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ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS OFFERS FUN DIY PROGRAM: GOURD PAINTING NOV. 14



ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Adults and children ages 8 and up can create the perfect seasonal decorations at Hands-On Heritage: Gourd Painting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, 1868 Highway F in Defiance. This fun, artful program is perfect for do-it-yourself crafters seeking to learn how to transform hard-shelled gourds into creative art.

With the assistance of knowledgeable staff, participants will learn how to paint designs, such as a snowman or Santa Claus on gourds under The Grand Pavilion outside in the park. Guests will have their own paint and be seated at separate tables to allow for social distancing. Arrive early; it takes at least an hour to paint and prepare a gourd.

The cost of this unique program is \$5 per person. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or visit

<http://bit.ly/2020GourdPainting> to register.

While visiting the park, which is on the list of National Register of Historic Places in St. Charles County, guests are invited to take a guided tour of The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Tours are offered at the top of every hour; ticket prices are adults, \$8; seniors, \$6; children ages 5-12, \$5; and active or retired military and children under 4 are free. There's no charge for self-guided tours of the village grounds.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department's mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 17 parks that total 3,947 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there's something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit stccparks.org.