

Your Park District "Staycation" Aims To Make Summer Fun-fastic!

Few words in the English language are as comforting as "stay." It's what we ask our favorite people to do when we want to continue enjoying their company. It's how we might describe a relaxing visit to a quaint country inn. It's even what we say to the loyal family dog when we want him to sit by our side.

But most of all, it's what we find ourselves wishing we could do when we've discovered a place we don't want to leave.

Summer vacations have traditionally offered opportunities to find such idyllic spots, whether on an endless beach bordered by towering palm trees or on a winding mountain trail through pine-scented forests. But as gas prices soar and the economy sours, more and more people are finding that getting to these getaway spots is becoming harder and harder to do.

Luckily, when the going gets tough, the tough can take the easy and economical way out by staying close to home. Without the added expense and aggravating travel involved in trip-oriented vacations, those two words — *stay* and *home* — become even more attractive.

The concept of staycations has been around for a few years, and although it might have developed during the summer of 2008 in response to the prohibitive cost of driving the family car, it's one that has staying power, as other financial pressures have influenced how and where people spend their precious days off.

To encourage residents and local visitors alike to embrace this here-to-stay concept, the St. Charles Park District is launching

a summer calendar full of fun, freebies, and fascinating facts designed to make local park sites the place to be. The **Staycation—Making Memories Every Day** promotion is a multifaceted campaign of creative, economic, and sometimes interactive, elements designed to showcase the amenities and activities offered at various Park District facilities. Emblazoned on



banners, positioned in advertising, and popping up on the Internet, a vibrant new multicolored logo will zestfully symbolize the rainbow of recreational choices that abound throughout the district.

Indeed, blessed with such a diverse range of outlets to choose from, those fortunate enough to live near St. Charles Park District park sites and facilities find themselves in the midst of the kind of destinations that most people would pay good money and give up valuable time to reach.

From acres of native wetlands that attract countless species of bird and wildlife to a nationally-recognized 9-hole golf course

designed by one of the game's legendary giants, all the beauty and relaxation offered by those distant — and costly — vacation spots can be found right in our own backyard (minus the palm trees, of course.)

But as is so often the case with what's close at hand, people sometimes fail to see the sheer variety of resources right at their fingertips. Would you have to book a week at a famous resort in order to play on a Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course? Not at all! The Park District's 9-hole municipal course at Pottawatomie Park was designed by the master himself. Have you ever wanted to take a steamboat down the Mississippi? No need! There are paddlewheel boats that ply the waters of the Fox River along Pottawatomie Park.

Helping take the guesswork out of how to go about finding and enjoying these and other staycation opportunities, the Park District is producing a free **Staycation**

Pocket Guide to be used as a ready reference when looking for places to visit and things to do. The District will also be selling a limited number of **Staycation Coupon Books** to make doing so even more enticing. Available for \$15, the book will include coupons redeemable for outings such as a pass to River View Miniature Golf; a free weekday round of golf at Pottawatomie Golf Course; a pass for an afternoon at Swanson Pool; and a child's admission to Otter Cove Splash Park, among others. The coupon books will go on sale June 1 exclusively at Baker Community Center and Pottawatomie Community Center, and are valid through August 31.

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There's something for all ages and interests at the St. Charles Park District!



Swanson Pool

June 4–August 8

Residents & Pool Pass Holders

Weekdays: 1-5:30pm; 6:30-8:30pm
Weekends: 11am–8pm

Open Swim Weekdays: 2–5:30pm; 6:30-8:30pm
Weekends: 2–8pm

Lap Swim Weekdays: 11:15am-12:45pm

August 9–24

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Weekdays: 1–6:30pm
Weekends: 11am–6:30pm

Open Swim Weekdays & Weekends: 2–6:30pm

Lap Swim Weekdays: 11:15am-12:45pm

Hours are subject to change for other
Park District programs and holidays.

Raft Nights

at Swanson Pool

June 7–August 6

Bring inflatable rafts on Mondays & Fridays
at 6:30pm. Rafts have the
right-of-way.

Otter Cove Splash Park

May 29–June 3

Weekdays: 11am–3pm
Weekends/Holidays: 11am–7pm

June 4–August 24

Daily: 11am–7pm

August 25–September 6

Weekdays: 11am–3pm
Weekends/Holidays: 11am–7pm

Pottawatomie Golf Course

Open Daily: 6am–9pm

Call 630-584-8356 for tee time reservations.

For more details on programs & events
shown on these calendars, please visit
www.stcparks.org.

§ = A reasonable fee associated with
these programs.

River View Miniature Golf Course

May 1–16

Saturday/Sunday: 11am–7pm

May 17–31

Monday–Thursday: 11am–7pm
Friday–Sunday: 11am–10pm

June 1–August 22, 28, 29; September 4–6

Sunday–Friday: 11am–10pm
Saturday: 11am–11pm

September 11–October 10

Saturday/Sunday: 11am–7pm

For summer daily specials and rental
information, visit www.stcparks.org.

Canoe/Pedal Boat Rentals

at River View Miniature Golf Course

May 15–August 12

Daily: 11am–6pm

No rentals: June 12 & 13, July 4 & August 6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 2010		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am § STCU Ping Pong Tourney, 4-6pm §	Boat Launch passes on sale now §	AAC Potluck & Mini Golf, RVMG 1-4pm, FREE Concert in the Park Hello Dave, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Swanson Pool Opens Water Safety Coloring Contest Begins POOL, FREE STCU Lock-In 10pm-7am §	
Age 50+ Trip Glenn Miller Orchestra, Aurora §	Pickleball Open Gym combines ping-pong, tennis and badminton; equipment provided, ages 18+ MWF, 2:30-3:55pm §	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am § FARM Volunteering 11am-12pm, FREE Family Farm Chores FARM, 2-3pm §		Garden Plots Get yours now – limited availability FARM/WSCP §		Kid's Fly Day FVAC Flying Field 10am-3pm, FREE Hook, Line and Sinker PP, 10am-12pm § Tiny Tots Track Meet REID, 10am-1pm §
	Teen Center Membership Day POOL § Fitness Open Houses All week long, FREE	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am §	Age 50+ Trip Fabulous Fifties Divas Hickory Hills §	Junior Golf League PGC, 1pm § Concert in the Park Tin Horse, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Fox Games Paintball § Water Safety Coloring Contest Winners Announced, POOL, 5:30pm	Sculpture in the Park Public Reception MSMP, 10am-12pm FREE Skate Park Bash MSMP, 12-4pm §
Father's Day Special POOL §		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am §	Age 50+ Trip Amish Back Roads Shipshewana, IN § Pool Pass Appreciation Night POOL, 8:30-9:30pm	Junior Golf League PGC, 1pm § Concert in the Park Yard Fulla Cars, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Magic Waters § Story Time, FARM 2-3:30pm § Family Night Out Luau POOL, 6:30-9pm §	
Fishing Fun, FREE Many locations along the Fox River & more Pole rentals, PCC §		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am §			AAC Member Drive 2875 Campton Hills Rd. 6-8pm, FREE Family Firefly Fest WSCP, 8-9pm §	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 2010				Junior Golf League PGC, 1pm \$ AAC Potluck/Mini Golf RVMG, 1-4pm, FREE Concert in the Park Gina Glocksen Band LINC, 7-8:30pm, FREE	Big Bang Splashday POOL \$	
July 4th Celebration! Red Woody Concert 6-9pm, PP, FREE Fireworks at dark		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ DJ Nights, POOL 6:30-9pm \$	Bike Trails Enjoy miles and miles of paved bike trails St. Charles, FREE	Junior Golf League PGC, 1pm \$ Concert in the Park Hey Jimmy, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Brunswick Zone \$ Staycation Adventure submissions due at www.stcparks.org	Radio Hour FARM, 7-9pm \$
Age 21+ Trip Stockholm's Handcrafted Beers, Geneva, 3:30-5:30pm \$	Fall brochure delivered this week College ID Day POOL, 6:30-9pm \$	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ Family Farm Chores FARM, 2-3pm \$ DJ Nights, POOL 6:30-9pm \$		Concert in the Park Kimi Hayes, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE Ladies' Golf Tourney \$	Teen Trip Great America \$	Fall registration for residents begins
Open Gym Basketball & More \$		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ DJ Nights, POOL 6:30-9pm \$ Little Guys & Gals Golf Tourney \$	Pool Pass Appreciation Night POOL, 8:30-9:30pm Junior Golf Tourney \$	Age 50+ Trip Big Band Cruise, Moline \$ Concert in the Park Gizzae, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Fox Games Paintball \$ Family Camping—WSCP 6pm-10am	Men's "E" USSSA Softball Tourney ESSC, 9am-5pm \$ Age 50+ Trip Blueberry Bonanza Braidwood \$
	Skate Parks Open daily 9am-9pm, FREE	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ DJ Nights, POOL 6:30-9pm \$		Concert in the Park Lazy Maybes, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip ESPN Zone & Soldier Field \$ FARM Volunteering 11am-12pm, FREE Story Time, FARM 2-3:30pm \$	Age 50+ Trip Evening at Millenium Park, Chicago \$ Trees Trees Trees DW, 10-11am \$ Men's Golf Tourney \$

Facility abbreviations are on page 76 of the District's summer brochure.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Seasonal Nature Walk OTTER, Adults: 1pm Families: 3pm, FREE Men's Golf Tourney \$		Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ Family Farm Chores FARM, 2-3pm \$	Age 50+ Rules of the Road PCC, 9:30-11:30am FREE	Concert in the Park Rhythm Rockets, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Hurricane Harbor \$	Men's Golf Tourney \$
Men's Golf Tourney \$	Disc Golf Open daily 9am-dusk, FREE	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$	Age 50+ Trip Polynesian Review Hickory Hills \$ Pirates in Pottawatomie Park 6-7:30pm \$ Teen Trip IPRA Overnight Canoe Trip \$	AAC Potluck & Mini Golf, RVMG 1-4pm, FREE Concert in the Park USAFB Mid-America LINC, 7-8:30pm, FREE	Teen Trip Fox Games Paintball \$	Big Truck Show WSCP, 10am-12pm FREE Men's Golf Tourney \$
Men's Golf Tourney \$	STCU Field Day MSMP, 12-4pm FREE	Ladies Golf League PGC, 6:30-10am \$ Teen Trip Ropes Course/Adventure Hike, Lake Geneva \$	Teen Trip Fox Games Paintball \$	Teen Trip Great America \$ Concert in the Park Howard & the White Boys, LINC 7-8:30pm, FREE	Story Time, FARM, 2-3:30pm \$ All About Bats DW, 7-8:30pm \$	FARM Volunteering 11am-12pm, FREE
		Age 50+ Trip Senior Expo & Oakbrook Mall \$ Swanson Pool closes to begin renovation project	Community Unit School District 303 Begins	Age 50+ Trip Garden Center Tour West Chicago \$		Dog Parks Open daily 9am-dusk, FREE
	Family Fun on the FARM See animals, learn local history & more Open daily, dawn-dusk, FREE					

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More Parks and Facilities...

For a complete park and facility listing with detailed information, refer to the District's amenity chart on page 68 of the summer brochure or visit www.stcparks.org.

Pottawatomie Park

- Adult Activity Center
- Amphitheatre
- Bike Trail
- Community Center
- Fishing Areas
- Gaffney Field
- Golf Course (9 Holes)
- Historic Tower Complex
- Miniature Golf Course (18 Holes)
- Native Plant Demonstration Garden
- Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruises
- Pedal Boat and Canoe Rentals
- Picnic Tables and Shelter Rentals
- Swanson Pool



You'll be glad you "stayed!"



West Side Community Park

- Athletic Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Community Garden Plots
- Disc Golf Course
- Dog Park
- Otter Cove Splash Park
- Wetlands, Prairie & Savanna

Primrose Farm Park

- Athletic Fields
- Community Garden Plots
- Primrose Farm
- Service Center

East Side Sports Complex

- 8-Station Fitness Trail
- Baseball/Softball Fields
- Dog Park
- Fishing Areas
- Skate Park
- Tennis, Sand Volleyball and Basketball Courts

Boy Scout Island

- Fishing Areas
- Public Boat Launch

Natural Areas

- Delnor Woods Park
- Ferson Creek Fen Nature Preserve
- Hickory Knolls Natural Area
- Norris Woods Nature Preserve
- Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park
- Persimmon Woods

Ferson Creek Park

- Canoe Launch
- Fishing Areas
- Picnic Tables and Shelter Rentals

Mt. St. Mary Park

- Arboretum
- Bike Trail
- Community Service Club Playground
- Fishing Areas
- Picnic Tables and Shelter Rentals
- Picturesque Waterfall
- Sculpture in the Park
- Skate Park

Numbers to Know

POTTAWATOMIE PARK

Community Center/Recreation	630-513-6200
Parks/Naturalist	630-584-1885
Golf Pro Shop	630-584-8356
Swanson Pool	630-584-3314
River View Miniature Golf	630-584-1028

OTTER COVE SPLASH PARK 630-587-2385

BAKER COMMUNITY CENTER 630-584-1055

STC UNDERGROUND 630-513-4380

PRIMROSE SERVICE CENTER 630-587-3373

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But knowing that part of the thrill of summer vacation is the challenge of discovering new things, the cornerstone of the Park District's Staycation promotion is a six-week **Staycation Adventure**, complete with its own treasure map. Like Dorothy following the Yellow Brick Road, treasure seekers can follow the Park District's map to embark on their own staycation odyssey. From the walking trail system in Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park to the herds of livestock and heirloom crops at Primrose Farm, from a stroll through the sculpture garden at Mt. St. Mary Park to a summertime concert in Lincoln Park, each location furnishes a wealth of recreational possibilities — all within easy walking, biking, or driving distance of almost anywhere in St. Charles.



Starting on May 24, staycation sleuths can begin visiting eleven different parks in order to collect a series of clues necessary to solve a puzzle. Far from being "hit and run" missions, the **Staycation Adventure Treasure Hunt** will bring visitors to little known or often overlooked corners of each park — a shady bench, perhaps, that has a significant history, or a picturesque view of an out-of-the-way spot. Fair warning: this could take a while, so wear comfy shoes, pack a picnic lunch, and prepare to go on a search for the gems of the St. Charles Park District.

The **Staycation Adventure** contest maps will be available at the Pottawatomie Community Center and online at www.stcparks.org. Answers are due July 9, and correct submissions will be entered into a drawing to win prizes such as restaurant gift certificates, movie tickets, park admission passes, and more. Winners will be announced July 12.

And like Dorothy and Toto discovered, when it comes to adventures, there really is no place like home. Especially when "home" is made up of the parks and activities offered by the St. Charles Park District.