

## Kenton County Parks & Recreation Programs, Activities, & Events for 2010

We strive to provide high quality recreational activities for our residents and community. We are excited to offer a wide variety of programs and events for people of all ages and abilities.

### *Online Calendar of Kenton County Programs, Activities, & Events!*

Want details? Just point and click! KCP&R offers many programs, activities, and events and we hope you will enjoy them all! Hey, just take a look at the calendar ~ you're sure to see something you'll want to try! Bookmark this site so you can visit online again and again! We'll continue to add the upcoming events as we go!

*Wild Wednesdays!* Discover the fascinating world of wildlife! Kentucky Recreation and Park Society's Outstanding Program of 2005 just keeps getting better and better! From May 6 to August 26, join us for our 11th season of Wild Wednesdays! presented by Toyota. The free programs are held ~ rain or shine ~ at Middleton-Mills Park in Shelterhouse 2, begin at 10:00 am, and last about an hour on each of the 16 dates. Guests include: Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals; Kentucky Down Under; Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky; Field Programs on Fowler Creek; Cincinnati Zoo; Sunrock Farm; Farmer Joan and the Equine Show; House of Reptiles, LLC.; Kentucky Dept. of Forestry w/ Kenton County Forester; Eagle Bend Alpacas; Raptor, Inc.; Big Bone Lick State Park; and Appalachian Beekeeping with Granville and Kayla Griffith! Don't miss a single adventure!

*(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science!* Kentucky Recreation and Park Society's Outstanding Program of 2009! Whoever said "Science is boring" had to be kidding! These programs are interactive and educational. And FUN! Programs are held in Shelterhouse 1 at Pioneer Park ~ rain or shine ~ beginning at 10:00 am on each of the nine dates. The free programs are delivered in 45-minute to 1-hour theatrical assembly presentations. Guests and programs include: Crystal Clear Science (E is for Energy, Wonderful Water, and Spellbound ~ the Magic of Science); Critters in the Classroom (Dendrochronology ~ Nature's Time Machines); Archaic Arts (Early Man in the Ohio River Valley); Mad Science of Cincinnati (Rockin' Rockets); and COSI On Wheels (The Incredible Human Machine, Launch Into Space, and It's Simply Chemistry).

*Coded Abbreviations!* Pre-programs begin at 9:30 or 9:45 am ~ depends on who's there! Where you see KCPL, pre-programs will be provided by Laura Davies or Joel Caithamer from the Kenton County Public Library ~ Durr branch in Independence. Nancy Ann Wartman from Usborne Books will provide pre-programs where you see UB. And, wherever you see STP&M, Snappy Tomato Pizza will provide a free pizza snack lunch with drinks provided by McDonalds! Most of our programs are free to attend and enjoy but where you see (\$), there will be a cost associated. Please call for details.

*And there is so much more to Kenton County Parks & Recreation!* We hope you will enjoy some of the other programs we offer! Check into the Northern Kentucky

Senior Games ~ Winter Edition and Spring Edition, Pitch, Hit & Run, Adult Recreational Softball Leagues, Worlds Biggest Disc Golf Weekend, High School Disc Golf Championships, and Punt, Pass & Kick! Enjoy Star Gazes, Kids Fishing Derby, Kick-Off To Summer Party, Skittles Championship of the World, Critters in the Crick, You Fish Like A Girl, Haunted Halloween Trail and Great Pumpkin Races, and Letters To Santa ~ Letters From Santa! And, don't forget our environmental commitments: Great Backyard Bird Count, Great American Clean-Up at Doe Run Lake & Nature Trail, and the Banklick Creek Clean-Up! We are also bringing back Go Outside (And Don't Come Home 'Til The Street Lights Come On) and introducing Sugar Camp at Middleton-Mills Park ~ Makin' Maple Syrup!

*We collect donations of non-perishable food and personal care items!* Nearly all of our other programs, activities, and events are free for you to attend and enjoy. We do, however, collect donations of non-perishable food and personal care items for those less fortunate. Please remember to bring a little something to share. Your donation will go a long, long way right here in our community!

*What's Happening in Kenton County's Parks by e-mail?* Would you like to receive an e-mail update of our once-a-week "What's Happening in Kenton County's Parks"? Just call and we will set you up!

*Here you go! Pass the word and we'll see you there!*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program, Activity, or Event</i>
Jan 14	<i>Winter Wild Birdfeeders and Build-A-Feeder To Take Home</i> 7pm, Best seed for best results, View a variety of feeders Kenton County Public Library ~ Durr branch, Independence
Jan 21	<i>Northern Kentucky Senior Games ~ Winter Edition</i> 8am-12pm, For those 50+, Call (859) 283-1885 or visit <a href="http://www.ftthomas.org">http://www.ftthomas.org</a> for information and entry form
Feb 1	<i>Shelterhouse Reservations begin for 2010 Outdoor Season</i> 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday ~ Friday KCP&R office, 3902 Richardson Rd., Independence
Feb 12-15	<i>13th Great Backyard Bird Count</i> Visit <a href="http://www.birdsource.org">http://www.birdsource.org</a> , Submit observations online Complete checklists during any of four Count days
Mar 8-12 OR Mar 15-19	<i>Sugar Camp at Middleton-Mills Park ~ Makin' Maple Syrup</i> 10am-11:30am, 12-1:30pm, or 2-3:30pm, call 525-PLAY to register M~F, Which week? Depends... When the sap's runnin'!
Mar 11	<i>Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail NEW Monitors Meeting</i> 7pm, How-to monitor and nestbox designations Kenton County Public Library ~ Durr branch, Independence
Mar 18	<i>KCP&amp;R Softball Leagues Managers Meeting</i> 7pm, 420 Independence Station Rd. Lincoln Ridge Park, Meet in Public Works building

Mar 27	<i>Reforest Northern Kentucky w/ NKU&amp;CFC ~ Can You Dig It?</i> 9am, Registration and Demos Ryle HS in Boone County, More than 2,000 trees to plant in one day
Apr 12-May 17	<i>The First Tee ~ Spring Session ~ For boys &amp; girls, Ages 8-18</i> 4:30-6pm, Mondays at the Golf Courses of Kenton County Register at (513) 600-5020 or 315-2988 or tbriner42@yahoo.com
Apr 20	<i>Pitch Hit &amp; Run ~ Local Contest w/ NEW Girls Softball Division</i> 4-7pm, For Boys & Girls ~ Ages 7-14 Pioneer Park, Baseball Field 2
Apr 24	<i>Great American Clean-Up ~ Doe Run Lake &amp; Nature Trail</i> 9am-1pm, Featuring the Most Unusual Find Contest Doe Run Lake, Volunteers picnic to follow
Apr 26	<i>KCP&amp;R Recreational Softball Season Begin</i> 6:15 and 7:15 pm, For Monday Men's Church Leagues Lincoln Ridge, Middleton-Mills, and Pioneer parks (\$)
Apr 30	<i>KCP&amp;R Recreational Softball Season Begins</i> 6:15 and 7:15 pm, For Friday Women's League Pioneer Park (\$)
May 1	<i>World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend (\$), Rain Date: May 2</i> 12pm & 2pm, Demos, Exhibitions, & Contests ~ Flying Disc Fun! Lincoln Ridge Park, Shelterhouse 2
May 5	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky</i> 9:30am-12pm, Birds of Prey featuring Aquila, the Bald Eagle Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
May 8	<i>High School Disc Golf Championships (\$)</i> 12pm-6pm, Team & Individual Championships Lincoln Ridge Park, Shelterhouses 1 & 2 ~ Course Closed!
May 10-14	<i>Northern Kentucky Senior Games ~ Lots of fun! (\$)</i> For those 50 or better ~ Call (859) 283-1885 or visit <a href="http://www.ftthomas.org">http://www.ftthomas.org</a> for information and entry form
May 12	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Wildlife Comes To You</i> 9:30am-12pm, Zookeeper Kate Hammer & Cincinnati Zoo Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
May 13	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 9:30am-11am, E is for Energy w/ Crystal Clear Science Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, KCPL
May 15	<i>Go Outside (And Don't Come Home 'Til The Street Lights Come On)</i> 9am-1pm, Show-and-tell for people who love the outdoors Doe Run Lake, 25+ program vendors, NKYA Concessions on-site
May 19	<i>Wild Wednesdays! The Reptile House, LLC.</i> 9:45am-12pm, Scott Braunstein and Reptiles Alive! Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, UB
May 20	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science ~ Archaic Arts</i> 9:45am-11am, Early Man of the Ohio River Valley w/ Bob Stewart Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, UB
May 26	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Farmer Frank &amp; Sunrock Farm</i> 9:30am-12pm, Barnyard Animals ~ Wanna milk a goat?

	Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Jun 2	<i>KY Dept. of Forestry State Forester &amp; Kenton County Forest Ranger</i> 9:45am-12pm, Program title TBA Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, UB
Jun 3	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science w/ Critters in the Classroom</i> 9:30am-11am, Dendrochronology ~ Nature's Time Machines Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, KCPL
Jun 3	<i>Hershey's Track &amp; Field ~ Regional Meet ~ Call (859) 334-2117</i> 5:30pm-6:00pm Registration ~ For boys & girls 9-14 Conner HS Track, Hebron, Presented by Boone Co. Parks
Jun 5-6	<i>Bluegrass Open Disc Golf Tournament (\$)</i> 8am-6pm, Presented by Disc 'N Dat and PDGA Lincoln Ridge Park, Shelterhouses 1 & 2 ~ Course Closed!
Jun 5	<i>Kids Fishing Derby w/ Biggest Fish of Each Species Contest</i> 1-4pm, w/ Picnic Fundraiser by No. Kentucky Youth Association Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 1
Jun 5	<i>Kick-Off To Summer Party w/ Family Time's The Water Show</i> 5-8pm, add'l entertainment TBA, Picnic Fundraiser by NKYA Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Jun 9	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Field Programs on Fowler Creek</i> 9:30am-12pm, John James Audubon and Fishtrap Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Jun 16	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals</i> 9:45am-12pm, A musical party with the animals Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, UB
Jun 17	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 9:45am-11am, COSI On Wheels w/ The Incredible Human Machine Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, UB
Jun 19	<i>2nd Annual Bluegrass Cup ~ National Deaf Disc Golf Tournament</i> 7am-12pm, Round 1 only, For more, contact KYDeafDG@aol.com Lincoln Ridge, Shelterhouse 1 ~ Course Closed!
Jun 19	<i>Skittles Championship of the World ~ Not the candy, the Game!</i> 12pm Registration; 1pm Start ~ Traveling Trophy Award! Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1
Jun 19	<i>Star Gaze 1 w/ C.O.C and Midwestern Astronomers</i> 8:30pm, 1-hour inside program followed by night sky viewing Lincoln Ridge Park, Meet in KC Public Works building
Jun 22/Aug 5	<i>The First Tee ~ Spring Session ~ For boys &amp; girls, Ages 8-18</i> 9:30am-12pm, Tues & Thurs at the Golf Courses of Kenton County Register at (513) 600-5020 or 315-2988 or tbriner42@yahoo.com
Jun 23	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Sunrock Farm</i> 9:30am-12pm, Barnyard Animals and Farmer Frank Traina Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Jun 24	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 9:45am-11am, Rockin' Rockets w/ Mad Science of Cincinnati Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, UB
	<i>Northern Kentucky Amateur Radio Club (K4CO) Field Days</i>

Jun 25-27	Friday-Sunday, "ham radio" all-night F, all-day & night Sa, Su am Lincoln Ridge, Shelterhouse 2 ~ Public invited!
Jun 30	<i>Wild Wednesdays! The Reptile House, LLC.</i> 9:30am-12pm, Snakes Alive! Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, UB
Jul 7	<i>Wild Wednesdays! NO PROGRAM ~ See you next week!</i>
Jul 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-Aug 1	<i>26th Bluegrass State Games</i> Come on, Kentuckians! LOTS of fun games to enter! See <a href="http://www.bgsq.org">www.bgsq.org</a> for details, or call (800) 722-BGSG (\$)
Jul 12-17	<i>Kenton County Fair Week!</i> presented by the Kenton County Fair Board Kenton County Fairgrounds, Call KCCES at (859) 356-3155 for info
Jul 14	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Kentucky Down Under</i> 9:30am-12pm, Celebrate Australia's history, culture, and animals Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Jul 15	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 9:30am-11am, Wonderful Water w/ Crystal Clear Science Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, KCPL
Jul 21	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Farmer Joan and The Equine Show</i> 9:30am-12pm, w/ Miniature horse, pony, and donkey Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Jul 22	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 10am-11am, COSI On Wheels w/ Launch Into Space Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1
Jul 28	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Field Programs on Fowler Creek</i> 9:30am-12pm, w/ John James Audubon & George Lehman Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Aug 4	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Appalachian Beekeeping</i> 9:30am-12pm, w/ Granville and Kayla Griffith Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Aug 5	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science w/ Crystal Clear Science</i> 9:30am-11am, Spellbound ~ The Magic of Science Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1, KCPL
Aug 11	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Eagle Bend Alpacas</i> 9:30am-12pm, Handled by Linda Salsbury Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Aug 18	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Raptor, Inc.</i> 9:30am-12pm, Birds of Prey ~ Top of the Food Chain Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Aug 19	<i>(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science</i> 10am-11am, COSI On Wheels w/ It's Simply Chemistry Pioneer Park, Shelterhouse 1
Aug 21	<i>Star Gaze 2 with C.O.C. and Midwestern Astronomers</i> 7:30pm, 1-hour inside program followed by night sky viewing Lincoln Ridge Park, Meet in KC Public Works building

Aug 25	<i>Wild Wednesdays! Big Bone Lick State Park</i> 9:30am-12pm, Josh Batkins w/ Program title TBA Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2, KCPL STP&M
Sep 11	<i>Bob Krohman Memorial Car Show (\$)</i> 9am Registration; 5pm Awards, Rain Date: Sep 18 @ PP Middleton-Mills Park, A Kenton County Cares Project
Sep 25	<i>Banklick Creek Clean-Up</i> 9am-12pm, Followed by Volunteers Picnic Pioneer Park, Meet Soccer fields parking lot and let's get messy!
Sep 27	<i>Punt, Pass, &amp; Kick ~ Local Contest</i> 4-7pm, For Boys & Girls ~ Ages 8-15 Memorial Park in Independence
Oct 15	<i>Haunted Halloween Trail ~ T-t-t-orch-lit and c-c-c-c-reepy!</i> 7-11pm, Free! Bring non-perishable food donations Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Oct 16	<i>Great Pumpkin Races ~ Prizes for fastest pumpkins!</i> 12pm Cincinnati Zoo Creatures; 12:45pm Registration closes Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 2
Nov 5-Dec 6	<i>Letters To Santa ~ Letters From Santa</i> Children write letters to & receive letters from Santa Mail letters free at any KC Public Library or KC Courthouse

*Want to know more?* Please use the Comments & Suggestions link on the website to tell us how you feel about the programs we offer, what you like or don't like, and what you'd like to see in future programs. We are always looking and listening for new ideas!

*Want to get involved?* Call Kenton County Parks & Recreation at (859) 525-PLAY (7529) to ask how you can help ~ we are always in need of volunteers and funding sponsors for our programs! If we're not in, please leave a message and we will return your call promptly.

*Programs to be added...or not!*

Date TBA	<i>Lincoln Ridge Disc Golf Course Clean-Up</i> 10am, 420 Independence Station Rd. Lincoln Ridge Park, Meet at Tee #1
Date TBA	<i>Senior Harvest Celebration! (\$)</i> Time TBA. Fun for those 50 or better! Kenton County Fairgrounds
Date TBA	<i>You Fish Like A Girl ~ Come on, girls, let's go fishin'!</i> 10:00am-12:00pm, w/ Vikki Rawe, Out of Control Wildlife Middleton-Mills Park, Shelterhouse 1 ~ NO BOYS ALLOWED!

Date TBA	<i>Critters in the Crick w/ Vikki Rawe, Out of Control Wildlife</i> 10am-12pm, A wade-in-th'-crick-an'-catch-stuff adventure Pioneer Park, Meet at Iron Bridge to Kenton Paw Park