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## **Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Park District Launch New *Family Day Camp* Series**

**Choose From Four Chicago Parks and Neighborhoods and a Variety  
of Activities the Whole Family Can Enjoy**

**Fridays, July 10-August 28**

Spend an action-packed day with your kids this summer at a Chicago *Family Day Camp*. Travel with three to five families and a “camp leader” on public transportation to one of four neighborhoods – Garfield Park, Pilsen, Lincoln Park or Jackson Park - for a day filled with hands-on nature and art activities, and trips to neighborhood parks and cultural organizations. From fishing and swimming to museum tours and nature trails, the whole family can enjoy exploring Chicago neighborhoods together in a new way. Family Day Camps are on Fridays from July 10-August 28. They are recommended for children ages 6+ with an adult and are \$10 per person. Register by calling 312.742.8497 or visit [www.explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org).

Following is a schedule of *Family Day Camps* and highlights of activities in each neighborhood:

### Garfield Park: July 10, August 7

Take the Green Line to see the sights in Garfield Park, one of Chicago’s greenest neighborhoods. Visit the Garfield Park Conservatory to learn about the thousands of different flowers and plants on display and participate in a hands-on gardening activity. Lunch and games on the terrace are followed by arts and crafts and fishing in the Garfield Park Lagoon.

### Pilsen: July 17, August 21

Discover Chicago’s largest Mexican-American community in Pilsen. Tour the exhibits at the National Museum of Mexican Art, and then make your own masterpiece in a hands-on workshop. Grab a quick authentic Mexican lunch on bustling 18<sup>th</sup> Street before participating in outdoor activities and swimming in Harrison Park.

### Lincoln Park: July 24, August 14

Enjoy a performance (July 24) or interactive workshop (August 14) by Barrel of Monkeys at Theater on the Lake. Have lunch on the lake, and then head over to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum for a quick tour of the exhibits and nature trails. Wrap up the afternoon with fishing in the Lincoln Park Lagoon.

Jackson Park: July 31, August 28

Explore nature and the site of the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition on this adventure to Jackson Park. Stroll through Wooded Island and the Osaka Garden on a guided tour and learn how to fish in the nearby lagoon. Enjoy lunch at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Beach House and swimming in Lake Michigan.

*Family Day Camps* are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Park District. They begin at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street, at 9:30 a.m. They return to the Cultural Center at 3:30 p.m. Lunch and transportation are included. On trips to Pilsen and Jackson Park, participants should bring their own swimsuits and towels.

Chicago is a great family destination and an excellent value this summer. In addition to *Family Day Camps*, check out Neighborhood Week at the Family Fun Tent in Millennium Park, Neighborhood Scavenger Hunts, and the Great Performers of Illinois festival featuring an 8,000 square-foot corn maze. To find more ideas for family fun, visit [www.explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org).

*Family Day Camps* are presented as part of *Explore Chicago: Take a Neighborhood Vacation*, insider ideas and tips from the Chicago Office of Tourism for discovering and exploring Chicago's neighborhoods this summer. The Chicago Office of Tourism, a division of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, is the official city agency dedicated to promoting Chicago to domestic and international visitors and providing innovative visitor programs and services.

Visitors and Chicagoans planning to entertain out-of-town guests can receive Chicago brochures, reserve hotel accommodations and receive trip-planning assistance by calling toll-free 1.877.CHICAGO (1.877.244.2246), or visiting [www.explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org). Brochures and information on Chicago events and activities are also available at the Visitor Information Centers. The centers are located at Chicago Water Works, 163 East Pearson Street at Michigan Avenue and the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 East Randolph Street. The TTY toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1.866.710.0294.

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