



GREAT AMERICAN
CAMPOUT™

Great American Campout

Central Park, Park Forest, IL

Friday, June 22-Saturday, June 23, 2018



Join the Park Forest Recreation & Parks Advisory Board and Recreation & Parks Department in celebrating the National Wildlife Federation's Great American Campout!



The 14th annual Great American Campout is a nationwide event that connects people with the great outdoors. Whether this is your first camping experience or you and your family are seasoned campers, this event is a great way for friends, families, and children to connect with nature, sleep under the stars and create memories of outdoor experiences. Learn more about the National Wildlife Federation's Great American Campout at www.nwf.org/Great-American-Campout.

- Set-up begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 22nd. Park in the Aqua Center parking lot near the north bridge.
- Saturday activities include a nature craft with the Thorn Creek Naturalist as well as practicing useful skills such as camping first aid, useful camping knots and rope work with Fire Chief Natyshok and Park Forest Paramedics and compass and map reading skills with Recreation & Parks staff.
- Firewood, charcoal for cooking and supplies for activities will be provided. Families will need to supply tent, sleeping gear, eating utensils, food, and personal kit. A limited number of tents are available to rent for \$10.00 each.
- This is a dog friendly event. Dogs must be friendly, current on shots, picked up after and leashed in camping area.
- Registration deadline: Friday, June 15, 2018. Children under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian camping with them. For more information contact Rob Gunther at 708-748-2005.

Date/Time: Friday, June 22, 2018 - 4 pm until 12:00 noon - Saturday, June 23, 2018

Location: Set-up begins at 4 pm at Central Park, Park Forest, IL (Lakewood & Orchard).
Park vehicles at the Aqua Center parking lot near the north bridge.

Program # 24202-01 for ages 4 years and older - \$5.00 per person for ages 4 years and older.

Program # 24202-02 for children 0-3 years old - Free for children 0-3 years old.



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- Register at Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department, 350 Victory Dr., Park Forest, IL (Village Hall)
- Register by phone with a credit card at 708-748-2005.
- Online Registration available at:
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/vopf>



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CAMPING ACTIVITIES

Friday, June 22, 2018

- 4:00-5:30 pm Camper check-in/campsite set-up - (park cars at Aqua Center parking Lot)
- 5:30-7:00 pm Dinner on your own, grills and charcoal will be provided
- 7:00 -8:30 pm Family Games
- 8:30 pm S'mores and campfire stories
- 9:30 pm Quite time / Enjoy stargazing and listening to wildlife at night
- 10:00 pm Bedtime

Saturday, June 23, 2018

- 8:00-9:30 am Breakfast on your own
- 9:30-11:30 am **Programs:**
- ◆ Compass Use
 - ◆ Learn useful knots for camping by Fire Chief Natyshok
 - ◆ Camping First Aid by Park Forest Paramedics
 - ◆ Nature Craft
- 12:00 pm Pack up campsite and leave no trace!

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