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Don't Miss Out on Fan Expo Chicago 2024



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Attending FAN EXPO

Chicago, the region's longest-running comic and pop culture convention, may seem overwhelming

for the first-time guest. With so much to see and do over the three-day Expo, we've compiled some of the top highlights to help fans plan their visit to this year's show, running August 16 - 18, 2024 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Meet Your Favorite Celebrities

This all-star year's roster includes some of the biggest pop culture icons, including a firstever team up with STAR WARS legends Mark Hamill and Hayden Christensen, along with a host of STAR WARS talent including Rosario Dawson, Alan Tudyk, Eman Esfandi, Diana Lee Inosanto, Gina Carano, and Temuera Morrison; a TERMINATOR cast reunion featuring Linda Hamilton, Robert Patrick, Edward Furlong, Michael Biehn, and Lance Henriksen; Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei; STAR TREK captains Kirk and Janeway, William Shatner and Kate Mulgrew respectively; a SCREAM reunion with Skeet Ulrich, Matthew Lillard, Jamie Kennedy, and Laurie Metcalf; and many more. Fun for the Whole Family FAN EXPO Chicago's Kids' Zone features programming for all ages, including animation workshops; the Kids' Cosplay Red Carpet;

Cosplay Story Time; a slime-making session; and the Force Academy, where Padiwans and younglings aged 6 - 15 can learn some basic lightsaber skills.

FAN EXPO After Dark

The fun doesn't stop when the show floor closes! After-hours programs keep the fun going late into the night with events including the FAN EXPO Chicago Cosmic Celebration. **D&D** Improv; the Drawing Jam drawing challenge hosted by **Emmy-winning cartoonist** Joe Wos; and more! Plan your evenings with the official After-Hours events schedule.

FAN EXPO Chicago runs August 16 - 18, 2024 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Show hours are Friday 4 - 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets start at \$38; 3-day passes and VIP packages also available at https://fanexpohq.com/ fanexpochicago/buytickets/. More information and updates can be found at https://fanexpohq.com/ fanexpochicago/.

Photo Credit: Fan Expo Chicago

Seventy HACC Youth Graduate from Summer Jobs Program in the Forest Preserves of Cook County



A summer of learning, outdoor exploration and service culminated this

morning in a graduation ceremony for 70 Cook County youth at South

Suburban College in South Holland. Now in its ninth year, the Forest

Enroll in

Park Kids

Preserve Experience (FPE) is a collaborative program coordinated by Friends

of the Forest Preserves and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, with generous support from the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC), the Forest Preserve Foundation, and others. For five weeks this summer, young people ages 14-19 who live in households that receive services from HACC worked in crews at several Forest Preserves sites in the south and southwest suburbs. learning environmental about

conservation contributing to the health and beauty of the preserves. Most crew members worked at Forest Preserves sites near their homes. allowing them to engage in projects that their families and communities would most easily be able to enjoy. In addition to career and life skills workshops, the summer included a variety of recreational outings and activities, ranging from kayaking local waterways to visiting Brookfield Zoo. **Photo Credit: Forest Preserves of Cook County**



Register of Fall after school program!

Programs & Events at the Chicago Park District!

Online registration opens August 5 & 6. In-person registration begins August 10.

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available from August 12 - 25 at the flagship Garrett Popcorn Shop located at 625 N. Michigan Avenue and at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. Fans nationwide can also get their hands on this exclusive recipe by ordering a Classic Tin size from www.GarrettPopcorn. starting August com 12, while supplies last. Following this launch, Garrett Popcorn Shops will continue the

festivities with special events and exclusive offerings of their signature recipes in September. To be the first to hear about 75th Anniversary announcements and festivities, sign up to receive emails at www. GarrettPopcorn.com, or follow on socials via @

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Garrett Popcorn Shops® Lanza el Nuevo CaramelCrisp® con Especias de Calabaza

A medida que Garrett Popcorn Shops® se acerca a su 75.° aniversario este otoño, la icónica marca está generando entusiasmo con el debut de Pumpkin Spice CaramelCrisp®. Esta delicia de edición limitada combina su famoso CaramelCrisp® con una mezcla festiva de canela, nuez moscada, jengibre y clavo de olor, ofreciendo una versión deliciosa de un clásico muy querido. Pumpkin Spice Caramel-Crisp estará disponible del 12 al 25 de agosto en la tienda insignia de Garrett Popcorn Shops ubicada en



625 N. Michigan Avenue y en Woodfield Mall en Schaumburg. Los fanáticos de todo el país también pueden obtener esta receta exclusiva al pedir una lata clásica en www. GarrettPopcorn.com a partir del 12 de agosto, hasta agotar existencias. Luego de este lanzamiento, Garrett Popcorn Shops continuará con las festividades

con eventos especiales y ofertas exclusivas de sus recetas exclusivas en septiembre. Para ser el primero en enterarse de los anuncios y festividades del 75.° aniversario, regístrese para recibir correos electrónicos en www.GarrettPopcorn. com o síganos en las redes sociales a través de @ GarrettPopcorn.

Babies Aren't Waterproof,

DCFS Reminds Parents, Caregivers to Supervise Children Near Water



According to the Centers Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4 and the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 5 to 14. In 2023, 20 Illinois children lost their lives to accidental drowning: eight in pools, four in bathtubs, four in lakes, two in ponds, one in a washing machine and one at a water park. Thirteen of the children were age 5 and younger; including six of the children who drowned in pools. For every child who dies from drowning, another seven receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries. During the summer when pools are open and lakes, ponds and other bodies of water are more accessible. there is an increase in

water related deaths especially with children. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reminds parents and caregivers to constantly supervise children whenever they are near water, no matter their age or how well they can swim. Illinois DCFS offers safety tips, brochures and posters in English, Spanish and Polish for parents, caregivers, individuals, pools and other waterrelated businesses to print and share. For safety tips, visit: https://dcfs.illinois. gov and click on Safe Kids > Health and Safety Tips for Children > Water Safety. Swimming pools and hot tubs

- Keep ladders, patio furniture and toys away from above-ground pools.
- Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all

pools and spas.

- Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you leave the pool.
- Young children can wear personal flotation devices, but do not be lured into thinking these are able to prevent drownings.
- Keep hot tubs securely covered when not in use. Children should not be left in a hot tub alone.
- Appoint an adult who can swim to always watch children when they are in the pool.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a phone and emergency numbers by the pool. The American Red Cross offers online CPR training classes anyone can

take at their own pace from the convenience of home.





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Para obtener más información, visita ccc.edu/MXfall24

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IDPH to Offer Public Health Information, **Services at Illinois State Fair**

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will provide a variety of public health information and services at several locations during the Illinois State Fair, August 8-18, 2024, in Springfield. The IDPH main tent will be located on the east side of the Annex Building, just across from the Lincoln Stage. Each day of the fair, IDPH staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide an array of information and services, including:

•Oral Health: Educational information and interactive opportunities to learn about the importance of oral hygiene

•Office of Women's Health and Family Services (OWHFS): Information about the IL Breast and



Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP)

•Office of Racial and Cultural Health Equity (ORCHE): Educational materials on what their office does, information about Rural Health scholarships

•Emerging Health Issues: Educational materials on overdose injury including distribution of naloxone; firearm injury prevention, including distributing gun

locks; and information about suicide prevention and the 988 Suicide Hotline In addition, IDPH is partnering with outside groups to provide backto-school physicals and immunizations for children (under age 18) during the fair. Mobile Care Chicago will have a unit outside the Illinois Building on Friday, August 9 from 10am-4pm and Saturday, August 10 from 9am-4pm.



Chicago, Cook County Departments of Public Health Celebrate Lead Abatement Program Partnership with HUD

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gathered with local leaders and area residents Saturday, July 27, to celebrate the success of their lead abatement programs. "We thought it was important to take time out and reflect on the successes

of Chicago and Cook County's lead abatement programs and the impact these programs are having on the health of families,' said Michelle Medeiros, deputy director, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CCDPH. CDPH and HUD hosted a community fair at Mason Elementary

School, 4217 W. 18th St. in Chicago Saturday morning to showcase their lead abatement services to area residents and then conducted a tour of three nearby homes — in North Lawndale, Little Village and Berwyn, Ill. — that received lead abatement services.

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2024 Chicago Labor Day Parade & Eddie Fest Returns To Pullman

The 2024 Chicago Labor Day Parade and Eddie Fest is returning to Chicago's Pullman neighborhood Saturday, Aug. 31st. This year's parade, themed "Hometown of the American Labor Movement," will be held along Cottage Grove Ave. in Pullman between 103rd St. and 114th St. and finishing on S. St. Lawrence Ave beginning at noon. Eddie Fest will immediately follow the parade and be held on the grounds of the Pullman National Historic Park. The parade and festival will showcase Pullman and the neighborhood's historic connection to the Chicago labor movement and the fight for fair wages and working conditions. This year's parade will feature nearly 100 floats from unions, businesses, elected officials and other



community organizations as well as a performance from the South Shore Drill Team. The parade ends near the site of Eddie Fest at Arcade and Pullman Parks. Eddie Fest features a live band and DJ, craft & food vendors, bounce houses, games and activities for children and more. The Chicago Federation of Labor is proud to present the parade & festival,

along with partnering organizations the Pullman National Historical Park, National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Historic Pullman Foundation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Labor History Society, Friends of Labor, U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly and Chicago 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale.

CPS, CDPH Reminds Families to Update Vaccinations and Schedule Physicals Ahead of 2024-25 School Year



With 20 days before the start of school, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and the Chicago Department of Public Health are reminding families to make sure their children's health records are updated and compliant with federallyrequired vaccines and annual physical exams for school attendance before the Aug. 26th first day of the 2024-25 school year. Updated health reports are crucial in helping

the District maintain a safe and healthy school environment for students and staff. Physical examinations and proof of required immunizations must be submitted to school administrators by October 15, 2024. Physical exams are required for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, sixth grade, ninth grade, and any students entering CPS for the first time. Starting October 15th, 2024, principals will temporarily

exclude students who do not meet the minimum health requirements and are not a part of an exempt group. Families can access their child's official immunization records with the State of Illinois via Vax Verify. District families who would like help enrolling their child in health insurance and/ or accessing health care can call the Healthy CPS Hotline: 773 553-KIDS (5437) or visit cps.edu/cfbu.



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