

Chicago Parent

going places

FALL 2008

FREE

The ultimate guide to family fun

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

The Brown Cow Ice Cream Parlor

7347 W. Madison St. Forest Park

THE BROWN COW
ICE CREAM PARLOR

Birthday Parties & Catering!

Caramel Apples

Homemade Super Premium Ice Cream

Old Fashioned Soda Shop Charm

The Brown Cow Ice Cream Parlor 7347 W. Madison Street Forest Park
www.browncowicecream.com 708.366.7970

Featuring a haunted house, hay rack rides, decorated pumpkins, "All Hallow's Eve" live theater, corn maze and music. **Hours:** Visit the Web site for times and a detailed schedule. Fireworks Oct. 4 at 9 p.m.

Grove Folk Fest

The Grove
1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview
(847) 299-6096
thegroveglenview.org
Oct. 5

Featuring live folk music, square dancing, nature walks and pioneer craft demonstrations. **Hours:** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Admission:** \$4, \$1 kids 12 and under.

Chicago Country Music Festival

Soldier Field
1410 S. Museum Campus Drive
Chicago
(312) 744-3315
chicagocountrymusicfestival.us
Oct. 11-12

Families can visit the "Kid Corral" located on the east side of Soldier Field. **Hours:** Noon-9:30 p.m. Oct. 11; noon-8:30 p.m. Oct. 12. **Admission:** Free.

International Houby Festival

Cermak Road, between Cicero and Berwyn
cicerochamber.org
Oct. 3-5

Annual festival along Cermak Road includes a pageant to select the Houby Queen, a parade and street festival with food, crafts and vendors and a carnival. Parade is at 12:30 on Oct. 5. **Hours:** Visit Web site for schedule of events.

Apple Festival

Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road
Long Grove
(847) 634-0888
longgroveonline.com
Oct. 3-5

Buy apple treats from food vendors, such as ciders, pies, caramel apples and apple salsas. Family activities run throughout the weekend. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. **Admission:** Free.

Kids & Kites Festival

Cricket Hill, Montrose and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
(312) 744-3315
cityofchicago.org/specialevents
Oct. 4

Get event updates

ChicagoParent.com

North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show

Holiday Inn Convention Center
18501 S. Harlem Ave., Tinley Park
(708) 932-8044
reptileconference.com
Oct. 11-12

Event is an exhibition and sale of many breeds of exotic and pet-friendly reptiles, as well as supplies for pet owners. Event also includes educational talks on various aspects of reptiles. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 11; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 12. **Admission:** Weekend pass: \$15, \$8 kids 12 and under, free kids 4 and under.

girl party

BACHELORETTE | BOOK CLUB
BIRTHDAY



Girls NIGHT OUT

Design your evening and your jewelry. Combine personal spa treatments, like massages, facials and pedicures with



FAIRS & FESTIVALS

See giant scarecrows and live entertainment during this annual festival. Enjoy free activities, including a storytelling tent and a play table. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 10-11; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 12. **Admission:** Free.

Chicagoween and Haunted Pumpkin Plaza

Daley Plaza, a.k.a. Pumpkin Plaza
Washington, Dearborn and Clark streets, Chicago
(312) 744-3315
cityofchicago.org/specialevents
Oct. 17-31

Daley Plaza morphs into Pumpkin Plaza, complete with a Haunted Village. Festival features spooky storytelling, trick-or-treating, fortune tellers and a farmer's market. Pumpkin Plaza will have friendly spirits and the Midnight Circus. **Hours:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 31. **Admission:** Free.

Trail of History

Glacial Park
6512 Harts Road, Ringwood
(815) 338-6223
mccdistrict.org
Oct. 18-19

Living history event features interpreters portraying life as it was from



North American Reptile Breeders Conference, see page 20.

1670-1850 in the former Northwest Territory. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Admission:** \$6, \$2 kids 6-12, free kids 5 and under.

JJWC Halloween Expo

Joliet Park District Multipurpose Center
3000 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

(815) 730-0910
jjwc.com
Oct. 19

Enjoy Halloween activities and family fun including moon jumps, face painting and tattoos, cookie decorating and carnival games. **Hours:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Event opens at 10 a.m. for special needs children.

Chicago International Children's Film Festival

Chicago
(773) 281-2166 (hotline)
cicff.org
Oct. 23-Nov. 2

Festival devoted to films for and by kids. "Cannes for Kids" features more than 200 films for children from 40 countries. Opening and Closing Night galas are filled with food, fun and films for families. More than 100 filmmakers and celebrities attend the fest to talk with kids and present workshops. Special "My First Movies" are screened every weekend for kids ages 2-5. Check Web site for schedule and locations.

A Haunting in the Valley

Spring Valley Nature Center and Heritage Farm, 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg
(847) 985-2100
parkfun.com
Oct. 24-25

Covered wagon rides transport you down a trail of Halloween fun and magic. Includes refreshments, activities and a bonfire. Matinee rides available from 5-6 p.m. **Hours:** 5-9 p.m. **Admission:** \$6 per person. Discount for pre-registration.

Country Folk Art Festival Show & Sale



Inspire Your Decor!

Unique home furnishings & decorative accessories you won't find anywhere

PRESENTED BY
BOULEVARD FINE ART & CUSTOM FRAMING

FOREST PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & DEVELOPMENT

Forest Park ARTS FEST