

News You Can Use September 2023



Another Successful Year of ICompete's Summer Camp!

ICompete's summer camp went from July 10 - July 28. It included three camp participant activities plus two family engagement nights per week, including Brownies & Bingo, Ma & Pa's Candy & Sand Art, Family Swim Night, and a petting zoo and presentation by Animal Quest. The camp provided breakfast each morning. The incredibly talented ICompete staff offered 15 trips/experiences to 60 campers and enjoyed being part of each child's summer. Each camper and family help make us who we are; these kids have become our family.

Activities included visiting:

- **Bartlett Aquatic Center:** Donuts, dodgeball, and swimming
- **Brookfield Zoo**
- **Dolphin's Cove**
- **Enchanted Castle:** Campers enjoyed using their unlimited access pass to play mini golf, laser tag, bumper cars, go-carts, and take advantage of the indoor play house!
- **Family Aquatic Center**
- **Harper College Movie Day and Craft :** Campers visited various buildings crafting, used the maker space for DIY keychains, viewed a movie in the theater, and enjoyed Subway lunch!
- **Jurassic Museum in Volo**
- **Phil's Beach:** Campers enjoyed beach floats, sand toys, and a giant inflatable for swimmers who passed the swim test!
- **Rainbow Falls:** Attractions included a lazy river, lily pads, tube slides, and splash pads! A few swimmers were brave enough to try "the toilet bowl" - a fast speed tunnel that drops you 7ft!
- **Twin Lakes:** Paddle boats and driving range

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Young Professionals Board Update!

The Young Professional Board is a group of service-oriented professionals who aim to be the voice of the younger generation in the communities that POC serves. Through fundraising, program development, and volunteerism our goal is to provide new opportunities and resources for the families in our community through the POC, its programs, and partners.

POC's Young Professional Board held its second fundraiser on August 5, 2023, at Brothers' Field. Donations, attendance, sponsorships, and enthusiasm made the Summer Nights and Beer Flights fundraiser a huge success! Over \$8,000 was raised to support Youth Development & Family Engagement programs at Partners for Our Communities. The impact of these funds will make such a positive impact on POC's families and participants.

Thank you our Donors & Sponsors:

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Call for Volunteers – Upcoming Candy Crawl
Friday, October 20 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Falcon Park Recreation Center | 2195 N. Hicks Road

Here's how you can support:

1. Bring your friends/co-workers and a decorated vehicle out to Falcon Park on October 20 (music, lights, and inflatables encouraged) for children to visit.
2. Bring themed décor out to decorate a 6ft table! Kids will 'trick or treat' table to table at this year's event! Falcon Park will provide you a 6ft table and 2-fold-up chairs.
3. Donate candy/goodies that will be used on October 20.
 - Please note we encourage you/your group to join us in costume! Participating volunteer groups should bring goodies to distribute to 500-600 kids.
 - Volunteers/groups will be asked to arrive at 6:00pm to Falcon Park for set-up.

RAIN PLAN: This event is weather permitting. If canceled, we kindly ask that you make a candy donation so that goody bags can be prepared for all those who registered to attend. Bags will be available for pick-up the week of Halloween!

Interested in Volunteering? Please contact rlara@palatineparks.org to reserve your spot.

Save The Date for Upcoming Special Events



Farm to Table Dinner

Saturday, September 16

Soulful Prairies, Woodstock

[Learn More](#)

Farm to Table Sold out in Record Time!

Thank you to our Sponsors:

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- Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist
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J&D CHARITY GOLF OUTING

BENEFITING **POC**

J & D Golf Outing for POC

Friday, September 22

Palatine Hills Golf Course,
Palatine

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Grand Prize Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100. *All items are valued at \$400 or more.*

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Roots Community Garden News

The Roots Community Garden is harvesting after working through the drought at the beginning of the season. Their crops include tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, eggplant, beets, peppers, beans, kale, and peas!

Volunteers and families harvest several bags each Tuesday and Thursday and send the remaining food to the Community Resource Center. This year, volunteers included 20 high school students, three college students, and several adults.

Kim Haas and **Thomas Border**, Garden Coordinators, hosted four family events to paint flower pots, plant flowers, learn to use herbs, and make salads. Dr. Sandy and her medical students from Northwest Community Healthcare taught families about healthy eating, and our Chemistry Professor led a science night that delighted the children with amazing experiments!



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