

October 2025 Recreation Services Summary

Attendance/Program Summary:

Parks and Recreation Participants broken down as follows:

- 978 Zionsville Nature Center walk-ins
- 434 Zionsville Nature Center impromptu program attendance
- 601 Attended private group programs this month
 - October 1 - Nature Connections @ Eagle Elementary – 24
 - October 1 - West Clay Kindergarten, Sensing Nature – 35, 34 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 2 - Nature Connections @ Eagle Elementary – 22
 - October 3 – Amazing Adaptations – 72 @ Union Elementary
 - October 6 – Nature Connections @ PVE – 20, 19, 20
 - October 7 – Nature Connections @ PVE – 22, 21, 22
 - October 7 – Nature Connections @ Eagle Elementary – 23
 - October 8 – Nature Connections @ PVE – 21
 - October 8 – Nature Connections @ Trailside Elementary – 18, 18, 18
 - October 9 – Nature Connections @ Trailside Elementary – 19, 17
 - October 24 – West Clay 1st Grade Creature Features – 26, 27, 29 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 31 – Amazing Adaptations – 36, 38 @ Town Meadow Elementary
- 1,851 Attended public programs, distributed as follows:
 - 299 Attended Nature Center Programs
 - October 2 – PEEPs: Changing Seasons – 43 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 3 – Toddler Trek: Nature Sounds – 32 @ Creekside Nature Park
 - October 7 – Jr Ecologist Homeschool Club: Spectacular Seeds – 7 @ Elm Street Green
 - October 9 – PEEPs: Changing Seasons – 35 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 9 – Meet the Animals – 12 @ ZNC
 - October 11 – Tiny Naturalists – Cancelled due to low registration
 - October 14 – I Love Leaves – 9 @ Starkey Nature Park
 - October 15 – Dinos & Fossils – 37 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 16 – Drop-in Discovery: Nocturnal Animals – 7 @ ZNC
 - October 17 – Discover Your Backyard: Fall Leaves – 8 @ Turkey Foot Nature Park
 - October 21 – Meet the Animals – 33 @ ZNC
 - October 23 – PEEPs: Changing Seasons – 33 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 23 – Jr Ecologist Homeschool Club: Spectacular Seeds – 15 @ Elm Street Green
 - October 24 – Animal Adventures: Creepy Crawly Creatures – 21 @ Library
 - October 29 – After-School Nature Club: Leaf Art – 7 @ ZNC
 - October 30 – Family Hike – Cancelled due to low registration
 - 72 Attended Outdoor Recreation and Outreach Programs
 - October 4 – Grow Getters: Harvesting and Saving Seeds – Cancelled due to low registration
 - October 6 – Fall Run Club – cancelled due to low registration
 - October 7 – Little Sprouts: Pumpkins – 27 @ Heritage Trail Park
 - October 7 – Introduction to Pickleball – Cancelled due to low registration
 - October 8 – Park and PLAY – 26 @ Overley-Worman Park
 - October 9 – Introduction to Disc Golf – Cancelled due to low registration
 - October 17 – Park and PLAY – 19 @ Heritage Trail Park
 - October 20 – Fall Run Club – cancelled due to low registration
 - October 21 – Introduction to Pickleball – cancelled due to low registration
 - October 22 – Witches Ride – cancelled due to weather
 - 1,480 Attended Special Events
 - October 23 – Fright Nights – 110 @ Maplelawn Farmstead
 - October 24 - Fright Nights – 276 @ Maplelawn Farmstead
 - October 25 - Fright Nights – 377 @ Maplelawn Farmstead
 - October 25 – Trick or Trees – 717 @ Elm Street Green



Additional Information:

- Trick or Trees sold out with 400 tickets sold. The program netted a profit of \$2,439.97 (208%).
- Mindy was awarded a Thomas I. Hines Scholarship for the 2026 Revenue Development and Management School. This is a merit-based scholarship for students that completed the first year of RDMS. The scholarship covers tuition for the second year, and all costs included in the registration fee and room accommodation at Oglebay Park. The school awards 2 – 3 scholarships per year. Scholarship recipients assist in the planning and execution of the scholarship fun night at Revenue School. As I have already registered for school we will receive a refund.
- October Zionsville Nature Center Scavenger Hunt had 165 participants

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