

# Holiday Park Happenings

**December 2015-  
February 2016  
Program Guide**

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**Sap to Syrup Day**

**Webelos Badge Blitz**

**Brownie Girl Scout Winter Fun Day**



# 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 a 13,000 square foot nature center with rental spaces, arboretum, prairie, ornamental and native gardens, playground, rock garden, and picnic areas. Holliday Park is host to over 30 community and educational groups that use the nature center throughout the year. Thirty thousand participants annually attend Holliday Park's environmental education programs and events.

## Program Registration Information:

Program registration begins Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Call 327-7180 or visit [www.indy.gov/parks](http://www.indy.gov/parks) to register. Fees due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), and all major credit cards.

## Nature Center Hours:

Monday–Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

6363 Spring Mill Road

Indianapolis, IN 46260

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

[www.indy.gov/parks](http://www.indy.gov/parks)

## Holliday Park Hours:

Dawn to Dusk



## Volunteer Opportunities at Holliday Park:

Do you like nature, gardening, hiking, sharing, and learning? Then volunteering at the nature center might be just for you!

Please call Katie at 327-7180, stop by the nature center or visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) for volunteer opportunities.

We would love to hear from you!

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# School and Scout Programs

## School Programs

**FIELD TRIPS:** Holliday Park offers field trips for students from all educational settings. Programs for grades preschool through high school are available. Field trips are \$5 per student for an hour long program, with a \$50 minimum.

**EXTENDED PROGRAMS:** Additional programming sessions are \$5 per student for the first hour, and \$1 per student for each additional hour with a \$50 minimum.

**CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS OUTREACH PROGRAMS:** Outreach offers a great pre or post field trip experience in the classroom. These 45 minute programs are \$75 per class.

Almost any science or nature topic can be covered in our field trips or Classroom Connections programs, see website for curriculum. To book call 317-327-7180 and visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) for details.

## Scout Programs

Do you have a son or daughter that is a scout? Are you a scout leader looking for a great place to fulfill badge and patch requirements?

Holliday Park is a great place to earn a badge. We offer many different pre-organized badge and patch programs and are happy to help you accomplish many others. We can accommodate all scout levels and can host your troop or den on their own for a more flexible program as well. Programs are hour long and \$5 per scout with a \$50 minimum. Please call 317-327-7180 to learn how we can help your scouts.

In addition, we offer many scout programs that are available for registration, like our Junior Girl Scout Overnight and our Webelos Badge Blitz. Please visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) for information.

# Exhibits & Special Events

## Photography by the Garfield Photo Club

Stop by the nature center to enjoy photography displays.

Daily:

Nov. 13-Jan. 3

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required



## Photography by Jeff Mason

Stop by the nature center to enjoy photography displays.

Daily:

Jan. 8-Mar. 6

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required

## Sap to Syrup Day

Help us celebrate the magic of maple trees! Join us anytime between 12:30 and 2:00 pm to journey around the trails learning all about making maple syrup. Try a syrup taste test, complete a craft, and enjoy a delicious Sugar Maker's Sundae (trust us, you'll love it!). Tours will depart every fifteen minutes, meet in the lobby.

Saturday, Feb. 27 (9416)

12:30-2:00 pm

\$7/person, pre-registration required



# Youth and Family Programs

## Beastly Brunch

What is your favorite food? The animals at Holliday Park love crickets, worms, and even mice. Come see the nature center staff feed the animals their breakfast and learn about their diets.

Wednesdays:

Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24

10:30-11:00 am

Free! No registration required

## Small Wonders Preschool Programs

Learn easy ways to engage your preschooler in nature and encourage their curiosity in the natural world. A new topic will be introduced each class through hands-on activities, hikes and stories, with take-home ideas for continuing the exploration at home. Classes are designed for children ages 3-4 and their caregiver. Sign up for individual classes or all three at a discounted price.

Tuesdays:

Dec. 15: Hibernation (9443)

Jan. 19: Penguins (9444)

Feb. 16: Animal Actions (9445)

Package of three (9442)

9:30-10:30 am

\$6/child, \$15/package of three, pre-registration required



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# Youth and Family Programs

## Create and Decorate: Bottlecap Wreaths

Transform common recyclables into a unique and beautiful winter wreath. We will use egg cartons, bottle caps, plastic bottles, toilet paper rolls, and cardboard to construct our masterpieces. The wreaths are great for gifts and holiday decoration. All materials provided.

Sunday, Dec. 20 (9440)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$6/craft, pre-registration required



## Create and Decorate: Snow Candles

Hot wax poured over snow makes unusual shapes and textures. Make your very own candle in the snow using this “frosty” technique. Snow not in the forecast? Don’t worry we will make our own! All materials provided

Sunday, Jan. 24 (9441)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$6/craft, pre-registration required



# Youth and Family Programs

## Family Friday Night Hike: Owl Prowl

Join us for a special late night adventure. We will meet the nature center's Eastern Screech Owl, learn owl calls, dissect owl pellets, and take a hike listening for owls in the forest.

Friday, Jan. 29 (9409)

6:30-8:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required

## Great Backyard Bird Count

This annual event uses citizen science to count birds and gain valuable information. Help us add to this important data! Spend time in our bird room or take a self-guided hike through the forest counting the different birds you see. A naturalist will help with identification and recording what was seen. Take home a craft and an Indy Birding Trail Guide!

Sunday, Feb. 14

1:30-2:30 pm

Free! No registration required

## Homeschool Nature Day: Winter Animals

Bring your homeschooler to Holliday Park for a day of outdoor learning. Students will explore winter adaptations, and learn how animals migrate, hibernate, and keep busy during the cold months. Hands-on activities provide students the opportunity to learn through discovery. More information will be mailed prior to the program. Ages 6-12.

Thursday, Feb. 18 (9411)

10:00 am-2:00 pm

\$12/child, pre-registration required



# Youth and Family Programs

## Webelos Badge Blitz

Scouts take part in activities that will help them earn the **Walkabout and Camper badges** as well as the **Castaway, Into the Wild, and Into the Woods Elective badges**. Dens are welcome and must be accompanied by a least one adult. Come prepared to be outdoors and indoors. Lunch over the campfire is provided.

Saturday, Feb. 20 (9413)

8:30 am-12:00 pm

\$12/scout, \$4/adult, pre-registration required



## Brownie Girl Scout Winter Fun Day

Spend the afternoon cooking over a campfire and exploring the winter woods. Brownies start with a campfire lunch, then learn about making maple syrup and take a winter hike. Girls earn and receive a Maple Syrup Patch, as well as a Winter Fun Patch. Come prepared to be outdoors and indoors. Lunch is provided. Register through the Girl Scouts of IN at [www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities](http://www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities)

Saturday, Feb. 20

12:30-3:30 pm

\$12/scout, \$4/adult, pre-registration required



# Adult Programs

## Thoreau and Walden

Take part in examining the deeper aspects of Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* and explore its significance for today's rapidly changing world. Written over 150 years ago, this powerful statement about the environment, society, and the spiritual world continues to challenge us today. Tom Potter, immediate Past-President of the International Thoreau Society, will be guiding our review of this and more of Thoreau's works. Tom regularly lectures around the country on Thoreau's works and message. Ages 18+.

Tuesdays:

Dec. 1 & 15, Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2 & 16

10:00-11:30 am

Free! No registration required

## 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. Monthly trainings prepare volunteers to lead groups of children during our Environmental EdVentures field trips.

Wednesdays:

Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3

9:30-10:30 am

Free! No registration required



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# Adult Programs

## Vermicomposting 101

Turn food scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil! Join us for a two-part composting workshop presented by **Melanie Baugh of Recycle Your Organics Consulting, LLC**. Participants construct an indoor worm bin and learn about its care on the first day, then return the next week to ask questions about their bins, making use of the soil, as well as discover other types of composting systems. All materials are provided. Ages 16+.

Saturdays:

Dec. 5 & 12 (9439)

9:30-11:00 am

\$25/person, pre-registration required



## Amos W. Butler Audubon Society

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

Tuesdays:

Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9

7:30-9:00 pm

Free! No registration required

# Adult Programs

## Natural History Book Club

There are countless nature-related books that present a variety of pressing environmental concerns. This monthly program offers adults a chance to learn about nature and environmental issues through the words of different nature authors.

Fridays:

Dec. 11: A Selection of Poetry by Mary Oliver

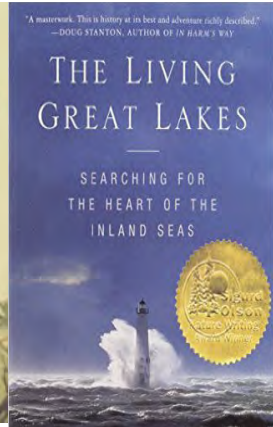
Jan. 8: *A Feathered River Across the Sky*

by Joel Greenberg

Feb. 12: *The Living Great Lakes* by Jerry Dennis

10:00-11:30 am

Free! No registration required



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# Adult Programs

## Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association

The mission of the Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association (CIBA) is to communicate and share beekeeping knowledge and trends in urban and rural settings of Marion and Hamilton Counties. Membership is free and open to anyone. Meetings are open to the public, ages 16+. Learn more at [www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org](http://www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org).

Tuesdays:

Jan. 19, Feb. 16

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required



## Hoosier Herpetological Society

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of its membership and the conservation of all reptiles and amphibians. All programs are open to the public, families are welcome. Visit [www.hoosierherpsoc.org](http://www.hoosierherpsoc.org) for more information.

Wednesdays:

Jan. 20, Feb. 17

7:00-9:00 pm

Free! No registration required



Hoosier Herpetological Society

# Adult Programs

## Central Indiana Wilderness Club

Founded in 1982, Central Indiana Wilderness Club is a nonprofit volunteer-run club organized for the purpose of providing education and affordable wilderness adventures. Meetings are open to the public, ages 16+. Visit [www.ciwclub.org](http://www.ciwclub.org) for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required

## Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club (FCGC) aims to promote the knowledge and love of gardening, and is part of the national network of The Garden Club of America. It was established in 1941 by women living near Fall Creek but now includes members citywide. Club members are skilled in gardening with expertise on native plants, landscape design, invasive plant management, conservation and floral arrangements. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the FCGC president at [sarazeckel@gmail.com](mailto:sarazeckel@gmail.com).

Monday, Feb. 8

1:00-2:00 pm

Free! No registration required



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# Friends of Holliday Park



## THE RUINS AT HOLLIDAY PARK

A PRICELESS ASSET IN PROGRESS

### TRANSFORMATION OF THE RUINS CONTINUES!

Friends of Holliday Park (FHP) is pleased to update you on the exciting transformation of The Ruins. Favorable weather and dry conditions have helped construction progress over the past two months. The Colonnade columns have been reset. The Geyser Fountain and garden area are taking shape, while sewer installation, electrical and lighting move forward. The Shimmer Fountain reservoir has also been installed and backfilled to grade level. The concrete foundations for the walkways and walled garden have been poured. Changes to the front parking area are underway including the installation of new bioswales. Thanks to your support, the project is slated to conclude in Spring 2016.

**Look for information about volunteer opportunities this spring as we plan the installation of the new gardens.**

**Visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org) to learn more or donate today.**



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