

Activities Newsletter

January 2012

February 1st to February 9th, 2012

Friday, February 3, 2012

6:30 PM - Shawnee Parks and Recreation Department presents the 12th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night at Cinderella's Ball. Calling all princesses to the 2012 Cinderella's Ball! Choose between Friday or Saturday night at Prince Charming's castle (Shawnee Civic Centre, 13817 Johnson Drive). Enjoy a dinner, dancing, princesses and prizes! Each couple will have their picture taken at Cinderella's castle for a memento of the night. Suggested ages are between 5 – 13.

Friday, February 3rd, 2012, 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. &

Saturday, February 4th, 2012 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

\$40 per couple includes:

Corsages for the girls

Dinner

Dance music provided by a D.J.

Memento photo for each couple

7:00 pm - Starlight Children's Theatre presents Disney's Aladdin (Theatre for Young Audiences) at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Kansas City, Missouri. Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment. All of your favorite characters, including Aladdin, Jasmine and, the Genie, are here. This stage adaptation of the Disney hit is filled with magic, mayhem and flying carpet rides. Performance times: Friday, Feb. 3 – 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 – 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5 – 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

10:00 AM - Enter an interactive habitat where children learn about the most interesting creatures. Join the polar bear in his cave and help him ice fish, slide down the penguin iceberg slide, jump with the kangaroo on a small trampoline, and much more. A reading area will feature many animal storybooks. Open Feb. 4 - Apr. 29 during Crown Center shopping hours, 2500 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.

10:00 AM - Eat Breakfast With the Beasts at Lakeside Nature Center, 4701 E. Gregory Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.

- Eat what the animals eat
- Crafts
- Face Painting
- Have your picture taken with your favorite beast

Sunday, February 5, 2012

12:00 PM -The Kansas City Museum's First Sunday Family Fun Day is a fantastic way to spend time with the kids and have a little fun too! The event allows children to have fun while also having an exceptional learning experience. There are historic games and scavenger hunts held on the grounds to play. For the artsy person in your family, there is an arts and crafts area. Kansas City Museum is located at 3218 Gladstone Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Friday, February 10, 2012

7:00 PM - Travel back to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with this stage adaptation of Disney's Mulan. The Huns have invaded, and it is up to Mulan and her sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor! Disney's MULAN JR. is a celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit. The score includes "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" as well as new songs. Public Performances are as follows at Bell Cultural Events Center: MidAmerica Nazarene, 2030 East College Way, Olathe, Kansas.

Friday, February 10th - 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 11th - 2:00 pm

Saturday, February 11th - 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 12th - 2:00 pm

Saturday, February 11, 2012

10:00 AM - Celebrate the birthday of Laura Ingalls Wilder, early Kansas pioneer at Ernie Miller Nature Center, 909 N. K-7 Highway in Olathe, Kansas. Participants will make a rag doll, experience lessons from 1800's school, and hear music from the time period. Refreshments will be served and Laura will tell favorite stories from her childhood. For reservations and more information call (913) 764-7759. Reservations are required.

10:00 AM - Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Your child will love making their own personalized cards at the Lowe's Build n Grow Clinic. This event will take place at Lowe's Stores across the Metro

10:00 AM - Almost everything about Valentine's Day is fancy especially with Fancy Nancy! Mystery is in the air when Nancy receives a valentine from a secret someone. Join in and follow the clues to find out who it is - all in Fancy Nancy's fabulous style, of course. Registration is required so please call 816-741-6288. Event will take place at Riverside Mid-Continent Public Library, 2700 NW Vivion Rd in Riverside, Missouri.

Sunday, February 12, 2012

1:00 PM - FAMILY FUN HIKE SERIES (AGES 5 & UP)

Get outside and get moving for fun and fitness. Hike the 1-mile loop of the Byron Shutz Nature Trail with Stephanie Acers, Youth Education Coordinator and naturalist. Each session will highlight a unique natural event depending on the weather. All participants must be able to hike one mile over mulched and mowed terrains. Waterproof footwear is highly recommended. This trail is not stroller or wheelchair accessible. Hikes will be canceled if weather is severe or if trail conditions are hazardous. Dress for the weather and for walking. A pair of lightweight binoculars is highly recommended. Fee: Each session \$9/adult, \$5/Members, \$4/child ages 5-12 at Powell Gardens, 1609 N.W. U.S. Highway 50 in Kingsville, Missouri.

February 17th to February 23rd, 2012

Saturday, February 18, 2012

9:00 AM - Every year biologists and researchers count on 'you' to help them determine the health of bird populations here in North America. Join in during this free event at Ernie Miller Nature Center, 909 N. K-7 Highway in Olathe, Kansas as they count birds and contribute to a worthy cause. You can stay for 15 minutes or the entire seven-hour event and you may see Northern Cardinals, Black-capped chickadees, and many more feathered friends. Learn about the birds that spend winters in Northeast Kansas from experienced birders from Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City.

10:00 AM - Missouri has a rich history of using its resources wisely, and making sweet syrup is a tasty example of forest conservation. As winter starts to go away the trees begin to awaken. February is prime time for tapping Maple trees to collect the sweet sap within. They will demonstrate how to choose the right tree, how to collect the raw sap, and the equipment required to boil sap down to maple syrup or sugar. Join us "on the hour" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost in Kansas City, Missouri. No registration required (All ages)

1:00 PM -It is wintry outside, well a little anyway, and somewhere sleeping critters are starting to stir. Groundhog Day has just passed, which reminds us that the amazing and colorful world of spring is just around the corner. Join Burr Oak Woods Nature Center as they discuss woodchucks and other hibernating animals and then head outside to enjoy late winter in Missouri.

Reservations are required by February 18, 2012, please call 816.228.2766. Burr Oak Woods Nature Center is located at 1401 NW Park Road in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Sunday, February 19, 2012

2:00 PM - Shakespeare's classic love story has inspired many for years. One of the most popular ballets in history, this tale of youth, family conflict and its tragic consequences has been watched by many since it was first performed. Experience Kansas City Ballet's Romeo & Juliet at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway in Kansas City, Missouri

February 24th to February 29th, 2012

Saturday, February 25, 2012

10:00 AM - Skate with Clifford the Big Red Dog from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crown Center, 2500 Grand Blvd. in Kansas City, Missouri. Admission and skate rental fees during that time are donated to KCPT. Regular admission is \$6, or free for adults over age 60 and children age four and under. Skate rental is \$3, or skaters may bring their own.

1:00 PM - Family Fun Day at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art. Family Fun Activity Northwest American Indian Galleries: All programs are 1-4 p.m. on both days (Sat & Sun) Enjoy informal looking and hands-on activities in the galleries. No need to sign up!

The Nelson is located at 4525 Oak in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Saturday, February 25, 2012

Seussical Jr explores the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss as you've never seen it before. Travel back to the Land of Whos and the Jungle of Nool and re-discover the delightfully zany characters created by one of the most loved storytellers of all time. Seussical has been called the "best family musical. You can see it live at YouthFront Auditorium at 4715 Rainbow Blvd in Shawnee, Kansas.

Public Performances

Thursday, February 23rd - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 24th - 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 25th - 2:00 pm

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Sunday, February 26th - 2:00 pm



Valentine's Day Fun in KC

Live Performances:

Disney's Aladdin

- **Details:** Feb. 3-5, Starlight Children's Theatre presents Disney's Aladdin (Theatre for Young Audiences) at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. 816.994-7222.
- **About:** Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment. All of your favorite characters, including Aladdin, Jasmine and, of course, the Genie, are here. This stage adaptation of the Disney hit is filled with magic, mayhem and flying carpet rides, sending audiences' spirits soaring with excitement.

KCMTA Presents 19th Annual Multi-Piano Concerts: "Destination: Musique"

- **Details:** Feb. 12 at 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM, Lied Center of Kansas. General admission \$5 at the door. 816.741-7388
- **About:** Two multi-media concerts featuring 16 grand pianos with over 450 students in duet teams presenting music from around the world.

Romeo & Juliet: A Ballet

- **Details:** Feb. 17 – 26, Muriel Kauffman Theatre. 816.931-2232
- **About:** Shakespeare's classic love story has inspired music, theater and dance for more than 400 years. One of the most popular ballets in history, this beloved tale of youth, family conflict and its tragic consequences has captured audiences since it was first performed. Experience Kansas City Ballet's Romeo & Juliet in the beautiful setting of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts!

Valentine Fun for Just for the Kids... arts & crafts, cooking, parties, and more!

FREE Family Sessions: Kaleidoscope

- **Details:** FREE Family Sessions are offered at Hallmark's Kaleidoscope all month long. Call 816.274-8300 for a schedule.
- **About:** Valentine materials will be out all month long at Hallmark's Kaleidoscope. Children choose from the wide variety of art materials in this FREE art experience. Every session offers art projects that stimulate your students' imaginations. Each session lasts 40 minutes.

Pint Size Valentine Party

- **Details:** Feb. 10 at 10:00 AM, Harris Park Community Center in Lee's Summit. 816.969-1540
- **About:** Dress in red and join in a Valentine's Day celebration! Great games, crafts, and snacks are planned for the special day!

Whole Foods Market FREE Kids Club

- **Details:** Feb. 10 at 1:00 PM, Whole Foods Market on Metcalf. For children ages 3-12 years old. 913.652-9633
- **About:** The FREE event includes a craft and snack. Decorate clipboards and attach thoughtful notes or Valentines.

Valentine's Day Themed Fun

- **Details:** Feb. 11-18 at Paradise Park in Lee's Summit, Mo. Activities included with admission. 816.246-5224.
- **About:** The Children's Edutainment Center will feature a full week of Valentine's themed fun. You can bake Valentine heart cookies in the interactive kitchen and create Valentine cards and fun flowers in the art studio.

Valentine Children's Tea

- **Details:** Feb. 11 at 9:30 AM, Historic Mt. Gilead Church. Please call to reserve your child's place as space is limited. Sponsored by Clay County Parks, Recreation, And Historic Sites & Tourism. \$10 per child. 816.736-8500
- **About:** Children are cordially invited to a Valentine tea party. Refreshments and all craft materials will be provided.

Fancy Nancy Heart to Heart

- **Details:** Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM, Riverside Mid-Continent Public Library. Registration Required. Free. 816.741-6288
- **About:** Almost everything about Valentine's Day is fancy especially with Fancy Nancy! Mystery is in the air when Nancy receives a valentine from a secret someone. Join in and follow the clues to find out who it is - all in Fancy Nancy's fabulous style, of course.

Naturally from the Heart

- **Details:** Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs, Missouri. Registration Required. 816.228-2766
- **About:** Why buy that special someone a Valentine card when you can make your very own from the beautiful materials nature supplies? Burr Oak Woods will provide the natural materials, so come and make something truly unique and special for your Valentine.

Free Lowe's Build 'n Grow: Valentine Card Creator

- **Details:** Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM, Lowe's Stores across the Metro. <https://www.lowesbuildandgrow.com>
- **About:** Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Your child will love making their own personalized cards!

Teddy Bear Tea

- **Details:** Feb. 12 at 1-2:30 p.m. for Grades K-3; 3-4:30 p.m. for Grades 4-6, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm. Register by Feb. 10; \$5/person. 913.971-5111.
- **About:** Dress in your best and bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal to enjoy tea, refreshments and activities at the Heritage Center.

Valentine Workshop

- **Details:** Feb. 13 at 1:00 PM, Prairie Village Community Center. \$7 Johnson County residents/\$8 non-residents. 913.826-3163
- **About:** Come create special Valentine presents that loved ones will cherish. Project options range from card making to crafts to cookie decorating and more!