddles.

Saturday, May 15

9 am-12:30 pm

\$15/person, registration required

## Indiana Daylily/Iris Society: Iris Show

IDIS is dedicated to the promotion of daylilies and iris and presents exciting programs, shows and sales that are open to the public. Visit [www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org)

Saturday, May 22

1-4 pm

Free! No registration required



# Family and Youth Programs

## Family Fun Day

Here's the perfect chance to spend an afternoon making memories as a family. Stop by the nature center for a self-guided scavenger hunt or nature discovery backpack, then head out into the park to explore and discover the adventure waiting for you!

Sundays: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 14, Apr. 18, May 30

1-5 pm

Free! No registration required!

## Creature Feature

Plants, animals, and insects, oh my! Join a Holliday Park Naturalist each month as we take a look at some of Indiana's most amazing creatures. We'll spend our time inside and out, and may even be lucky enough to get up close and personal with some of the creatures!

Sundays: Jan. 24, Squirrels; Feb. 14, Birds; Mar. 28, Decomposers; Apr. 25, Opossums; May 23, Honeybees

2-3 pm

\$3/person, registration required

## Webelos Badge Blitz

During our annual badge blitz, Webelos scouts will earn the three activity badges required for the World Conservation Award. Packs are welcome and must be accompanied by at least one adult. A lunch of hotdogs, carrots, and pretzels will be provided. Scouts are responsible for any alternative lunch items. Come prepared to be indoors and out.

Saturday, Jan. 30

9 am-noon

\$10/scout, registration required

# Youth and Family Programs

## Junior Girl Scout Jamboree

Earn three badges in one day! Badges covered will be "Finding Your Way," "Wildlife," and "Outdoor Cook." Whole troops are welcome and must be accompanied by at least one adult. Be prepared to be inside and out. A lunch of hotdogs, carrots, and pretzels will be provided. Scouts are responsible for any alternative lunch items.

Saturday, Jan. 30

12:30-3:30 pm

\$10/scout, registration required

## Take Flight! Wildlife Education Programs

Through the use of live animals, natural artifacts, and theatrical techniques, Take Flight! brings the importance of understanding the natural world to life. Join us as Take Flight! visits the Holliday Park Nature Center for the exciting Birds of Prey and People program.

Saturday, Feb. 6, Sunday Apr. 18

2-3 pm

\$3/person, registration required

## Meet the Nature Center Animals

Spend some time getting up close and personal with the animals who call the nature center home. We'll learn about what makes each animal unique, as well as how our naturalists keep them happy and healthy.

Sunday, Feb. 7

2-3 pm

\$3/person, registration required

## Puppets in the Park

Children's puppeteer Diane Breier brings nature to life through her puppet shows. Each show is different, but all end with a chance to take a close look at the stars of the show. Geared for children ages 2-6.

Saturdays: Feb. 13, Mar. 6

1-2 pm

\$3/person, registration required

# Youth and Family Programs

## Holliday Park Eco-Explorers

Come spend time hiking the trails, exploring the river, getting dirty and making life-long memories in the out-of-doors. Children will be divided into a 5-7-year-old group and an 8-10-year-old group.

Tuesdays: Feb. 16, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Mar. 30, Apr. 13, Apr. 27

3:45-4:45 pm

\$24/series, registration required

## Sap to Syrup Day

Come out to Holliday Park and help us celebrate the amazing Maple tree! Join us anytime between 9:30 and 11:30 to journey around the trails and learn about the history of maple sugaring, treat your tongue to a taste test and enjoy a breakfast complete with real maple syrup.

Saturday, Feb. 20

9:30-11:30 am

\$5/person, registration required

## Naturalist on the Loose

Join a naturalist as we leave the nature center behind and embark on an exciting adventure! No registration required, just meet your guide under the gazebo at the Holliday Park playground.

Sundays: Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9

2-3 pm

Free! No registration required!

## Tales and Trails

Join the Holliday Park staff for an exciting morning as we dive into the pages of our favorite children's books and then venture out to explore the natural world. We will be inside and out, so dress for the weather and be ready to have fun! This is a parent/child class.

Tuesdays: Mar. 23, Apr. 20, May 25

9:30-10:30 am

\$3/child, registration required

# Youth and Family Programs

## Family Friday Nights

Tired of spending your Friday night in front of the TV? Come out to Holliday Park to share in an adventure that is fun for the whole family. We will start with time around the campfire and then focus on the topic of the evening. We will provide the roasting sticks and s'mores, you are welcome to bring hotdogs and make a meal of it!

Fridays: Apr. 16, You Are What You Eat; May 21, Adaptations

6:30-8 pm

\$3/person, registration required

## Creek Stomping

The woods of Holliday Park are home to wetlands, ponds, and seeps that are teeming with plants and wildlife. Come join us as we get down and dirty discovering all the unique creatures that love these soggy, sloppy, wet planes. Dress for the weather and wear old shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting muddy!

Sunday, May 16

2-3 pm

\$3/person, registration required

## Holliday Park Volunteer Work Day

Holliday Park needs your help! Join other volunteers as we spend the morning working on park improvement projects such as trail maintenance, non-native plant control, cleaning up the Ruins and more. Gloves, equipment and snacks will be provided. Please call 327-7180 to let us know you'll be joining us.

Saturday, Apr. 24

9:30 am-noon

Free, registration required



# Arts

## Photography by David Bartley

Visit the nature center and enjoy the ongoing display of beautiful nature subjects by photographer David Bartley.

Daily, Jan. 5 through Mar. 15

Nature center is open Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required!

## Children's Art Show: Images of Nature

This is one of our favorite shows! Visit the nature center to view artwork created by children from many of the area schools.

Daily from Mar. 16 through Apr. 30

Nature center is open Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required!

## Photography by Theresa Cummings

Visit the nature center and enjoy the ongoing display of beautiful nature subjects by photographer Theresa Cummings

Daily, May 6 through Jun. 30

Nature center is open Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required!



# The Orchard School



## ORCHARD IN BLOOM

Garden Show in Holliday Park  
April 30 - May 2, 2010

A partnership between The Orchard School and Indy Parks, this nationally recognized garden show and community event is celebrating its 21st year. Over \$175,000 has been raised for outdoor education programs at Holliday Park for the children of Indianapolis. Featuring more than 100 local and national vendors, event goers will find a wide variety of merchandise from hand-crafted items, plants, garden-related accessories to artwork. Find inspiration in the garden displays of top local landscapers. Bring your family, enjoy food in the Garden Café and activities in the Children's Area.

Where Gardens, Art and Community Grow Together

Tickets available March, 2010: Adults \$12 at the gate, \$10 presale at the Holliday Park Nature Center, The Orchard School and at branches of our corporate sponsor, The National Bank of Indianapolis. Children 14 and under Free.

Go to [www.orchardinbloom.org](http://www.orchardinbloom.org) for more information, or call 317-251-9253.



# The Friends of Holliday Park

## 2010 Holliday Park Trail Run

It is hard to believe that 2010 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holliday Park Trail Run.

This 5-mile race involves running or hiking

a course along the White River from Holliday Park to Marrot Park, a One-Mile Run for 6-12-year-olds and a Tot Trot for kids 5 years and under. It is a fun, healthy trek for competitive runners as well as the whole family.



HOLLIDAY PARK TRAIL RUN

The Holliday Park Trail Run has built a following and last year was our first "Sold Out" race. Be sure to register early to hold your spot.

Saturday, Mar. 20

9:30 am

5-mile Trail Run/Hike (includes T-shirt): \$20

5-mile Trail Run/Hike (no T-shirt): \$16

Cross Country or Track Team Member (no T-shirt): \$14

Race Day Registration: \$25

1-mile Trail Run, ages 6-12 (includes short-sleeve T-shirt): \$15

Tot-Trot, ages 5 and under: FREE

Short-sleeve youth T-shirt: \$8


Register on-line at [www@tuxbro.com](http://www@tuxbro.com)

Questions? Call 475-9482 or visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org)

## About the Friends

The Friends of Holliday Park is a private, non-profit, membership organization committed to preserving and maintaining Holliday Park as "a place for recreation and the study of nature." After 20 years, the Friends remain intimately involved with Indy Parks working to improve and renovate the park.

In the face of a challenging economy and the major cuts in the city's budget for parks, your Friends membership is more vital this year than ever. We need to assure that Holliday Park and its programs keep going on strong. To join, visit our website, [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) or call 475-9482.



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