

Facility Features



Beat the Winter Blues: Fun Places to Go With Your Toddler on Cold Days!

Is cabin fever setting in as you prepare for the cold days ahead? Are you looking for somewhere to go with your toddler that's close and fun and doesn't cost too much? The Park District of Oak Park has a few great ideas for you to help you beat the winter doldrums!

Ridgeland Common Indoor Playground

Your first stop with your child 5 years and under? The Ridgeland Common Indoor Playground! Every weekday from 9am-4pm in the winter months, the Comstock Room, located in the upper level, is transformed into a haven for toddlers to play, explore, make friends and burn some energy. For over 25 years this indoor play area has been available for kids between the ages of 8 months to 5 years from early October through mid April. Not only is the indoor playground a great destination for kids during the cold winter months, but it also provides parents and caregivers a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and friends and catch up with old ones. What's extra great is the cost of admission, only \$2 per child. Passes for the entire season are available for \$50 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Questions? Call (708) 848-9661.



Preschool Playtime at the Oak Park Gymnastics Center

Another exciting destination for you and your toddler is Preschool Playtime, an open gym for children 1-5 years old at the Oak Park Gymnastics Center. Kids can play with rockers, wedges, barrels and tunnels and other equipment used in the Gymnastics Center. Every once in a while the Gymnastics Staff inflates the 20 foot high by 30 foot long obstacle course, the ultimate kids playground. Playtimes are Wednesdays 10 to 11:30 am and Fridays 1 to 2:30 pm, November through April. The cost is \$5 per child or punch cards are available (10 playtimes for \$40). All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. No food or drinks are allowed in the gym. Get more information on page 25.



FREE - Visit the Oak Park Conservatory!

Finally, if you haven't been to the Oak Park Conservatory with your toddler, you need to make plans today. Not only will you take a trip through a desert and a rain forest and enjoy seasonal displays in the fern room, but along the way you will view turtles and fish and a wide variety of birds that can be quite entertaining. Make sure you say hello to George the parrot, a long-standing habitant of the Tropic Room. You'll likely get a big hello right back! The Conservatory is located at 615 Garfield - find more information on page 65.

Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

From big to small, there's a sponsorship to meet your needs!

For generations, the Park District of Oak Park has provided quality parks and recreation experiences for residents and visitors of all ages. The Park District offers a variety of opportunities to sponsor popular programs and events, including our Annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races.

Opportunities include:

- **New Dashboard advertising program** in the Ridgeland Common Paul Hruby Ice Arena
- **New lower promotional rates** for advertising in the quarterly Program Guide (circulation 28,000)
- **Sponsorship of new Green Team** environmental programs
- **Sponsorships of Special Events**, including the 2010 Scoville Park Summer Concert Series and the Summer Movies Series
- **Sponsorships** for the 2010 Frank Lloyd Wright Races

When you partner with the Park District of Oak Park, you are associating your brand or product with healthy, fun and engaging activities for the entire community. Sponsorships are a great way to give back to the community while receiving promotional recognition. You can choose different levels of sponsorship to meet your promotional goals and financial needs - we will work with you to develop a mutually beneficial sponsorship package.

For general sponsorship information, please contact Joanna Skubish, Sponsorship Coordinator, at (708) 725-2039 or joannas@oakparkparks.com.