



Winter Break Special Events

WINTER BREAK FUN

NEW! Holiday Break

Eco-Art Camp

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Why wait for the summer to join your friends at the Conservatory for creative recycling and earth friendly art! Join this innovative workshop to learn about sketchbook journaling, to take gathering and listening walks and to play earth awareness games where everyone wins.

Instructor: Georgia Braun

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Ages 7 - 11

8:30am-Noon \$88/\$132
M-W, Dec 22 - 24, 29 - 31 #111095-01
of weeks: 2 Min 6/Max 12

Ages 12-14

1:30-5pm \$88/\$132
M-W, Dec 22 - 24, 29 - 31 #121095-01
of weeks: 2 Min 6/Max 12

Winter Design Camp (Ages 6-12)

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- Each day we will focus on different art designs along with our specialties for each day.
- M, Dec 22: Concrete stepping stones & mosaic frames
- Tu, Dec 23: Design a chair
- M, Dec 29: Edible art
- Tu, Dec 30: Tie-dye and T-shirt design
- Location: Fox Center
- M & Tu, Dec 22 & 23, 29 & 30 \$63/\$31
- 1-4pm #172530-01
- # of weeks: 2 Min 8/Max 24

Hot Wheels Challenge (Ages 4 & Up)

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Start your engines and get ready to race! Various race tracks will be set up for all little speedsters to test their cars! In addition, a mini course with remote controlled cars will also be set up. Each participant will receive one free hot wheels car.

Location: Fox Center

M, Dec 29 \$12/\$18
10am-Noon #172251-08
Min 6/Max 18

Cookie Decorating (Ages 2-3 w/parent, 4-5)

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- Join us for a morning of cookie decorating, chocolate dipped pretzels, and create your own original batch of hot cocoa to take home to keep you warm this holiday season. Parents must attend with child for ages 2-3, but only the children are charged the registration fee.
- Location: Fox Center
- M, Dec 22 \$8/\$12
- 10-11am Ages 2-3 #172251-05
- 11am-Noon Ages 4-5 #172251-06
- Min 6/Max cl

Webkinz Party & Lunch (Ages 4 & Up)

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Bring your best friend Webkinz out to a special party created just for them! Create a shoe box home, pillow and blanket, participate in fun games with your Webkinz and enjoy a pizza lunch. All participants will receive one small webkinz product to take home.

Location: Fox Center

Tu, Dec 30 \$15/\$22
10am-Noon #172251-09
Min 6/Max 18

Cookie Baking Creations (Ages 6 & Up)

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- Enjoy a morning of creating holiday treats. Participants will follow recipes, mix ingredients and shape cookies with the assistance of the instructors. We will bake and frost sugar cookies, create hand dipped pretzels, create homemade hot cocoa and more. This is a baking class so please come prepared to get messy.
- Location: Fox Center
- Tu, Dec 23 \$14/\$21
- 10am-Noon #172251-07
- Min 6/Max 18



SCHOOLS OUT HOLIDAZE: WINTER BREAK! (AGES 6-12) JG

We will have all kinds of cool activities for your youth throughout the day. Each day there will be opportunity for sports, games, arts, crafts, active and passive activities. If weather permits, we will spend time outside playing games and activities, please dress accordingly. Any movies we decide to show will be rated G or PG. Participants should eat breakfast before arriving and bring a sack lunch and water bottle. We will supply a mid-morning snack and mid-afternoon snack and beverage. The child to staff ratio will be no greater than 10:1.

Location: Stevenson Center

Min 12/Max 30

Time: 8:30am-5pm

Enroll in daily programs or 2-day programs. Sign up for both 2-day sessions and save!

Date	Fee	Code
Single Days Holiday Programs		
M, Dec 22	\$41/\$62	#112270-01
Tu, Dec 23	\$41/\$62	#112270-02
M, Dec 29	\$41/\$62	#112270-04
Tu, Dec 30	\$41/\$62	#112270-05
Min 12/Max 20		

2-day Holidays Programs		
M-Tu, Dec 22-23	\$76/\$114	#112270-03
M-Tu, Dec 29-30	\$76/\$114	#112270-06
Min 8/Max 15		

Winter Special Events



Thomas Edison Comes to Pleasant Home

Tu, Dec 9, Doors open at 7:30pm, program begins at 8pm

When electricity was still very new to Oak Park, the architect and owner of Pleasant Home made an incredible show of faith in electricity by lining the exterior and interior of the great home with Thomas Edison's bulbs. It was an amazing spectacle in 1897. Now, Edison comes to Pleasant Home to talk about his great works in a most appropriate setting. Light refreshments and short tours of the mansion included.

Tickets: \$22 for members of the Victorian Society in America or Pleasant Home Foundation; \$27 non-members. Information/Reservations: (708) 383-2654

42nd Annual ICE SHOW

Save the Date - Mar 20-22

The Park District of Oak Park will host its 42nd Annual Ice Show the weekend of March 20-22, 2009. Each year the participants of our Learn to Skate School are invited to participate. It's a show not to be missed, and the public is welcome to attend! Look for information on ticket sales in the Spring Program Guide!

Holiday Activities

FREE Admission Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home

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Su, Dec 7, 1-4pm

Join us for this special event, marking the opening of our annual Artisans Holiday Sale. Live music, hand painted ornaments by Illinois Prairie Painters, crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, desserts provided by caterers and Todd & Holland Holiday Spice tea! FREE!

FREE Admission Cheney Mansion Holiday Open House

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M, Dec 8 through Th, Dec 11 from 11am-7pm

The mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays! Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a food item to donate to the OPRF Food Pantry. No admission fee!

FREE Admission Pleasant Home Annual Artisans Holiday Sale

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Dec 7-14

Find unique gifts and treasures while supporting local artisans! Sale begins during our Holiday Open House and is open an entire week with extended hours for holiday shopping, during which our museum store will also be open. Please see complete information on page 63. Admission and refreshments are FREE!

FREE Admission Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House at the Oak Park Conservatory

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Su, Dec 7 from Noon-4pm

Seasonal floral displays, Santa Claus, and an expanded craft faire at the Oak Park Conservatory. Forced Paper White Narcissus and door swags will be on sale.

"A Christmas Carol" at Pleasant Home

Su, Dec 21 at 4pm

Oak Park's beloved Dr. Peter Baker comes back to Pleasant Home to give his extraordinary one-man performance of the Dickens' heart-warming classic "A Christmas Carol." Perfect for the entire family and set in the lovely interior of Pleasant Home. Tickets \$12 for adults; \$7 for children and seniors.

Just for Parents

Parents' Night Out

(Ages 3-11)

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Enjoy an evening out and let us entertain your children. The evening includes a theme, a pizza dinner, snacks, activities, a G or PG rated movie, and popcorn. Don't miss out on the fun!

Location: Fox Center

6-9pm		\$15/\$23
F, Jan 16	"Bugmania"	#112221-01
F, Feb 13	"Clownin' Around"	#112221-02
F, Mar 13	"Dr. Seuss"	#112221-03
		Min 15/Max 35

LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is Noon, Dec 18. Please read lottery info on page 73.

Wondering where to go? See facilities map on pages 70-71!



Special Events

Daddy/Daughter Events

Fairy Princess Party (Ages 4-7 with parent) Sa, Feb 7

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Dads, come escort your beautiful little princess to a morning of magic. Create a crown, photo frame, walk in the enchanted woods, and complete the morning with a puppet show. Princesses, don't forget to wear your favorite ball gown and tiara. Fee is per person, please register each person individually.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Sa, Feb 7 \$14/\$21 per person
9:30-11:30am #162600-02
Min 10/Max 30

Tiki Rafiki Luau (Ages 8 & up with parent) Sa, Mar 7

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Spend a special evening with your daughter. Luau over to the Conservatory for an evening of limbo, tropical breezes and dancing - uncover the mystery of the tiki rafiki. Fee is per person, please sign up individually.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Sa, Mar 7 \$20/\$30 per person
6:30-9:30pm #162600-01
Min 20/Max 60



Mother/Son Events

NEW! Mom & Son Aqua Noodle Challenge (Ages 5 & Up with parent) Su, Jan 25

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Join us for a different kind of pool party! Use your "noodle" to create your own duct tape and swim noodle raft! (Prior to the event all moms and sons will be provided with duct tape, swim noodles, and a few other wacky supplies to create their own one of a kind swim raft.) Bring that raft to Concordia pool and we'll put it through a few wacky contests. In addition we'll have a pool treasure hunt and one lucky mom will be crowned queen of the seas! Fee is per couple.

Location: Off Site Facility

Su, Jan 25 \$52/\$69
1-3pm #162699-01
Min 8/Max 30

LOTTERY!
Lottery Deadline is Noon, Dec 18.
Please read lottery info on page 73.

just for teens!

The programs listed below (except Friday Night Ice) are offered at 49 Lake, the Park District's new Teen Center. For the complete schedule and more details, visit www.oakparkteens.com! Also be sure to check pages 38-40 for more teen programming and details on becoming a Teen Center member.

big game on the big screen Superbowl Party (Grades 6-12)

Su, Feb 1 from 2-9:30pm at 49 Lake

We'll have tons of food - pizza, wings, chips, and soda - as well as a pre-game Madden '09 tournament and games and contests that everyone can participate in - even if you don't know anything about football. Get more details on page 40.

Location: 49 Lake Teen Center

\$5 for members/\$8 for non-members

anti-valentines day party (Grades 6-12)

Sa, Feb 14 from 8-10pm at 49 Lake

Tired of the Valentine's Day hype? You're not alone. If you feel the need to NOT celebrate this holiday then come to this party. Decorate broken heart cookies, craft black roses out of duct tape, and watch some movies that celebrate being single!

Location: 49 Lake Teen Center

\$3 for members/\$5 for non-members

march mayhem 3-on-3 tournament (Grades 6-12)

Sa, Mar 21 from Noon-6pm at 49 Lake

Grab 2 friends and sign up for 3-on-3 teens only tournament. We'll have the games playing on our big screen, so you can come inside to check the scores. Food and drink for all of the players!

Location: 49 Lake Teen Center -

\$15 per team - Details on page 40.

Friday NIGHT ICE

(Grades 6-8) BN

Teens are taking over Ridgeland Common! One Friday night each month, come hang out with your friends for a night of skating just for teens. Each night will be centered around a different theme with food, games, skate rental and giveaways included.

Location: Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common

8-10pm \$5 w/ rink pass, \$10 w/o pass

F, Jan 2 ROCK!

F, Feb 13 Valentine's Day



25. Come to the Winter Holiday Craft Faire at the Oak Park Conservatory on December 7th and see all the great wares for sale! Plus, we have it on good authority a certain very large jolly elf in a red suit will be stopping by ... (Page 61)

24. Sign the kids up for Winter Break activities. It's a great way to stop boredom in its tracks, and gives you a little breathing room, too. (Page 6)

23. Hang out with The King and celebrate Elvis' birthday! Elvis would be 74 on January 8th and we're set to get all shook up for his birthday at Longfellow Center. Get the details on page 59.

22. Visit the Pleasant Home Holiday Artisan Sale It's free to attend, and you can find unique gifts and treasures while supporting local artisans! See dates on page 63.

21. Never learned how to ice skate? We can help! We have classes for all ages, from our tots program to adult lessons. Pretty soon, Kristi Yamaguchi won't have nothin' on you! Well, then again ... (Pages 12-16)



20. RU btw 11 n 18? See what's happening at 49 Lake. You can play pool, become a Guitar Hero master, surf the net, and hang out with your friends. Check it on page 40.



19. Give your four-legged pal a jaunt off-leash at Ridgeland Common's Dog Park. Dogs need love too! So give them some stretch time - but be sure to get your permit first. (Page 68)

18. Drop by Longfellow Center for a quick game of Scrabble - or Mahjongg - or chess, or cards, or ... have a look at the list of games and the drop in schedule on page 57.

17. ZUMBA is finally here! Think you can dance? Have no idea how to? ZUMBA will get everybody and anybody moving and feeling the burn. Sign up for a class and see how quickly those holiday pounds zoom off. (Page 46)

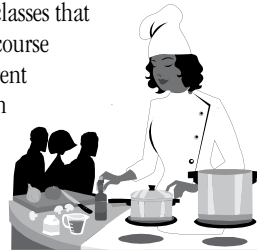
16. Mark your calendar to attend the 42nd Annual Ice Show at the Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common, March 20-22. The skaters are incredible, and so are the costumes! See more about the Ice Show on page 11.



15. Take a moment to walk through Austin Gardens. Even in the dead of winter, it's a great place for serenity. See map on page 71.

14. Put your apron on and take a cooking class at Cheney Mansion.

The catering kitchen inside the mansion is a great space for these intimate classes that typically cover a several-course meal. You'll try out different cooking techniques, learn how to prepare the meal yourself at home, and of course, the best part is the tasting! (Page 55)



11. Go sledding at Barrie Park! Do we really need to say anything more? See map on page 71.

10. Check out Noon Skate at the Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common. Get some exercise and have a blast on your lunch hour for only \$5 - that includes skate rental! (Page 11)

9. Sign up for a Parents' Night Out event and take the time to get re-acquainted with your partner, your friends, or even just yourself! (Page 7)

8. Visit Cheney Mansion on Euclid Avenue for its Holiday Open House. The Mansion is decorated beautifully, and you might get some ideas for your own home! (Page 60)

7. Register for a Park District Trip. This season we're checking out the Car Show, Blue Man Group, CHIC Cafe and more - see page 58.



6. Check out the new Open Studio for Artists program at the Oak Park Conservatory. It's a surefire way to get creativity flowing again! (Page 55)

5. Bring your preschooler to Preschool Playtime at the Gymnastics Center. This open gym format is only \$5 and perfect for your 1-5 year old to burn some energy! (Page 21)

4. Enroll in our Parent/Child Yoga classes. You'll learn more than just flexibility, and get to spend time together. (Page 27)

3. Stop by Pleasant Home for Thursday Tour and Tea. Take an escorted tour of this historic mansion, then stay for tea afterwards and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. (Page 62)

2. Be bold and try something new through our Adventure Programs. Go skiing, learn to luge, or explore the world of snow sculpting. There's always something new! (Page 41)

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25 WAYS TO BEAT the Winter BLUES

13. Take a ceramics class and learn to make your own works of art. Did you know Dole Center houses a great ceramics studio? Our classes are priced affordably, and include firing and materials. Plus we're now offering workshops if you just want to try it out! See page 53 for details on ceramics classes for both youth and adults.



12. fri nyt ice = Friday Night Ice at Ridgeland Common for grades 6-8. You can chill with your friends, get some grub and compete for prizes. Yeah, there's a theme, but it's cool. (Page 38)

