

# **COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE**

**Compiled by the Interpreters Coalition of Springfield-Greene County**

**Information to assist in utilizing the varied resources  
of our community toward field education and  
hands-on learning experiences**

**2006-2007**

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## Interpreters Coalition

Children acquire fundamental concepts through active participation with their environment. As young children explore their surroundings, they begin to construct their own knowledge (Lind, 1998).

While the school classroom remains the primary instructional center, out-of-classroom experiences can bring a sense of wonderment and curiosity about the world to young learners. The Springfield area is rich with community resources that can provide educational experiences for students that might not otherwise be available to them.

In a truly collaborative effort, the Interpreters' Coalition utilizes the varied resources of our community toward field education and hands-on learning experiences. The Coalition was formed to help meet the educational needs of students and currently consists of partner members ranging from non-profit organizations to governmental agencies. This group of informal educators represents cross-curricular interests and expertise including science and the environment, history and social studies, communication and technology, and the arts.

The Coalition sponsors an annual field trip for teachers, known as *Free-Wheelin' Friday*. This event gives local educators an opportunity to find out about the various educational resources available throughout the city of Springfield.

## **The Air and Military Museum of the Ozarks AMMO**

**Mission:** To collect historical memorabilia and artifacts from all branches of the military, to restore, preserve, and display them for remembrance, and to educate the public and provide a “hands on” environment to demonstrate military equipment that was used in the wars fought to preserve America’s freedoms.

**Location:** The museum is located at 2305 E. Kearney.

**Contact Information:** Visit our web site at [www.ammomuseum.org](http://www.ammomuseum.org), or call (417) 864-7997.

**Availability:** We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 4pm.

**Programs:** The Air and Military Museum of the Ozarks offers to all grade school students and scouting organizations a program of military history and science that teaches and entertains young students about the history of wars fought to preserve our freedoms. We call it “Museum School.” There is always an experienced volunteer on duty to answer your military questions.

**Age/Grade Level:** We welcome groups of any age.

**Group Size:** The museum can accommodate groups of 50 people.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** The scheduling organization should provide one adult per ten children.

**Fees:** Adults..... \$3  
Children 12 to 7.....\$1  
Children 6 and under.....FREE

**Lunch:** We are located about three blocks East of Glenstone; there you will find many fast food restaurants.

## American National Fish and Wildlife Museum

**Mission:** To educate, inform and entertain visitors concerning the value of fish and wildlife, to help them appreciate our heritage of hunting and fishing, and to motivate their personal involvement in the conservation of our outdoor resources.

**Location:** 500 W. Sunshine Street, Springfield, MO (At the corner of Sunshine and Campbell)

**Contact Information:** Phone: 417-890-9453 Website: <http://www.wondersofwildlife.org>

**Availability:** Museum visits are available daily 9am – 6pm.

**Programs:** Conservation Education Center Classroom programs include live animals, touchable artifacts, and engaging activities. Pre and post visit activities will accompany each age appropriate classroom program. Topics include Animal Introductions, Life Cycles, Food Chains, Ecosystems, Adaptations, Classification, and Lewis & Clark. Lab programs include live animals, touchable artifacts, and dissection of a rat, frog, fish, or owl pellet. Hunting and Fishing Gallery tours and program available on request.

**Age/Grade Level:** Working closely with teachers and administrators, our educators have designed a wide range of classes and programs that meet the Missouri Show-Me Standards and Framework for Curriculum Development in K-12 Science.

**Group Size:** All groups can be accommodated, from large flocks to small herds. (minimum 15 for group pricing)

### **Student/Adult Ratio:**

Pre-school:	5 children / 1 chaperone
K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade:	8 children / 1 chaperone
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade:	10 children / 1 chaperone
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade:	15 children / 1 chaperone

### **Fees:**

#### *Museum Visit:*

Applies to educational groups of 15 or more.

Child \$4.00

Chaperone \$4.00

Adult \$7.95

#### *Classroom Programs:*

Child \$1.75

Teacher/Chaperone FREE

*Note:* Additional adults, beyond required number of chaperones, may accompany the educational group but will be processed at the adult general admission rate.

**Lunch Provisions:** There are several locations nearby.

## **City of Springfield Busch Building and Historic City Hall**

**Mission:** The people of our community are the only reason we are here. Therefore, we are committed to WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY to provide ethical and responsible local government so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of living and working in Springfield.

**Location:** 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield

**Contact Information:** City of Springfield Public Information Office – 864-1105

**Availability:** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**Programs:** We will work with teachers in any way we can. The City of Springfield can set up tours of the History Museum, the Fire Museum, as well as the Busch Building and Historic City Hall with Council Chambers.

**Age/Grade Level:** Any school age accepted. Younger ages do not receive as much historical information, and may not enjoy facts presented as much as the older children, but there is information for all ages.

**Group Size:** Any size group, but larger groups will be divided into smaller groups. Smaller groups of 10 or less are preferred, but 12 to 15 are acceptable.

**Student/Adult ratio:** We do not furnish chaperones. Number of adults that accompany is up to Teacher's discretion.

**Fees:** There is no cost for tours.

**Lunch Provisions:** Jordan Valley Park is the nearest park. We have had teachers order food and bring it or deliver it to the Busch Building. Children can then have lunch in the employee break room after the tour.

## **City of Springfield Franklin Avenue Recycling Center**

**Mission:** The Mission of the City of Springfield's Solid Waste Management Division is to provide an Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Springfield and Greene County that is environmentally sound and economically feasible which represents a long-term solution to preserve the national resources of the region for present and future generations.

**Location:** 713 North Franklin Avenue, Springfield

**Contact Information:** Barbara Lucks, Materials Recovery/Education Coordinator  
Springfield Public Works Department  
Recycling Hotline 417-864-1904  
417-864-2005 (phone)  
417-864-1906 (fax)  
[blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
<http://www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling>

**Availability:** Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the City of Springfield’s Franklin Avenue Recycling Center are available for groups of any size. Activities include encouraging students to collect and prepare their recyclables, bringing them to the Recycling Center. Presenters then assist the students in getting the items into the correct recycling containers and show the students examples of products made from the recycled materials.

**Age/Grade Level:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up

**Group Size:** Tours of the City of Springfield’s Franklin Avenue Recycling Center are available for groups of any size. On-site, groups will be organized into touring groups of up to 25 people, depending on age (younger students will have fewer in each group).

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Because of potential liability concerns, heavy equipment, etc., we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students. We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the touring group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Note:** We will be happy to work with “packaged tours” or assist in creating a “customized” tour for your group. Some other related City owned/operated facilities include: the Household Chemical Collection Center, the Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center, the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, The Yardwaste Recycling Center or Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tours centered around a theme of waste reduction/recycling or water quality are especially well-suited for these facilities.

**Lunch Provisions:** The closest fast food restaurants serving The Franklin Avenue Recycling Center are located at Chestnut and West Bypass. Nichols Park or Grant Beach Park offers a location for enjoying a sack lunch.

## **City of Springfield Household Chemical Collection Center**

**Mission:** The Mission of the City of Springfield's Solid Waste Management Division is to provide an Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Springfield and Greene County that is environmentally sound and economically feasible which represents a long-term solution to preserve the national resources of the region for present and future generations.

**Location:** 1226 West Nichols (just east of Kansas on Nichols), Springfield

**Contact Information:** Barbara Lucks, Materials Recovery/Education Coordinator  
Springfield Public Works Department

Recycling Hotline 417-864-1904

417-864-2005 (phone)

417-864-1906 (fax)

[blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us)

<http://www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling>

**Availability:** Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the Household Chemical Collection Center are available. Activities include familiarizing students with the “signal words”, such as “caution”, “poison”, etc., relating the activities of the Center to water quality protection efforts, etc.

**Age/Grade Level:** Tours of the City of Springfield’s Household Chemical Collection Center are available for groups of any size. On-site, groups will be organized into touring groups of up to 25 people, depending on age (younger students will have fewer in each group).

**Group Size:** We welcome groups of second-graders or older.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Because of potential liability concerns, we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students. We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the touring group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Notes:** We will be happy to work with “packaged tours” or assist in creating a “customized” tour for your group. Some other related City owned/operated facilities include: the Lone Pine Avenue and Franklin Avenue Recycling Centers, the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, The Yardwaste Recycling Center or Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tours centered around a theme of waste reduction/recycling or water quality are especially well-suited for these facilities.

**Lunch Provisions:** The closest fast food restaurants serving The Household Chemical Collection Center are located at Chestnut and West Bypass. Nichols Park or Grant Beach Park offers a location for enjoying a sack lunch.

## **City of Springfield Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center**

**Mission:** The Mission of the City of Springfield's Solid Waste Management Division is to provide an Integrated Solid Waste Management system for Springfield and Greene County that is environmentally sound and economically feasible which represents a long-term solution to preserve the national resources of the region for present and future generations.

**Location:** 3020 South Lone Pine (1 block east of Lone Pine and Battlefield), Springfield

**Contact Information:** Barbara Lucks, Materials Recovery/Education Coordinator  
Springfield Public Works Department  
Recycling Hotline 417-864-1904  
417-864-2005 (phone)  
417-864-1906 (fax)  
[blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
<http://www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling>

**Availability:** Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center are available. Activities include encouraging students to collect and prepare their recyclables, bringing them to the Recycling Center. Presenters then assist the students in getting the items into the correct recycling containers and show the students examples of products made from the recycled materials.

**Age/Grade Level:** We welcome groups of second-graders or older.

**Group Size:** Tours of the City of Springfield's most popular Recycling Center are available for groups of any size. On-site, groups will be organized into touring groups of up to 25 people, depending on age (younger students will have fewer in each group).

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Because of potential liability concerns, heavy equipment, etc., we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students. We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the touring group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Notes:** We will be happy to work with “packaged tours” or assist in creating a “customized” tour for your group. Some other related City owned/operated facilities include: the Household Chemical Collection Center, the Franklin Recycling Center, The Yardwaste Recycling Center, Springfield Sanitary Landfill or Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tours centered around a theme of waste reduction/recycling or water quality are especially well-suited for these facilities.

**Lunch Provisions:** The Lone Pine Recycling Center is located within just a few blocks of many fast food facilities and Sequoia Park.

## **City of Springfield Sanitary Landfill**

**Mission:** The Mission of the City of Springfield's Solid Waste Management Division is to provide an Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Springfield and Greene County that is environmentally sound and economically feasible which represents a long-term solution to preserve the national resources of the region for present and future generations.

**Location:** 9 miles north of I-44 on Hwy 13, then left onto Farm Road 34.

**Contact Information:** Barbara Lucks, Materials Recovery/Education Coordinator  
Springfield Public Works Department  
Recycling Hotline 417-864-1904  
417-864-2005 (phone)  
417-864-1906 (fax)  
[blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
<http://www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling>

**Availability:** Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the Springfield Sanitary Landfill are available.

**Age/Grade Level:** We welcome groups of second-graders or older.

**Group Size:** Tours of the City of Springfield's Sanitary Landfill are available for groups of any size. On-site, groups will be organized into touring groups of up to 25 people, depending on age (younger students will have fewer in each group).

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Because of potential liability concerns, heavy equipment, etc., we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students (younger students may require more adult supervision). We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the touring group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Notes:** We will be happy to work with “packaged tours” or assist in creating a “customized” tour for your group. Some other related City owned/operated facilities include: the Household Chemical Collection Center, the Lone Pine or Franklin Recycling Centers, The Yardwaste Recycling Center or Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tours centered around a theme of waste reduction/recycling or water quality are especially well-suited for these facilities.

**Lunch Provisions:** Nearby accommodations for lunch are the picnic area at the entrance to Dickerson Park Zoo (near the junction of Highway 13 and Norton Road). The closest fast food restaurants are available at Highway 13 and I-44.

## **City of Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plants**

**Mission:** The City is committed to maintaining an efficient sanitary sewer system to assure the most effective level of wastewater collection and treatment for the protection of our community's health and environment.

**Availability:** Monday through Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Programs:** Tours of the Northwest and Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant are available.

**Age/Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

**Group Size:** Any size group can be accommodated. They will be broken into groups of 20-25 and a minimum of one adult is required per 20-25 students. We do not have extra personnel available, other than the tour guide, to accompany the students.

**Fees:** None

**Notes:** We can tie in tours with curriculum and testing by utilizing an instructor's hand-out with questions and answers covered during the tour.

### **Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Contact Information:**

Charles Parrot 417-833-0697

Fax: 417-833-5437

[cparrot@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:cparrot@ci.springfield.mo.us)

**Location:** 4801 N. State Highway 13—3.5 miles north on west side of State Hwy. 13

**Lunch Provisions:** Nearest restaurant: Kansas at Kearney, approximately 5 miles from the site.

### **Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Contact Information:**

Jim Burks 417-891-1600 x141

Fax: 417-891-1609

[jburks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:jburks@ci.springfield.mo.us)

**Location:** 3301 S. FF Highway

**Lunch Provisions:** Nearest restaurant: Kansas at Battlefield, approximately 5 miles from the site.

## **City of Springfield Yardwaste Recycling Center**

**Mission:** The Mission of the City of Springfield's Solid Waste Management Division is to provide an Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Springfield and Greene County that is environmentally sound and economically feasible which represents a long-term solution to preserve the national resources of the region for present and future generations.

**Location:** near the Southwest Waste Water Treatment Plant: go west on Sunshine (Hwy. 60), turn left (south) onto Farm Road 115, turn left (east) onto Farm Road 164 and follow the signs to the Center.

**Contact Information:** Barbara Lucks, Materials Recovery/Education Coordinator  
Springfield Public Works Department  
Recycling Hotline 417-864-1904  
417-864-2005 (phone)  
417-864-1906 (fax)  
[blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
<http://www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling>

**Availability:** Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the Yardwaste Recycling Center are available. Activities include familiarizing students with the concept of decomposition and waste reduction.

**Age/Grade Level:** We welcome groups of second-graders or older.

**Group Size:** Tours of the City of Springfield's Yardwaste Recycling Center are available for groups of any size. On-site, groups will be organized into touring groups of up to 25 people, depending on age (younger students will have fewer in each group).

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Because of potential liability concerns, we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students (younger students may require additional adult supervision). We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the touring group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Notes:** We will be happy to work with “packaged tours” or assist in creating a “customized” tour for your group. Some other related City owned/operated facilities include: the Lone Pine Avenue and Franklin Avenue Recycling Centers, the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, The Household Chemical Collection Center or Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tours centered around a theme of waste reduction/recycling or water quality are especially well-suited for these facilities.

**Lunch Provisions:** The closest fast food restaurants serving The Yardwaste Recycling Center are located at Kansas and Battlefield or on West Sunshine or South Campbell. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is located nearby.

## **City Utilities - Fulbright Water Treatment Plant**

## **City Utilities - Blackman Water Treatment Plant**

**Mission:** City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, is a municipal utility governed by the Board of Public Utilities. City Utilities is engaged in the production and distribution of electricity, the distribution of natural gas, the treatment and distribution of water, telecommunication services, and public transportation for the City of Springfield and the surrounding area. City Utilities and its employees recognize the critical role of education in the community and strive to provide students and teachers with opportunities to enrich and advance their learning experiences. With nearly 1,000 people of diverse backgrounds, interests and skills, CU's employees take pride in answering the call when community needs must be met. That is why we are proud to provide the following information to help you, the educator, in making the connections between the classroom, community, environment and business.

**Location:** Fulbright Plant is located at 3920 N. Farmer Rd. Blackman Plant is located at 2601 S. Blackman Rd.

**Contact Information:** Sherry Raney, 831-8881, e-mail [Sherry.Raney@cityutilities.net](mailto:Sherry.Raney@cityutilities.net)

**Availability:** Tours are available September through early December, March, April, and May; on Tuesday through Thursday, if tour guides are available. The last tour time of the day is 3:30 p.m. The tour will take approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

**Programs:** Curriculum connections: Physical Science, source and treatment of drinking water, effects of science and technology, impact science has on careers. We do not have adequate staff to do classroom presentations. All tours are subject to tour guide availability. Because the security of CU's water treatment facilities is top priority, safety guidelines will be given at the beginning of the tour and must be followed. A group photo will be taken at the beginning of each tour. Reservations need to be made at least a week in advance.

**Age/Grade Level:** Students taking these tours must be sixth grade level or higher. Teachers must provide a list of the names of those touring.

**Group Size:** Maximum group of 30 people (will be divided into two groups of 15 for touring)

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Age 18 or under, must have one parent or teacher per 10 students.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tour.

**Lunch Provisions:** Fulbright Plant is located near the Zoo and all the restaurants on West Kearney.

## **City Utilities – James River Power Station**

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**Location:** James River Power Station, 5701 S. Kissick – at Springfield Lake

**Contact Information:** Steve Myers, 874-8001 or 831-8311, [Steve.Myers@cityutilities.net](mailto:Steve.Myers@cityutilities.net)

**Availability:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. (Best to schedule 1-2 weeks ahead).

**Programs:** Curriculum connections: Physical Science, sources of energy, effects of science and technology, impact science has on careers. Additional outreach opportunities with topics and classroom speakers – energy conservation, measurements of electricity, fossil fuels, electrical safety, value of education.

**Age/Grade Level:** Must be at least 10 years of age

**Group Size:** Maximum of 25

**Student/Adult Ratio:** At least one adult per 10 attendees is required. A list of all people attending is required upon arrival from the tour leader. On-site chaperones are sometimes available.

**Fees:** No Fee

**Lunch Provisions:** Approximately 2.5 miles from McDonalds and Burger King on South National Ave.; nearby parks: Springfield Lake and the Nature Center.

## **City Utilities – Renewable Energy Project**

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**Location:** CU TecHouse, 2655 S. Blackman Rd.

**Contact Information:** Cara Shaefer, 831-8348 or 831-8311, [Cara.Shaefer@cityutilities.net](mailto:Cara.Shaefer@cityutilities.net)

**Availability:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Best to schedule 1-2 weeks ahead. Special arrangements may be made for evening tours.

**Programs:** Curriculum connections: Physical Science, effects of science and technology, renewable sources of energy.

**Age/Grade Level:** Third grade level and higher.

**Group Size:** 1 – 50.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Age 18 or under, must have one parent or teacher per 10 students.

**Fees:** No Fee

**Lunch Provisions:** Generally located east of 65 Highway, between Battlefield Rd. and Sunshine Ave. – many opportunities available.

## **City Utilities - Southwest Power Station**

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**Location:** Southwest Power Station is located at the intersection of Farm Roads 115 and 164 in Greene County Missouri. A map of the site can be faxed on request.

**Contact Information:** Bryan Feemster, ph. 417.831.8853, fax 417.831.8861  
Bryan.Feemster@cityutilities.net. Backup contact: Terry Ohmstede, ph. 417.831.8873, email:  
Terry.Ohmstede@cityutilities.net

**Availability:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. (Best to schedule 1-2 weeks ahead).

**Programs:** Curriculum connections: Physical Science, sources of energy, effects of science and technology, impact science has on careers. Staffing is not available to provide "In school" presentations. We offer General (45 minute to 1 hour) and In Depth (1 ½ hours) tours. They include an overview of how electrical power is generated using coal and natural gas. The balance of time is spent in small groups touring our station.

**Age/Grade Level:** Tours are limited to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

**Group Size:** 5 to 50 people

**Student/Adult Ratio:** At least one adult per 10 attendees is required. A list of all people attending is required upon arrival from the tour leader.

**Fees:** No Fee

**Lunch Provisions:** Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is 4 miles, Springfield City limits is 3 ½ miles, Republic is 5 miles. Springfield Park Board's Ewing and Nathaniel Greene parks are both approximately 5 miles from the Station.

## City Utilities - Speakers Bureau

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**Contact Information:** Call our Speakers Bureau 831-8662 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at least two weeks in advance.

**Programs:** CU employees are available to speak to Kindergarten through twelfth grade classrooms on a variety of subjects. Tell us your topic of interest, the size and age of the audience, date, time and location. Possible topics:

- Careers in the Utility Industry
- Customer Service Issues
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- Economic Development
- Electric Industry Restructuring
- Electrical Safety
- Electric Transmission and Distribution
- Energy Management
- Engineering Careers
- Environmental Issues
- Financial/Budget Topics
- How Electricity is Generated
- Industry Changes – How they Affect City Utilities and the Community
- Infrared Thermography
- Long Range/Strategic Planning
- Marketing and Communications
- Missouri Sunshine Law
- Natural Gas Industry
- Measurement and Issues
- Products and Services
- Public Transportation
- Reliability of the U.S. Electric System
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Telecommunication Services
- Tree Management
- Utility Security
- Water Quality
- Water Supply and Treatment

If your area of interest is not specifically named, please ask about it and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## Computer Recycling Center

**Mission:** The Mission of the Computer Recycling Center is to reduce the amount of e-waste entering our landfills.

**Location:** 1434 N. National, Springfield

**Contact Information:** Ken Reiss, Executive Director 417-866-2588  
<http://www.computerrecyclingcenter.org>; computerrecyclingcenter@hotmail.com

**Availability:** Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., by reservation

**Programs:** Tours of the Computer Recycling Center are available. Activities include step-by-step instruction of the procedure of disassembling personal computers and various electronic components.

**Age/Grade Level:** We welcome groups of 2nd-graders and older.

**Group Size:** Flexible

**Student/Adult ratio:** Because of the potential liability concerns, heavy equipment, etc., we request an adult/student ratio of one adult per 10 students. We have one person, in addition to the presenter, available to accompany the tour group.

**Fees:** There is no charge for the tours.

**Lunch Provisions:** The Computer Recycling Center is located within 1 mile of several fast food facilities and Silver Springs Park.

## Dickerson Park Zoo

**Mission:** Dickerson Park Zoo is dedicated to enhancing our quality of life while preserving the abundance and diversity of life on earth by providing meaningful recreational experiences, educating the public, conserving animals and plants and conducting scientific studies. The animal collection focuses on the geographic regions of Missouri, South America, Australia, Asia and Africa. Three biomes – desert, rainforest and Ozark Highlands – are represented in the Ambler Diversity of Life building.

**Location:** 3043 North Fort, Springfield, MO 65803 (Located northeast of the intersection of I-44 and Kansas Expressway/MO Hwy 13; take Exit 77 on I-44.)

**Contact Information:** Alice Counts, Education Director [acounts@dickersonparkzoo.org](mailto:acounts@dickersonparkzoo.org)  
Phone: (417)833-6420 Fax: (417)833-4459 Website: [www.dickersonparkzoo.org](http://www.dickersonparkzoo.org)

**Availability:** 9 am to 5 pm, April-September; 10 am to 4 pm, October-March weather permitting

**Programs:** A number of on-site and outreach education programs are available for a nominal fee. Programs typically range from 20-40 minutes. Live animals and biofacts are included for an up-close and hands-on experience. Outreach programs are scheduled from September through April. Customized programs can be arranged with sufficient lead time. The zoo is willing to collaborate with other agencies/educational resources to provide specialized programs.

**Age/Grade Level:** Groups of all ages are welcome. Programs are designed to complement Show-Me Standards for grades K-12

**Group Size:** Groups of any size can be accommodated. Larger groups may be divided.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** One adult supervisor for each 10 children is requested.

**Fees:** Adults.....\$6  
Children 3-12 .....\$4  
Senior .....\$5 (group discount does not apply)  
Under 3..... Free

Groups with 15 or more paying adult or child admission receive a \$1 discount per person. Children on free or reduced lunch in Greene County schools receive free admission when attending with their school class. Please note admission fees and hours are subject to change.

**Notes:** The Safari Trading Company gift shop is open year round during regular admission gate hours. Animal feed is available at the Outback Corral petting zoo for 25¢. Feed machines are also located at two lakes to feed waterfowl and fish. There is also a miniature train ride around Dickerson Lake. Tickets are \$2.

**Lunch:** Groups can bring sack lunches and eat in the playground park adjacent to the zoo. A covered pavilion with picnic tables is located in the playground park; for a nominal fee, the pavilion can be reserved by calling the zoo office at (417)833-1570. The zoo's Bush Country Café offers hot and cold sandwiches, soft drinks, snacks and ice cream.

## Discovery Center of Springfield

**Mission:** The Discovery Center is an interactive, hands-on museum committed to inspiring people of all ages with a lifelong love of learning and an appreciation for the world and our place in it. The museum includes permanent and traveling exhibits, hands-on activities, innovative programs, summer workshops, and special events that meet the Missouri Science and Health Frameworks as well as MAP objectives for school curriculum and interweave science, health, technology, history, art and culture. The Discovery Center serves as a resource for teachers and parents, consistently drawing visitors from a 2-3 hour radius across the Ozarks region.

**Location:** 438 St. Louis Street, Springfield, Missouri.

**Contact:** Laurie Duncan, Education Director, [lduncan@discoverycenter.org](mailto:lduncan@discoverycenter.org),  
Phone: 417-862-9910 x701. Fax: 862-6898. <http://www.discoverycenter.org>

**Availability:** Group Reservations at the Center are available Tuesday – Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 1-5. Outreach, Distance Learning, and Workshop opportunities are also available.

**Programs:** ScienceWorks (biology, chemistry, physics, earth science and forensics), BodyWorks (a series of health education programs) and WorldWise (geography and culture). Summer Workshops are also available on a variety of topics.

**Age/Grade Level:** Programs are available for ages 4 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; all ages are encouraged to visit the Center, interact with our exhibits and participate in special events.

**Group Size:** Pre-registration is needed; a minimum of 12 paying guests is required for the group discount.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Chaperones are required on a 1 to 5 ratio of adults to children.

**Fees:** \$4.00 and up group admission, depending on the Field Trip package chosen; pre-registration is required. Scholarships available to children qualifying under the Free Lunch program.

**Notes:** The Discovery Center is always willing to collaborate with other agencies and educational resources in the area to provide specialized activities that would be organized to meet specific needs.

**Lunch:** We are located in downtown Springfield within walking distance of Jordan Valley Park and easy access to several fast-food restaurants and Phelps Grove Park.

## Fantastic Caverns

**Mission:** Caves are fragile environments. A moment's carelessness could destroy the irreplaceable formations or upset the delicate ecosystem. Our mission is to protect the cave while also providing visitors a glimpse into the fascinating and extraordinary subterranean world. By introducing students to the geology, biology and history of caves, we hope they will gain not only an appreciation of caves but a realization that caves are important natural features that are sensitive to changes in the environment. Through education we seek to impart the message that stewardship of the earth is everyone's responsibility.

**Location:** 4872 North Farm Road 125 Springfield, MO 65803 (Five miles north of Springfield off of Highway 13. Take Exit 77 off of I-44)

**Contact Information:** Phone: 417-833-2010 Fax: 417-833-2042  
<http://www.fantasticcaverns.com>

**Availability:** Open 8:00 till dusk every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Call or access the web site for exact times and group reservations.

**Programs:** Children's programs include our *Student Field Trips*, a 55-minute all-riding tour of the cave, offered all year on the hour and half hour. *Neanderthal* is a 55-minute all-riding tour of the cave *plus* 30 minutes of activities at our underground classroom. *Neanderthal* is offered January-March at 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon. *Mastodons!* is a 55-minute all-riding cave tour *plus* 30 minutes of outside activities. *Mastodons!* is offered June-November at 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon.

**Age/Grade Level:** All ages

**Group Size:** A minimum of 20 paying guests is required for group rates. Maximum group size is 60. If your group is larger, contact us to see if we can accommodate you.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** We prefer that a teacher/adult accompany each tour group.

**Fees:** Visit our web site for group rates. Teachers and bus drivers are complimentary. Reservations are required. Online reservations are accepted.

**Notes:** Tours of the cave are conducted by jeep-drawn trams which are accessible to most wheelchairs. Fantastic Caverns has a gift shop, offering a variety of rocks and minerals and souvenirs. There is also a hiking trail on the property.

**Lunch:** Groups can bring sack lunches and eat outside at our picnic tables. During January-March we have tables inside where the students can eat a sack lunch. Ritter Springs, a Springfield city park, is a mile from Fantastic Caverns and has picnic facilities. Several fast-food restaurants are located five miles away.

## **The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County**

**Mission:** The mission of the Museum is to document the history of Springfield and Greene County through the collection, preservation and exhibition of historic objects and to make those objects available to the public as educational resources.

**Location:** 830 Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802

**Contact Information:** Beth Jones, Educator; Phone: (417)864-2011 Fax: (417) 864-2019.  
www.springfieldhistorymuseum.org

**Availability:** Tours are available Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If other times are necessary, they must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance. All guided tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. The Museum offers outreach opportunities which can be scheduled at a time convenient to the scheduling organization. Two weeks advanced booking is required.

**Programs:** The Education Department offers guided tours of the Museum's permanent and temporary exhibits. Outreach programs include:

- Traveling Trunks: Local Native American History, Pioneer Days, The Civil War, Turn of the Century, World War II, and Lewis and Clark
- Video and slide presentations: A Tour of 1890-1920 Springfield, Women Working in the Community, Crossroads at the Spring, (Many more titles are available)
- Customized speakers bureau presentations of requested topics

**Age/Grade Level:** All ages.

**Group Size:** The Museum can accommodate a group of up to fifty for a guided tour.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** The scheduling organization should provide one adult chaperone per ten children on the tour.

**Notes:** The History Museum will gladly tie in any tour or outreach presentation with curriculum testing. Many MAP and Show-Me Standards in social studies can be addressed during tours and presentations.

**Fees:** \$1.00 per person for pre-registered groups of ten or more.

**Lunch Provisions:** Subway Sandwich Shop at 713 N. Benton is about two blocks from the Museum. Jordan Valley is the closest park. There have been groups that have made arrangements to eat their lunch on the Court House lawn

## **James River Basin Partnership**

**Mission:** Working to protect and improve the water quality in our springs, streams, rivers, and lakes.

**Location:** Outreach only

**Contact Information:** Holly Neill  
James River Basin Partnership  
901 S. National, Monroe Hall  
Springfield, MO 65897

Phone 417-836-8878

Fax 417-836-8879

[hneill@missouristate.edu](mailto:hneill@missouristate.edu)

[www.jrbp.missouristate.edu](http://www.jrbp.missouristate.edu)

**Availability:** by appointment

**Programs:** Water quality issues, Clean Water Kids

**Age/Grade Level:** All levels

**Group Size:** 5-30 are easily accommodated

**Student/Adult Ratio:** 1 adult per 15 students

**Fees:** There are no costs associated with outreach programs.

**Notes:** We are willing to repeat the same program all day to small groups at the given location. We can tie our presentation in with curriculum or testing. Most presentations are customized to the audience or needs of the teacher. We will gladly participate with other groups or tour stops.

## **The Leadership Ranch**

**Mission:** The Leadership Ranch provides interactive, experiential games and activities built in a wooded setting. Commonly referred to as a Ropes Course or Challenge Course. These games teach groups how to work together effectively. There are low and high activities, farm animals, and many active science projects designed to demonstrate science MIGS. A rich natural habitat supports a myriad of wildlife.

**Location:** 9379 W. Farm Rd. 168, Republic, MO 65738 Located one mile north of Republic.

**Contact:** Tim Eberle, Director Teberle9@aol.com, 417-732-6594, Fax: 417-732-9264

**Availability:** Daylight hours, 7 days a week.

**Programs:** Programs are customized to meet specific needs and goals of the group. We also work in conjunction with classroom visits.

**Age/Grade Level:** Any Age.

**Group Size:** Group sizes up to 200.

**Fees:** Prices are \$5 per hour per person. Most groups come from 3 to 6 hours. A full day of 6 hours caps at \$25. A facilitator is provided for each 8-12 students.

**Lunch:** Picnic area available.

## **Missouri Department of Conservation Springfield Conservation Nature Center**

**Mission:** To protect and manage the fish, forest, and wildlife resources of the state; to serve the public and facilitate their participation in resource management activities; and to provide opportunity for all citizens to use, enjoy, and learn about fish, forest, and wildlife resources.

**Location:** 4600 S. Chrisman Ave, Springfield. Located in southeast Springfield near the intersection of US-65 and US-60 and no more than a 25-minute drive from anyplace in town.

**Contact Information:** Phone: 417-888-4237 - 7 days a week, 8am-5pm

**Availability:** Guided programs are available Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm, year round. Programs must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance and registration for the next calendar year begins on September 1. General public programs and special events are offered during the evenings and on weekends.

**Programs:** Programs include an indoor presentation combined with a guided trail hike. Groups will also be allotted time to tour through the exhibit area on their own. All standard programs are designed to fulfill selected Show-Me Performance and Knowledge Standards for grades K-12. The nature center is willing to collaborate with other agencies and educational resources to provide packaged and customized programs based on schedules and availability.

**Age/Grade Level:** Programs are available for all ages and grade levels.

**Group Size:** While groups of no more than two classrooms are preferred, larger groups are accepted based on availability of staff and resources.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** One adult chaperone per ten children is required; however, we recommend more adults (especially with young children).

**Fees:** No fees are charged. Some bus transportation funding may be available through Conservation Department grants. Please call for more information. Bus parking is provided.

**Notes:** A teacher's and leader's guide is available upon request. All programs are tied to the Missouri Science Framework and a complete list can be obtained by calling the Nature Center.

**Lunch Provisions:** Food is not allowed in the building; however, a covered pavilion with a drinking fountain, soda machine, and restrooms is available for sack lunches. Groups may also picnic at nearby Living Memorial Park or visit nearby fast food facilities.

## Missouri Master Naturalists

**Mission:** The Missouri Master Naturalist Program is a training/service program co-sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension and Missouri Department of Conservation. Master Naturalists complete 40 hours of classroom/field initial training and then complete 40 hours of community service and eight hours of advanced training each year to remain certified in the program.

The Springfield/Greene County chapter is newly formed, graduating its first class of 28 in the Spring of 2006.

### Contact Information:

Jay Barber  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
2630 North Mayfair  
Springfield, MO 65803  
Phone: 417-895-6881, Ext. 269  
Fax: 417-895-6910

Web page: [www.monaturalist.org](http://www.monaturalist.org)

**Availability:** Master Naturalists are available as volunteers for a variety of environmental/conservation projects.

**Programs:** Knowledgeable volunteers for hands-on projects such as trail building, bird counts, stream monitoring/testing, native/threatened plant counts/rescues, as well as presentations and outdoor workshops on nature-related topics are available.

**Age/Grade Level:** Educational/hands-on assistance is available to all age/grade levels.

**Group Size:** Any size

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Varies per specific activity

**Fees:** Generally, none, although there may be requests for expense reimbursement, depending on the specific activity

**Lunch:** Locations for projects vary.

## **Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site**

**Mission:** Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site preserves the last home and grave of Nathan Boone. Though best known as the youngest son of Daniel Boone, Nathan Boone played a key role in the exploration and settlement of Missouri and the American West. The historic site interprets Boone's life, the lives of those around him, and the story of frontier America.

**Location:** 1.5 miles north of Ash Grove, Missouri on Highway V

**Contact:** Dakota Russell, Interpretive Resource Specialist  
Phone: 417-751-3266. Fax: 417-751-3270. E-mail: [dakota.russell@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:dakota.russell@dnr.mo.gov)  
<http://www.mostateparks.com/boonehome.htm>

**Availability:** Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site is open from 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday, and from 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday. Groups may arrange a tour anytime during public hours. Outreach programs are also available.

**Programs:** Groups may choose either a one hour historic site tour, or one of the three two hour programs below.

**Nathan Boone Career Fair** – Students will explore both the site and the many jobs held by Nathan Boone, including hunting, salt making, and surveying.

**Down on the Farm** – This program offers students a slice of life from the early Boone farm, with a focus on how it relates to their lives.

**Unsolved History** -- Students will become detectives in this program, finding clues about the finding clues about the Boone story in the resources around them.

**Age/Grade Level:** Programs are available for all ages.

**Group Size:** A minimum of 15 people is required for the group tour rate. Maximum group size for a single program is 100 people.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** 1 adult per every 10 students is encouraged.

**Fees:** For pre-registered groups of 15 or more, rates are as follows: children under 6 are free, ages 6-12 are \$.75, and those over 12 are \$1.50. Outreach programs are free of charge within a 50-mile radius of the site.

**Notes:** Group tours must be confirmed at least two weeks in advance to qualify for the group rate.

**Lunch:** Picnic tables are available on-site.

## **Ozark Greenways, Inc.**

**Mission:** A citizens group dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Ozarks' natural heritage through the creation of linear parks for public use.

**Location:** Greenway trails are located at various areas throughout the community - See map in brochure or on our website ([www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)) for specific directions.

### **Contact Information:**

Lori Tack, Program Coordinator  
Ozark Greenways, P.O. Box 50733, Springfield, MO 65805  
(417) 864-2015 phone(417) 864-1497 fax  
email: [lori@ozarkgreenways.org](mailto:lori@ozarkgreenways.org)

**Availability:** Year-round, sunrise to sunset.

### **Programs:**

- 1) Presentations to classes about greenways
- 2) Self-guided field trips to any of the trails
- 3) Greenway related vocabulary words and word-search available
- 4) Volunteer work projects to be arranged including tree planting, tree care, learning about the importance of trees in our environment
- 5) Stream Team water quality monitoring and cleanup along South Creek

**Age/Grade Levels:** Any age or grade.

**Group Size:** Any size (extra large groups may need to be split into smaller groups).

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Supervision must be provided by the school (with teachers and/or parents); ratio is up to the teachers.

**Fees:** No charge, but membership donations to Ozark Greenways are encouraged.

## Springfield Art Museum

**Mission:** The Springfield Art Museum is dedicated to enhancing education and documenting the cultural heritage of the people of southwest Missouri, through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects. The Springfield Art Museum is the city's oldest cultural institution. Throughout the year, the Museum schedules a variety of temporary exhibitions of traditional, modern, and contemporary art. Early summer marks the opening of Watercolor U.S.A., a national competitive exhibition that has been sponsored annually by the Museum since 1962. Selections from the Museum's Permanent Collections can be viewed throughout the year and might range from pre-Columbian artifacts to Renaissance etchings to paintings created by a host of important American artists.

**Location:** 1111 East Brookside Drive, Springfield (Located west of National Avenue between Brookside Drive and Bennett Street on the east side of Phelps Grove Park.)

**Contact Information:** Dan Carver, Museum Educator dcarver@ci.springfield.mo.us, Telephone: (417) 837-5700 Fax: (417) 837-5704

**Availability:** Museum hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday and all city and national holidays. Self-guided tours may be scheduled at any time. (Large self-guided groups are encouraged to call ahead.) Guided tours should be scheduled two weeks in advance and can be conducted 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Programs:** Guided tours are based on the changing exhibits on view at the Museum. View current and future exhibits, class schedules, and other Museum events at <http://www.springfieldmo.gov/egov/art>

**Age/Grade Level:** Preschool through adults

**Group Size:** There is no limit on group size, however large self-guided groups are encouraged to call ahead. Guided tours are on a 1 to 10 ratio.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Chaperones are requested on a 1 to 10 ratio of adults to children.

**Fees:** There is never an admission charge.

**Notes:** No food, drink, chewing gum, photography or tape recorders are allowed in the Museum. No backpacks are allowed in the galleries. We ask that students' personal belongings be left on the bus.

**Lunch:** There are no lunch facilities in the Museum, however Phelps Grove Park is located adjacent to the grounds.

## Springfield-Greene County Health Department

**Mission:** The Springfield-Greene County Health Department's mission is to help people live longer, healthier and happier lives. Public health affects everyone every minute of every day. Public health is largely a "behind the scenes" kind of operation. We monitor and enforce regulations related to the air we breathe, water we drink, food we eat and sometimes, even the shelter we take. Public health offers medical and laboratory services, immunizations, WIC, animal control services, and communicable disease surveillance. In addition, public health is the repository for birth and death certificates and serves as a resource for citizens, community groups, and businesses through collaboration, technical expertise and educational outreach. *Public health makes life better!*

**Location:** 227 E Chestnut Expwy, Springfield, MO 65802 (Located between Historic City Hall and the police station).

**Contact Information:** Mary Ellison, Health Educator [mary\\_ellison@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:mary_ellison@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
Cathy Gaw, Assistant Health Educator, [cathy\\_gaw@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:cathy_gaw@ci.springfield.mo.us)  
417-864-1685 (Mary)      417-864-1667 (Cathy)      Fax: 417-864-1099

**Availability:** Speakers are available upon request most days and often after hours.  
Tours can be scheduled during the week, Monday – Friday 8 – 5 p. m.

**Programs:** Public health in our community has a broad reach and programs/ presentations can be designed to address all of the areas which include: Air Quality, Animal and Rabies Control, Food Safety and Regulation, Immunizations including the need for flu shots, Communicable Diseases, STD/HIV, Blood borne pathogens and emerging pathogens, public health overview, vector control (rats, bugs etc), environmental issues, germs and hand washing, tobacco regulation and use prevention, obesity and other topics as requested.

**Age/Grade Level:** Programs are designed for all age and grade levels.

**Group Size:** 5 to 200.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** For department tours, 1 chaperone is necessary.

**Fees:** There is no charge for speakers, group visits or the use of the glo-germ box.

**Lunch:** none

## Springfield-Greene County Libraries

**Mission:** To provide an environment where lifelong habits of learning, self-improvement and self-expression are encouraged and where patrons can meet their educational, informational and recreational needs.

**Location:** 4 Branches in Springfield and 4 Branches in the county.

**Contact Information:** The Library Center: Gail Gourley 874-8110 Ext. 170, Fax 874-8113.

The Library Station: Carol Bowerman 874-8140 Fax: 874-8141

Tours of other Library facilities are available by calling each individual branch:

Ash Grove Branch—751-2933

Brentwood Branch—874-8130

Fair Grove Branch—759-2637

Midtown Branch—874-8150

Republic Branch—732-7284

Willard Branch—742-4258

**Availability:** As scheduled at each facility

**Programs:** Will provide tours of buildings, help with use of Library resources and Provide homework assistance.

**Age/Grade Level:** All Ages

**Group Size:** Will work with visiting group

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Library tour guides are available at each Branch. We prefer that a teacher/other adult accompany each tour group.

**Fees:** No cost

### **Lunch Provisions:**

- The Library Center—many fast food (McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell) restaurants are located within one mile (on south Campbell). Churchill's is located in The Library Center. Must make prior arrangements for a large group.  
The closest park is Nathaniel Green on south Scenic.
- The Library Station—Many fast food (Wendy's, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Long John Silver, Arby's) restaurants are located within one mile on west Kearney. Panera Bread is located in Library Station. Must make prior arrangements for large group.
- Other branches—limited fast food available. Ash Grove, Fair Grove, Republic and Willard have nice city parks within a few blocks.

## **Outdoor Initiatives & Youth Development Programs Springfield – Greene County Park Board**

**Mission:** The Springfield – Greene County Park Board is committed to provide the highest quality of leisure opportunities, to offer programs for relaxation as well as stimulation, and to encourage personal and community enrichment for the citizens of Springfield, Missouri.

**Location:** The Outdoor Initiatives and Youth Development Programs' Office is located in the Northview Center in Doling Park.

**Contact Information:** Melvin Johnson, CPRP, Recreation Supervisor,  
Outdoor Initiatives & Youth Development  
Springfield-Greene County Park Board  
Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St.  
Springfield, MO 65803  
(417) 837-5907 / phone; (417) 837-5905 / fax  
E-mail: [mjohnson@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:mjohnson@ci.springfield.mo.us)

**Availability:** Year-round in general depending upon specific activity:

- Day and Trip Camps are offered in the summer; Family Camps are offered spring thru fall.
- Cave Science is offered year-round, but some wild caves are only accessible in the winter.

**Programs:** On-site hands-on programs such as utilizing the Outdoor - Underground Classroom results in the best quality experience. In addition, staff are available for presentations and programs at your site as well.

- Various camping and group camp opportunities available.
- Cave Science & Exploring - Beginner and intermediate hands-on clinics, groups and schools, and public tours
- Challenge Initiatives - Confidence and Team Building Dynamics
- Cookery: Dutch Oven, and Outdoor
- Environmental Education and Nature Study Hikes
- Geocaching & Letter Boxing
- Kids F.A.C.E. (Kids For A Clean Environment) National Program
- Outdoor – Underground Classroom
- Outdoor Safety and Hazards
- Photography: Beginners, Cave, and Nature Photography.
- Stream Study / Stream Team Approach
- Tree & Plant Identification

**Age/Grade Level:** Programs are available for ages 3 through Adults.

**Group Size:** Maximum group size varies depending on program.

**Student/Adult Ratio:**

- One adult supervisor for each 5 youth under the age of 6.
- One adult supervisor for each 10 youth ages 6-11.
- One adult supervisor for each 12-15 teenagers.

**Fees:** Fees range from \$1 to \$150 / participant depending upon specific program; IE: Cave Sessions range from \$1 to \$15; Day Camps from \$70 to \$80; Trip Camps from \$35 to \$150.

## **Special Parks and Facilities**

### **Springfield-Greene County Park Board**

**Mission:** The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is committed to provide the highest quality of leisure opportunities, to offer programs for relaxation as well as stimulations, and to encourage personal and community enrichment for the citizens of Springfield and Greene County.

**Location:** The first of four new “metropolitan” parks are slated to be opened in early to mid-2007. These special parks and facilities include:

\***Lake Springfield Park**, 5312 S. Kissick. The park (153 acres) is currently open every day, sunrise to sunset. There is pavilion/picnic area with playground equipment available (first-come basis). The area has both open, grassy spaces and wooded areas (home to a variety of wildlife and birds) and borders the north shore of Lake Springfield. A special use area, The Northwoods Pavilion, can be reserved for group activities (contact 864-1049). Future plans include a marina facility with small meeting room and restrooms, as well as location for renting non-motorized watercraft (kayaks, canoes, paddle boats); creation of nature trails; and the paved James River Trail running the southern perimeter of the park. In addition, Park staff will initiate a number of programs and activities once initial construction is completed.

\***Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park**, 3825 W. Farm Road 146. This park will feature a number of agricultural and nature activities and programs. A barn will house representative species of domestic farm animals. One mile of the Wilson Creek Trail (paved) is completed and will open with park in 2007, and a 20-acre prairie area has been planted. Future plans include opening the early 1900 farmhouse as a museum, creating a fishing pond, and adding nature trails.

\***Valley Water Mill Equestrian Center**, 4007 N. Farm Road 171. Existing instructional barn, outdoor riding ring, and stables will be used for equestrian clinics and seminars, as well as offering “open riding” for area horse owners when this 53-acre facility opens in 2007. Future plans include addition of a riding academy with introductory-level instruction for children and youth.

\***Lost Hill Natural Resource Park**, 4705 N. Farm Road 151. This site is listed with the Greene County Historical Registry and will open in early 2007. Opportunities for exploration along the paved South Dry Sac trail, in the wooded areas, and in numerous caves will be part of this park’s program.

**Programs, Age/Grade Level, Group Size, Fees:** All to be established. Contact the Park Board office at 864-1049 in early 2007 for additional information or check out the website at [www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org).

## Springfield Regional Arts Council

**Mission:** The Springfield Regional Arts Council is an umbrella organization connecting and supporting the arts organizations in the region. We provide information about activities and events such as plays, concerts, recitals and arts exhibitions. In addition, we are developing the Creamery Arts Center as a place for children and families to receive visual and performing arts education. The Creamery will include exhibits, hands-on art activities, workshops, and special events. Contact us for information about the arts or for any activities currently taking place.

**Location:** 411 N. Sherman, Springfield, MO 65802 (Located in the Creamery Arts Center at the corner of Jordan Valley Park along the Greenways Trail, within easy walking distance of the Discovery Center)

**Contact Information:** Kay Logsdon, Executive Director   Info@springfieldarts.com,  
417/869-8380, Fax: 417/862-7877

**Availability:** The Creamery will be open beginning in September. M-F 9-5. Extended or weekend hours are available with advance notice.

**Programs:** Programs in development include “Art in the Parks,” and “Anyone For Art,” which would include classes in pottery and other art forms primarily for elementary ages.

**Age/Grade Level:** Classes will be primarily for elementary ages; the facilities of the Park and Creamery will be geared to families.

**Group Size:** Flexible

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Depends on the activity; the Arts Council can provide assistance for most events with enough notice.

**Fees:** Currently no admission is charged; there may be fees for specific education programs or for supplies. The goal is to provide free exposure to the arts as much as possible. The program is still in development so call for details of tours or special classes.

**Notes:** The Springfield Regional Arts Council is always willing to collaborate with other agencies and educational resources in the area to provide specialized events and activities that would be organized to meet specific needs.

**Lunch Provisions:** There are downtown restaurants and a cantina at the neighboring Ice Arena. We recommend a picnic lunch in Jordan Valley Park. The Creamery does not at this time have water fountains or food/drink facilities. Public restrooms are being built in Jordan Valley Park, right outside the Creamery building.

## **Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.**

**Mission:** The Watershed Committee is a citizen-based, drinking water source protection advisory group based in Springfield, Missouri. The Committee sponsors a variety of activities related to water quality education, demonstration and research. The group also conducts tours of watershed areas covering water supply history, watershed protection practices, monitoring and the effects of agriculture and urbanization. One tour of interest in Springfield is the “Jordan Creek Underground,” which highlights the public works history of this creek at the site of Springfield’s founding.

**Location:** 320 N. Main, Springfield, MO 65802

**Contact Information:** Loring Bullard, Director, [Loring@watershedcommittee.org](mailto:Loring@watershedcommittee.org), 417-866-1127  
Fax: 417-866-1918

**Availability:** Most Watershed Committee tours and activities are specifically tailored to the interested parties. Watershed Committee personnel appreciate notification several weeks in advance of an intended activity. In many instances, tours and activities are conducted in partnership with other area organizations and agencies, so adequate advance notice is necessary.

**Programs:** Watershed programs cover watershed science, water quality, drinking water source protection and citizen involvement in protecting rivers, streams and lakes. Programs will be tailored to the history and water quality of specific local watersheds of interest.

**Age/Grade Level:** Any age

**Group Size:** Watershed programs are best suited to groups of about forty people or less

**Student/Adult Ratio:** Prefer at least one adult per ten children

**Fees:** There is no charge for Watershed Committee tours or activities.

**Lunch Provisions:** Typically not provided, unless special prior arrangements have been made. Fast food options are available nearby.

## **Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center**

**Mission:** The Audubon Nature Center is currently under development with a target opening date of fall 2006. Programs are currently offered as requested and focus on the interpretation and management of the last remaining 60 acres of globally unique chert glade habitat and the Shoal Creek natural resource.

**Location:** Joplin Missouri in Wildcat Park - Located in south Joplin near the intersection of I-44 and HWY 86

**Contact Information:** Phone: 417-623-2211 – 5 days a week, 8am-4pm.  
Website: [http://www.audubon.org/states/mo/mo/Centers\\_Wildcat.html](http://www.audubon.org/states/mo/mo/Centers_Wildcat.html)

**Availability:** Field programs and activities are available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm, year round. Programs must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance and registration for the next calendar year begins on September.

**Programs:** Programs focus on outdoor presentations, activities or interpretive trail hikes and can be tailored to your classroom or group needs.

**Age/grade level:** Programs are available for all ages and grade levels.

**Group Size:** While groups of no more than 25 are preferred, larger groups may be accepted based on availability of staff and resources. Groups will stay with their classroom for field programs and trail hikes.

**Student/Adult ratios:** One adult chaperone per ten children is required; however, we recommend more adults (especially with young children).

**Fees:** Fees are charged dependent on program or activity. No funding is available to help with transportation costs.

**Lunch Provisions:** Groups may picnic at Wildcat Park or visit nearby fast food facilities.

## Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

**Mission:** The purpose of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is to commemorate the Battle of Wilson's Creek and to preserve the associated battlefield.

**Location:** 6424 W. Farm Road 182, Republic. Located ten miles southwest of Springfield, between the cities of Battlefield and Republic.

**Contact Information:** [wicr\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:wicr_superintendent@nps.gov) Phone: 417-732-2662 x227, The battlefield Visitor Center is open seven days a week, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. The Museum is open seven days a week, 9am to 5pm. Hours for the battlefield Tour Road may vary during the year.

**Availability:** Educational programs are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., depending upon volunteer and staff availability. Groups are encouraged to schedule field trips to Wilson's Creek as soon as possible after the start of the school year. General public programs and special events are offered during evenings and on weekends throughout the year.

**Programs:** Programs at the Visitor Center include a thirteen minute orientation film; a six minute fiber-optics terrain map presentation; tours of the Ray House, a small farmhouse used as a field hospital during the battle; walking tours of Bloody Hill, scene of the heaviest fighting on August 10, 1861; common soldier program and historic weapons firing demonstration. Curriculum guides are available upon request or can be found at the battlefield's website: [www.nps.gov/wicr](http://www.nps.gov/wicr). Traveling trunks and video materials are also available. Groups will also be given time to tour the Visitor Center exhibit area and bookstore on their own. The battlefield is willing to discuss customized programs based on schedules and availability of staff and volunteers. The Museum is located a short distance from the Visitor Center and contains many Civil War artifacts on exhibit.

**Age/grade level:** Programs are available for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Group Size:** Up to 300 students may be accommodated at one time. Because the Visitor Center auditorium seats 50, large groups may be divided to do other activities on the field, and then be rotated through the Visitor Center programs. The Museum can accommodate 50 students at a time.

**Student/Adult Ratio:** One adult chaperone per ten children is recommended; more adults are encouraged, especially with younger groups.

**Fees:** No fees are charged for formal education groups. No funding is available to help with transportation costs. Bus parking is provided.

**Lunch Provisions:** Food is not allowed in the Visitor Center. A picnic area with a covered pavilion located near the Visitor Center is available for sack lunches. Beverage vending machines are located near the picnic area. Groups may also picnic at one of the eight stops on the battlefield Tour Road.