

# Park Avenews

Activities for Kids and Teens - October 2012



## Upcoming Special Events:

### Wheely Big Trucks: 1 - 8 years old with an adult

See, touch and explore trucks and vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Police vehicles, rescue trucks, mini race cars, work trucks and other vehicles will be on display. Each child receives a wheely great hard hat. Register early for a reduced fee!

**Class#:** 272001-01    **Day:** Saturday    **Date:** September 22    **Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue    **Fee:** \$4/child in advance; \$7/child at the door  
(adults & children under 12 mos. are free)

### Daddy Daughter Hollywood Ball: 4 - 8 years old with an adult

Walk the red carpet, smile for the paparazzi, and spend a memorable evening with your little sweetheart. Dress in your finest party gown and jewels and dance the night away with everyone's favorite DJ. Digital photos of couples will be made available for free download and girls will make creative keepsakes. Enjoy tasty treats from a refreshment bar. Registration deadline is September 28!

**Class#:** 272011-01    **Day:** Friday    **Date:** October 5    **Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue    **\$R/NR:** \$29/\$43 per couple; \$15/\$29 each additional child

### NEW! A Spooktacular Halloween: All ages

Bring your entire family to Hummer Park for a spooktacular evening of carving pumpkins and a hot dog cook-out. We'll also enjoy a variety of goulsh activities and a flashlight candy hunt. Each family receives one pumpkin to carve. *Note: families should bring their own carving utensils and flashlight. Each family must include one adult. Costumes are encouraged.*

**Class#:** 272004-01    **Day:** Friday    **Date:** October 12    **Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Hummer Park, 4833 Fairview Avenue    **Fee:** \$10/person

### Dream Reapers Haunted House: 12 - 18 years old

Think you can handle 14,000 sq. ft. of sheer terror? With over 22 rooms, Dream Reapers has been rated the #1 haunted house in Illinois for three years in a row. You won't want to miss this trip with your friends. Trip includes transportation and admission. Concessions are available for purchase. Register by October 13.

**Class#:** 246013-01    **Day:** Friday    **Date:** October 19    **Time:** 6:30 - 10:00 pm  
**Location:** Depart from Woodridge Park District Community Center,  
2600 Center Drive, Woodridge, IL  
**\$R/NR:** \$29/\$43





## Birthday Party Service

### A theme for everyone!

Create an unforgettable birthday party with the Downers Grove Park District's Birthday Party Service. Just invite the guests and bring your child's favorite cake or order one of ours through Sugar Bloom Bakeshop. We do the rest!



### All theme parties include:

- Two-Hour Party (unless otherwise noted)
- Tableware and candles
- Supervised theme activities
- Setup/Cleanup
- Two birthday party leaders

Registration is required at least two weeks in advance. Call now to make arrangements for a memorable birthday celebration. Party planning begins upon full payment. For more information, please call (630) 963-1300. All parties are located at the Lincoln Center unless otherwise noted.

## Youth Cultural Arts

### Downers Grove School of the Arts:

#### Spark your child's creativity with music!

Registration is underway for voice, piano, guitar and violin lessons. Lessons are offered Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and are for beginning through advanced-level participants. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The first session is already in progress, but sign up for the second session beginning October 29. A music recital will be held at the end of the second session to showcase our musician's progress. Register today at [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org).

## Polar Express

### All ages

All aboard! Families experience a train ride based on the book "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. We leave from the Downers Grove Main Street train station and travel to the North Pole (Aurora Train Station). Each child receives a golden ticket to commemorate their trip. During the journey, professional storytellers read the book out loud while you enjoy chocolate milk and cookies. Santa Claus boards the train at the North Pole for the return trip.



Class#:	Date:	Time:
Polar 1	Sat., November 17	8:45 - 10:45 am
Polar 2	Sat., November 17	10:45 am - 12:45 pm
Polar 3	Sat., November 17	12:45 - 2:45 pm
Polar 4	Sat., November 17	2:45 - 4:45 pm

\$R/NR: \$21/\$32

Location: Downers Grove Main Street train station

## Museum Exhibits

### Greetings from Downers Grove Now through December 29, 2012

A comprehensive look at the people, places, and events which have made Downers Grove a great place to live, work and play for the past 180 years.



### Main Street, U.S.A. - January 12 - April 20, 2013

An exhibit highlighting the importance of Main Street in Downers Grove and how it evolved over the last 180 years.

Plan your visit today, call the Museum at (630) 963-1309.

## Honey Harvest at Lyman Woods Families



Get buzzing and discover the amazing world of honeybees! Take a hike to the Lyman Woods bee hives with our beekeeper to learn all about bees, including their life cycle, their colonies and how they make honey. See firsthand how honey is extracted, and have a taste of some wild Lyman Woods honey!

**Class#:** 284002-01      **Day:** Saturday      **Date:** September 29  
**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30 am      **Fee:** \$18/family  
**Location:** William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center, 901 31st Street

## Wild Day Off at Lyman Woods

### 4 - 9 years old

School's out! Make tracks to Lyman Woods for a wild day off! We'll spend our days off of school outdoors hiking and exploring the woods, searching for woodland wildlife, creating nature crafts, playing games and much more.

**Date:** Monday, October 8

Class#:	Age:	Time:	Fee:
284014-01	4 - 6 years old	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$15.50/child
284014-02	4 - 6 years old	1:00 - 4:00 pm	\$15.50/child
284014-03	7 - 9 years old	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$15.50/child

**Location:** William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center, 901 31st Street

## Lincoln Learning Center

### ThreeSchool spots still available!

Does your child just miss the September 1, 2012 birthday deadline to enroll in Preschool? Enroll him or her in the Lincoln Learning Center ThreeSchool program. Children ages 2 1/2 - 3 years old are welcome to enroll in this preschool readiness program which runs two days per week for 1 1/2 hours. The ThreeSchool follows the same classroom routine as preschool so it is the perfect transition for early learners. Classes are instructed by qualified, caring and experienced teachers. Please visit [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org) for more information regarding the program and how to register or contact Michelle at (630) 963-1300 or [mpusateri@dgparks.org](mailto:mpusateri@dgparks.org).

*Note: Children do not have to be potty trained.*



# FUNdamental SPORTS™



## AUTUMN SPORTS PROGRAMS

FUNdamental Sports is a child development program that introduces the basics of sports at an early age! Register today for FUNdamental sports featured this fall: Basketball, Floor Hockey, Futsal (see below), Sports Mania, Soccer, Football and Girl Scouts Sports Badge Program.

### FUNDamental Sports features:

- Action-packed drills, games and scrimmages
- Strategies and techniques taught by experienced staff
- Improve coordination, balance, movement and social interaction
- Gain confidence, self-esteem and independence while developing a healthy lifestyle
- Each participant will receive a free T-shirt, water bottle and medal



## FUTSAL: 4 - 9 YEARS OLD (NEW!)

Futsal is fast-paced, high-energy indoor soccer with South American roots. It is a 5vs5 style game played on an indoor court with a smaller sized ball. The game allows for more focus on techniques and developing confidence in ball control, passing, quick decision-making and creativity. Build your skills and prepare for the upcoming winter indoor soccer season.

Class#:	Age:	Date:	Day:	Time:
243106-01	4 - 5 years old	9/15 - 10/20	Saturday	9:00 - 10:00 am
243106-02	6 - 7 years old	9/15 - 10/20	Saturday	10:00 - 11:00 am
243106-03	8 - 9 years old	9/15 - 10/20	Saturday	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Road

\$R/NR: \$63/\$94

## Winter/Spring 2013 Indoor Co-Ed Youth Soccer League

Volunteer coaches introduce participants to the fundamentals of playing soccer through a nine-week game schedule that emphasizes proper techniques, knowledge of the rules, team strategy and participation.

Location: District 99 Schools Game Dates: 1/6 - 3/10

**Early Registration:** Begins October 15th for grades K - 8th (\$R/NR: \$60/\$85)

**Registration after November 5th:** (\$R/NR: \$75/\$100)

## 4500 Fitness

### Yoga for Kids

Help your child develop mind and body. Yoga improves flexibility, strength and self-confidence. Simple poses connected to the natural world create a fun way to exercise.

Class#:	Age:	Date:	Day:	Time:
230109-04	3 - 5 years old	10/22 - 12/3	Monday	4:10 - 4:55 pm
230109-05	6 - 8 years old	10/23 - 11/27	Tuesday	4:10 - 4:55 pm
230109-06	9 - 12 years old	10/23 - 11/27	Tuesday	5:00 - 5:45 pm

Location: Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Road

\$FM/R/NR: \$32/\$42/\$63

## Open Gyms

### Get your game on this fall at our Open Gyms!

Practice your moves, meet your friends, prepare for leagues and stay active at the Recreation Center. Drop in for basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and badminton or take advantage of parent-tot times. No reservations are necessary or accepted for open gym programs. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis. View current open gym schedules at [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org).



## Downers Grove Golf Club

### Last swing of the season is November 4

With many golf leagues winding down, the fall season is a great time to squeeze in some weekday afternoon rounds. The Golf Club, driving range and practice greens will be open until the close of the season on Sunday, November 4, 2012. On that date, all season, round and driving range golf passes will expire.

### Clubhouse Rentals

Host your next holiday party or celebration at the Downers Grove Golf Clubhouse. The beautiful views and park-like panorama provide the ideal setting for events. The Clubhouse can accommodate groups up to 80 people and bar service is available. For smaller gatherings the south room can entertain 25-30 people. Book your event today! Call Ryan Stulgin, Golf Club Operations Manager at (630) 963-1308.

### Indoor Junior Golf Camps

#### 4 - 12 years old

A continuation of our popular summer camps, Indoor Junior Golf Camps provide practice during the off-season. Each participant receives practice balls during each session, Junior Rules Book and instruction by Jim Festle and Tom Olms. No make-up sessions will be offered.



Class#:	Age:	Date:	Day:	Time:
288501-01	4 - 7 yrs.	12/5 - 12/26	Wed.	3:30 - 4:15 pm
288501-02	8 - 12 yrs.	12/5 - 12/26	Wed.	4:30 - 5:15 pm

Location: Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Road

Fee: \$49

## McCullum Park Miniature Golf Course and Concessions - Open through October 8

Enjoy this family friendly, accessible course complete with new obstacles, mining scenes, waterfalls and concession area. Putt your way through this 18-hole course that challenges players of all ages and skill levels! Visit [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org) or call (630) 963-8793 for the hours of operation.