

Kenton County Parks & Recreation Partners Spotlight!

Program Partners, Lunch Partners, and Prize Partners ~ OUR Partners!

We are grateful for our many Program Partners, Lunch Partners, and Prize Partners! With helpful support generated from these partnerships, our efforts and the benefits we can provide to our community are greatly magnified. In our quest to continue to provide entertainment, educational programs, activities, and events throughout the Kenton County Parks system, KCP&R has numerous available partnership opportunities!

Wanna help? You can provide your cooperative support and begin immediately to reap the benefits of associating your name with Kenton County Parks & Recreation! We want to put your name on one of our 2011 programs, activities, or events TODAY!

What do you get? Your name and a paragraph or two about you and your company (see below) will appear here for one full year and one Partner each week will be spotlighted in our KCP&R weekly e-mail newsletter called 'What's Happening in Kenton County's parks?' And, if the dollars are right, we'll even put your name on a banner! No worries ~ For the program you decide is right for you, we'll be sure you get the kudos... and plenty of them!

Right now, we're in need of Lunch Partners for the 2011 season of Wild Wednesdays! You can put your name on one week of Snappy Tomato Pizza lunch for as little as \$150. Or, do the Snappy Special ~ 2 weeks for \$200! There are 17 total weeks of the program and just 4 are spoken for to date. Put your name on Wild Wednesdays! as Lunch Partner! You'll get the 'Thanks' and children and their parents or caregivers will benefit from a free lunch following a free wildlife program!

Call Steve or Scott today at (859) 525-PLAY (7529) and let us match your company goals to one of our programs! It's that easy!

Toyota!

Toyota has been a Wild Wednesdays! Program Partner since 2004! The Toyota Production System is supported by two pillars: 'continuous improvement' and 'respect for people.' The same cornerstone philosophy that produces quality, standard-setting vehicles also pushes Toyota to aid in growing quality, standard-setting communities where it does business. Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc. (TMMNA) believes in becoming an integral part of its communities by

contributing to the economic growth of the area by volunteering time and funding organizations, upholding strict moral standards, and setting high standards for environmental performance.

"We are committed to the education of people of all ages. We help make a difference by supporting groups that address local and state issues as well as provide leadership programs for developing human capital. We believe in the preservation and advancement of the arts and culture, particularly for our children; therefore, we support events that bring a variety of art programs to the community. We support a variety of efforts to provide for the education, sustainability and preservation of our environment. We support the advancement of physical and mental health for people of all ages. We strive to strengthen the quality of individual and family life by providing opportunities for personal growth and development. We support the advancement and growth of opportunity, inclusion, respect, equality and justice for all people." ~ Toyota. For more, visit www.toyota.com/toyota-cares.

Snappy Tomato Pizza ~ Independence

"Pizza dough made fresh at each location, fresh mozzarella cheese, special pizza sauce made from fresh-picked tomatoes, high-quality select meats and the finest selection of fresh vegetables." Snappy Tomato Pizza ~ Independence provided FREE pizza for lunch every other week for the entire 2010 season following Wild Wednesdays! They have also allowed us to bring in some of our top volunteers for dinner and picked up the tab! Thank you, Matt, Chuck, and Dave! Those guys demonstrate beautifully what 'community' is all about!

Snappy Tomato Pizza ~ Independence is actually two separate stores; one just off KY Hwy 17 and one on KY Hwy 16! Enjoy the lunch buffet at the Kroger Towne Center Plaza location from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm daily ~ any day, Monday thru Sunday ~ and for dinner from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursdays! Pizza, pasta, breadstix, salad, fruit, dessert, and drink ~ everything's included for one low price! Open Su ~ Th from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm; F and S until midnight! For your orders To Go or orders to be delivered, call the Towne Center location at (859) 363-8000 or the Cherokee Plaza location at (859) 356-7751! Or, order online at www.snappytomato.com.

Greater Cincinnati Foundation/Summertime Kids Grant

Our Wild Wednesdays! and (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science programs have each been awarded grants from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) over the years, through their special Summertime Kids initiative. The goal of Summertime Kids grants is to support specific summer programs/activities that will initiate creative, unique, and innovative ideas for youth with the greatest

needs; introduce kids to new experiences that will be enriching, fun, and expand their horizons; challenge kids to discover, learn, and grow through opportunities normally unavailable to them; and to send kids back to school with great Summertime Kids memories. For information, call (513) 241-2880 or contact GCF at www.gcfdn.org.

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

As lots of folks have discovered, KCP&R participates in the FINs program with the Shelterhouse Pond and the Long Pond at Middleton-Mills Park. The Shelterhouse Pond was one of the first 5 lakes to be included in the program, which was begun in 2006, and we were invited to add the Long Pond when the program was expanded in 2010 to 29 lakes statewide.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) created the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program to provide anglers with good fishing ~ quality fishing opportunities ~ close to home. FINs lakes are regularly stocked with catfish and rainbow trout throughout the year. In addition to these lakes being stocked with catfish and trout, the sunfish and bass populations are regularly sampled to ensure natural reproduction is meeting the needs of anglers. Stocking of hybrid sunfish and/or largemouth bass occur if needed.

The FINs program is a cooperative agreement between KDFWR and city/county municipalities. Lake owners have committed to cover 25% of the stocking costs. All lakes in the FINs program have a standard set of regulations that are posted around the lakes. These regulations are a little more restrictive than the statewide regulations but help spread the fish harvest out over a longer period of time. For additional information regarding Fishing In Neighborhoods, visit fw.ky.gov/urbanfishing.asp. You may purchase your Kentucky fishing license and Trout stamp online at www.ky.fw.gov. For questions or comments about FINs, contact Dane Balsman, Urban Fisheries Biologist at dane.balsman@ky.gov or call him at (502) 564-7109 ext. 4480.

Jude's Custom Exhaust, Auto Repair & Towing

(859) 356-9200 ~ Keep this number handy should you need a tow, vehicle maintenance, or repair. Or, stop in at 5323 Madison Pike in Independence, KY 41051 for all your car care needs! BIG THANKS to Jude's for their continued help in presenting the Haunted Halloween Trail at Middleton-Mills Park and the Letters To Santa ~ Letters From Santa program!

Snappy Tomato Pizza ~ Ft. Wright

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www.snappytomato.com for pick up or delivery. Snappy Tomato Pizza ~ Ft. Wright is located at 485 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Wright, KY 41017. Call (859) 426-9900 and give manager David, or Anna (that's pronounced Ah-nah) a big THANK YOU for partnering with KCP&R and providing FREE pizza snacks following (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science programs in 2010! That's right! FREE lunch every week of the program! Snappy's ~ Ft. Wright also allowed us to bring in some of our top volunteers for dinner... and picked up the tab!

Dominach's Taekwondo Academy

Mr. D is serious about making martial arts fun and affordable for the whole family (ages 4+)! Dominach's Taekwondo Academy is a Prize Partner for the Great Pumpkin Races and also Wild Wednesdays!, where individual weekly prizes include one month of unlimited Taekwondo classes including a free uniform, and one month of unlimited TKD Lite classes including free gloves. TKD Lite ~ All The Fun & Half The Fat!

A Program Partner for the 2010 Kick-Off To Summer Party, DTA sponsored The Water Show from FamilyTime Entertainment! DTA was also a 2010 Program Partner for Go Outside (And Don't Come Home 'Til The Street Lights Come On!) at Doe Run Lake and sponsored the day's musical entertainment with The Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Band. You may see Mr. D doing pre- and after-programs at (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science and at Wild Wednesdays! And DTA will present My Favorite Bluegrass Band at the 2011 Kick-Off To Summer Party!

Call Mr. D at Dominach's Taekwondo Academy at (859) 356-9976 or visit www.DomTKD.com. Mention this special e-mail ad when you call and get TWO WEEKS OF LESSONS + A UNIFORM for just \$24.95/person! Dominach's Taekwondo Academy is located at 2148 Declaration Dr., Independence, KY 41051, next to ACE Hardware in the Independence Town Center.

Usborne Books and More

Nancy Ann Wartman with Usborne Books and More participates during many of the pre-programs of our Wild Wednesdays! and (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science events. She reads entertaining and delightful stories from Usborne and

Kane Miller books. Nancy Ann also brings books available for purchase at the events she participates in.

To learn more about Usborne Books and Nancy Ann's home business or to place an order, contact her at (859) 431-6269, e-mail her at nawartman@aol.com, or visit her website at www.UsborneUSA.com.

Faith Community United Methodist Church

Pastor Lisa May and the fine folks from Faith Community United Methodist Church will be returning with popcorn and lemonade ~ we call 'em 'hors d'oeuvres' ~ following each week of (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science at Pioneer Park from May thru August. They will also provide popcorn during Kenton County's Senior Harvest Celebration.

About FCUMC: "Faith Community UMC strives to be The Church, serving in and with our community. Faith Community UMC is a place to learn of Christ, to grow Christ-like, and to find healing as The Holy Spirit equips us for service to others. You're invited to join us as we journey together!" FCUMC is located at 4310 Richardson Rd., Independence, KY 41051. Contact Pastor Lisa at (859) 282-8889, or by e-mail at faithcommunityumc@fuse.net.

Children's Outpatient Northern Kentucky

Children's Outpatient NKY is managed by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center both as a part of its network of pediatric outpatient centers serving the greater Cincinnati area and on behalf of a joint venture with St. Elizabeth Healthcare. They offer lab, radiology, and subspecialty services. And because they know you're busy, they work hard to save you time by providing flexible hours, convenient on-site parking, and short wait times.

You'll find Children's Outpatient Northern Kentucky at 2765 Chapel Place, Crestview Hills, KY 41017 or call (859) 344-5390 for an appointment. Children's Outpatient Northern Kentucky was a 2010 Lunch Partner for Wild Wednesdays!

The WAVE Foundation

The WAVE Foundation at Newport Aquarium was a Prize Partner for Wild Wednesdays! and provided FREE admission passes to the Newport Aquarium in 2010. For 2011, they've given us Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources 'Kentucky Wild' Card decks, which we will use as raffle prizes when Wild Wednesdays! begins again in May!

Kenton County Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse

Kenton County Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse is a community organization of volunteers who work to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use

among youth. KCA works for a healthy community through collaboration and policy change and is funded by a Federal grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education is the coalition's fiscal agent. You may see Kathy Nafus, Communities Coordinator, presenting pre-programs before Wild Wednesdays! and (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science. KCA will be our 2011 Program Partner for (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science on June 23.

KCA meets on the first Friday of the month from 12:30 pm ~ 2:00 pm in the Ensor Educational Annex, 305 Bartlett Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018. Meetings are open to the public and you are welcomed to attend! For more information, contact Kathy Nafus at (859) 760-2051 or visit www.kentoncountyalliance.org. The Kenton County Alliance ~ Bringing the pieces together for a drug free community!

CiCi's Pizza

"CiCi's Pizza is a whole new pizza experience. Our gourmet buffet is an all-you-can-eat extravaganza of pastas, salads, desserts and 16 varieties of unbelievably delicious, fresh-from-the-oven pizza ~ all for under \$5. Unless you're three or under; then you eat for free! Our ingredients are fresh ~ from the vine-ripened tomatoes we use in our sauces to the pizza dough we bake every day and from our 100% whole milk mozzarella to our fresh veggies that never ever come from a can. CiCi's is proud to offer quality and quantity together, for a super-affordable price!"

Open M~Th 11am-10pm, F~Sa 11am-11pm. CiCi's (Store #633) is located at 4981 Houston Rd. in Florence. You can also order pizzas to go! Just call (859) 525-6380. Manager Patrick Shields recognizes the value of one customer. In 2010, Cici's allowed us to bring in some of our top volunteers for dinner... And CiCi's picked up the tab! For more about Cici's Pizza, visit www.cicispizza.com.

Northern Kentucky Family Magazine

Northern Kentucky Family Magazine is a monthly publication for and all about Northern Kentucky and Northern Kentucky families. You can pick up a print copy at most Kroger stores, or check out the online magazine at www.nkyfamily.com. LOTS of terrific information on Maternity, Baby, Toddler, Child, Preteen 2 Teen, 4 Moms, Activities, and Giveaways! Sherry Hang, Editor for Northern Kentucky Family Magazine donated a box of books, cds, dvds, and interactive kits to be used as prizes following Wild Wednesdays! To contact NKY Family Magazine, you may also call (513) 252-0077.

RiverWorks Discovery

RiverWorks Discovery, A Journey of Exploration & Imagination on America's waterways, is a coordinated effort which brings together the for-profit industry,

community leaders, museums, nature centers, educators, and the general public in recognition of the role our rivers have played and will continue to play in our nation's future. More simply, RWD is an educational outreach program that provides answers to everyday river questions!

For more information, contact Errin Howard at (513) 403-9312 or by e-mail at errin@riverworksdiscovery.org or visit www.RiverWorksDiscovery.org. Meet Errin or Geri McCarthy when they present pre-programs before Wild Wednesdays! or (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science!

Heritage Bank ~ Crescent Springs

Heritage Bank is in the people business! Heritage Bank founders "believed then ~ as they do now ~ that there is great benefit in personal banking: knowing customers on a first-name basis and understanding the financial needs of individuals, families, and their businesses."

Thanks to Joni Nevitt and Heritage Bank ~ Crescent Springs, lunch on June 22 following Wild Wednesdays! will be provided FREE! Stop in today and see Joni for your all banking needs! Call her at (859) 344-9208 or visit with Joni at Heritage Bank ~ Crescent Springs, located at 612 Buttermilk Pike, Crescent Springs, KY 41017.

Ernie's Garage, Body Shop & Towing

On July 20 following Wild Wednesdays!, lunch will be provided FREE, thanks to Bob Elliott and Ernie's Garage, Body Shop & Towing in Elsmere! Ernie's is located at 514 Ash St., Elsmere, KY 41018! Call Bob at (859) 727-4999 today for an appointment.

Kenton County Public Library

Prior to a number of Wild Wednesdays! programs this season, Kenton County Public Library's Joel Caithamer ~ The Singing Librarian ~ will be 'in the house'. Actually, that's 'in the shelterhouse' (Shelterhouse 2) at Middleton-Mills Park! KCP&R and KCPL team up during the year and trade services. You'll see Joel from the library in the parks and you'll see Steve Trauger at the Durr library branch in Independence! Steve and KCPL's Brenda Clark teamed up to present a Winter Bird Feeding & Build-A-Feeder Workshop on February 17, a Leave No Trace Workshop on March 10, and then on March 17, Steve presented an informative program intended to get folks to try to encourage Bluebirds to nest on their properties. Steve's program was called Bluebirds Are Coming and Brenda assisted. A meeting for prospective Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail nestbox monitors followed. Hey, next time you visit any one of the Kenton County Public Libraries, remember to ask about the 2011 Summer Reading Program, titled 'Go Reading Around the World'!

Town & Country Sports & Health Club

Town & Country was named 'Best Family Fitness Center' and 'Best Camp' by Northern Kentucky Family Magazine. With turf & grass training facilities, indoor and outdoor turf fields, futsal court, and a full workout facility, T&C Soccer has been voted '#1 Soccer Facility' by CityBeat Magazine ~ for nine years in a row!

Town & Country is a combination of sports, exercise, and family fun, making it the perfect place for kids to participate in Camps throughout the year ~ especially during the summer! If FUN, FITNESS, and ADVENTURE are your child's passions, then T&C is the spot for them ~ offering fun-filled fitness Half and/or Full DAY Camps with many choices for children 3 years old thru HS. If SPORTS is their thing, T&C is also perfect for them ~ offering many sports specific camps, including Kings Soccer Academy, Volleyball, Kings Basketball Academy, Golf, and Football. Call today to see about Summer Camp registration! Camps begin June 6!

At Town & Country, there are 3 group exercise studios and over 40 group exercise classes offered weekly ~ FREE to members! Classes range from step aerobics to kickboxing to yoga to pilates to spinning. Water-based Group Classes, such as aqua aerobics and warm water aqua classes, take place in Town & Country's Indoor Pools. Group Classes allow people to receive motivation from the instructor and friends, and most importantly, to have fun while breaking a sweat!

T&C has provided KCP&R with LOTS of Adventure Passes for use as Wild Wednesdays! Program Prizes! Town & Country Sports & Health Club is located at 1018 Towne Dr., Wilder, KY 41076 and can be reached by phone at (859) 442-5800 or visit www.towncountriesports.com.

Richwood Flea Market

Kentucky's best known and most loved flea market for over 25 years! The Richwood Flea Market is 'the family fun place to shop' and located at 10915 US Hwy 25 in Richwood, KY! Open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 5 PLUS Our Old Time Flea and Farmers Market is open every Tuesday from daybreak until 12:00 noon. Call (859) 371-5800 or e-mail info@richwoodfleamarket.com for information. Visit www.richwoodfleamarket.com for special events, including the WoodSongs Coffeehouse, located in the Foodcourt and featuring live local music on the first Friday of the month! Come and experience live local music in a clean, non-smoking venue!

Mike Stallings from Richwood Flea Market will present My Favorite Bluegrass Band at the 2011 Kick-Off To Summer Party!

Want to find out how you can get involved?

Call Kenton County Parks & Recreation at (859) 525-PLAY (7529) to ask how you can help ~ we are always in need of Program Partners, Lunch Partners, Prize Partners AND Volunteers for our programs! If we're not in, please leave a message and we will return your call! Call 525-PLAY today!