

FAMILY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt



Visit with the Easter Bunny and then hunt for eggs hidden around the park. Exchange your eggs for treats at stations located in each area.

Date March 27
Day Saturday
Time 10 - 11 a.m.
Fee Free
Age 1 - 9
Location George Owens Nature Park

19th Annual Festival of Color Youth Art Show

This event, co-sponsored by the Citizen's Civic and Cultural Committee and Independence Parks and Recreation, features the work of talented high school students from Eastern Jackson County. Applications are available through your school's art department or the Sermon Center. Awards are made possible through an endowment from the Roger Sermon trust fund at the Truman Heartland Community Foundation. Call the Sermon Center at (816) 325-7370 for additional information.

Dates April 17 and 18
Days Sat and Sun
Times 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat
 noon - 4 p.m. Sun
Fee Free
Location Sermon Center



Bike Rodeo

Ride through our bicycle safety course, get your bike checked out for safety, and enjoy other activities. A limited number of youth will receive a free bicycle helmet and water bottle. This program is supported by the Independence Police and Parks & Recreation Departments and Peddler's Cycling and Fitness.



Date May 1
Day Saturday
Time 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fee Free
Age All
Location Community of Christ Auditorium parking lot (1101 W. Walnut)

Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

Test your skills at the 2010 Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run local competition. Participants compete based on age and gender in three categories. A birth certificate must be submitted as proof of age during registration.

Date April 10
Day Saturday
Time 10 a.m.
Fee Free
Age 7 - 14 years
Location Independence Athletic Complex

Tennis Block Party

This USTA National Program offers special on-court activities such as Tennis 101, interactive games, and so much more! Giveaways and refreshments will be available.

Date May 15
Day Saturday
Time 10 a.m. - noon
Fee Free
Age All
Location Santa Fe Trail Park, Tennis Complex



Memorial Day Weekend Tennis Tournament

For more information, call (816) 325-7843.

Date May 28 - 30
Day Friday - Sunday
Location Santa Fe Trail Park, Tennis Complex

Registration due by May 25.

Pets in the Park



Dress your pet up for fun in the park! We'll have a pet judging contest, a one-mile pet parade, dog agility course, vendors, micro-chipping and rabies vaccines will be available.

Date May 22
Day Saturday
Time 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fee Free
Age All
Location Waterfall Park



Go Skate Day!

Show off your skateboarding skills at this free event. There will be door prizes, refreshments and contests. For more information, call (816) 325-7843.

Date June 19
Day Saturday
Time 1 - 3 p.m.
Fee Free
Age All Ages
Location Hill Park



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Popsicles in the Park




Bring the entire family out for an evening of family fun! Visit with your neighbors while enjoying free popsicles in beautiful park settings. Piccadilly Productions will be presenting three different shows during the season, with live music provided by Dino O'Dell (or other artist). Wonderscope LIVE! will also have crafts and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Dates	June 1	Mill Creek
	June 8	Beckett Park
	June 15	Rotary Park
	June 22	Bund-Jack Park
	June 29	Glendale Park
	July 6	Indep Athletic Complex
	July 13	Bundschu Park
	July 20	Country Club Park
Day	Tuesdays	
Time	6:30 - 8 p.m.	
Fee	Free	

Itty Bitty Campout

Pack up your tent and bring the kids to the nature park for their first overnight campout. Staff will assist parents at the campground. Call (816) 325-7843 to make reservations.

Dates	April 16 - 17	
	May 14 - 15	
	June 11 - 12	
Day	Friday Night to Saturday Morning	
Time	5 p.m. - 9 a.m.	
Fee	\$5 per participant	
Age	Families with children up to age 7	
Location	George Owens Nature Park	

3rd Annual EcoFest



A variety of fun and hands on activities that will entertain and educate. This annual event has something for everyone. Live music, "EcoStreet" characters, exhibits and food.



Date	June 5
Day	Saturday
Time	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fee	Free
Location	Waterfall Park

Toddler Town and Toddler Town on Tour

Toddler Town is an indoor playground in the gym at the Sermon Center. Parents as Teachers provide educational activities for participants.

Dates	Oct 1 - Mar 12
	Mar 17 - Apr 21 (Wed only)
Days	Mon-Wed-Fri
Time	10 a.m. - noon
Fee	\$1 per child
Age	5 and younger
Location	Sermon Community Center

Toddler Town on Tour travels to the parks during the summer months. Toddler Town on Tour will be canceled in case of inclement weather.

Dates	May 26	Santa Fe Trail Park
	June 2	Sycamore Hills Park
	June 9	Beckett Park
	June 16	Adventure Oasis
	June 23	Glendale Park
	June 30	Mill Creek Park
	July 7	Fairmount Park
	July 14	Indep Athletic Complex
	July 21	Benton Park
	July 28	Bund-Jack Park
	Aug 4	Rotary Park
	Aug 11	Waterfall Park
	Aug 18	Dickinson Park



Day	Wednesdays
Time	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee	Free
Age	2 - 10



Nature Photography Contest

Visit any Independence Park and photograph the natural beauty in our local park system. All photographers will receive a disposable camera. Photos will be judged in two age groups: 18 years and younger and those over 18 years. All photos will be displayed at George Owens Nature Center and at other city locations during the summer and fall. Call (816) 325-7843 for more details.

Register	Feb 4 - May 14
Fee	\$5
Contest Ends	June 11

Get Fit 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Run or walk through the Independence Athletic Complex! You can choose to do the 5k run or the one mile walk. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age division.

Date	May 15
Day	Saturday
Time	8 a.m. (5k), 8:15 a.m. (1 mile)
Fee	Free
Age	All
Location	Independence Athletic Complex
Registration due by May 12.	

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Sounds on the Square



Enjoy an outdoor concert (Parks & Recreation) and an outdoor movie (Pharaoh Theatre). Call (816) 325-7843 for more information.

Dates July 1
July 8
July 15
Day Thursdays
Time 6:30 p.m.
Fee Free
Location Independence Square
Corner of Liberty & Maple

33rd Annual Quilt Show



Hosted by the Piece Makers Quilt Club. New and vintage quilts and related items will be on display at the Sermon Community Center. Vendors will be on hand with material, kits, quilting supplies and demonstrations. Call the Sermon Community Center (816) 325-7370 or Alta Short (816) 257-5588 for additional information.

Dates September 4 - 6
Days Saturday, Sunday and Monday
Times 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday
noon - 6 p.m. Sunday
10 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. Monday
Fee Free, donations accepted.
Location Sermon Community Center

Family Swim Party

The entire complex will be open for your enjoyment. Music, games, prizes for the whole family. All children must be accompanied by a swimming adult. Season passes are not valid for this special event.

Date August 2
Day Monday
Time 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Fee \$20 per Family of 4
\$3 each additional person
Location Adventure Oasis Water Park

Want to find a park?

Visit the park map locator at:
<http://ci.independencemo/parksandrec/parksmap.aspx>

Interested in a walking trail?

Find your nearest trail at:
<http://ci.independencemo/parksandrec/TrailsMap.aspx>

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Family Sports Nights



Bring the whole family for an evening of family fun!

All Events:
Day Wednesday
Fee Free
Age All

Wiffleball
Date June 9 Santa Fe Trail Park
Time 6 - 8 p.m.

Soccer
Date June 16 Independence Athletic
Time 6 - 8 p.m. Complex

Ice Skating
Date June 23 Independence Events
Time 1 - 3 p.m. Center

Bowling
Date June 30 Diamond Bowl
Time 6 - 8 p.m.

Volleyball
Date July 7 Truman Memorial
Time 6 - 8 p.m. Building

Golf
Date July 14 Drumm Farm Golf Club
Time 6 - 8 p.m.

Archery
Date July 21 Truman Memorial
Time 6 - 8 p.m. Building

Tennis
Date July 28 Blackburn School Park
Time 6 - 8 p.m.

Dippin' Dogs

After the close of the season for its human patrons, Adventure Oasis will open just for your canine friends! Bring your dog for some fun in the water. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be leashed when not in the pool. \$1 of each entry fee will be donated to the Independence Animal Shelter.

Date September 7
Day Tuesday
Time 6 - 8 p.m.
Fee \$2 per dog
Location Adventure Oasis Water Park

