



# Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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September 2013

## It's a Birthday Party!

Friends of the Library invite you to help celebrate the Piedmont Public Library's 10th birthday at an ice cream social on Saturday, September 21, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the library.

## Founders Day - September 7

Founders Day will be Saturday, September 7, in downtown Piedmont. The event begins with a parade at 10:00 am, followed by indoor and outdoor activities including inflatables, the Boy Scouts' obstacle course, train rides, a petting zoo, more than 40 outdoor booths, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, homemade pie, cinnamon rolls, and other foods, talent show, student art show and more. That's a lot to squeeze in before the event ends at 2:30 pm!

For more information about Founders Day, or the Makin' Tracks 5K race and 1 mile fun run/walk at 7:30 am, go to the Founders Day website at [www.piedmontokfoundersday.org](http://www.piedmontokfoundersday.org)

## Community Campout

On Saturday, September 14, beginning at 5:00 pm at the library, Cub Scouts Pack 374 will hold a come & go event to provide information on many topics associated with camping, including outdoor cooking, tent set-up, first aid, camping etiquette, and more.

If you are interested in camping, but don't know where to begin, this is a great place to start!

Following the event, the scouts will be camping out at the library and the community is invited to join them.

The annual popcorn sale begins on September 14th. Popcorn will be available for purchase, but the campout event is free.

For more information, contact Steve Graham at 413-1964.



## Museum Day Live!

Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a free Museum Day Ticket. Museum Day Live! is Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Participating museums in Oklahoma include:

- Chisholm Trail Heritage Center - Duncan
- Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art - Norman
- Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum - OKC
- Gilcrease Museum - Tulsa
- Hancock Historical Museum - Findlay
- Har-Ber Village Museum - Grove
- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art - Shawnee
- Pawnee Bill Ranch & Museum - Pawnee
- Philbrook Museum of Art - Tulsa
- Phillip Foster Farm National Historic Site - Eagle Creek
- Science Museum Oklahoma - OKC
- Stafford Air & Space Museum - Weatherford
- Thomas-Foreman Historic Home - Muskogee
- Three Rivers Museum - Muskogee
- Tulsa Historical Society & Museum - Tulsa



Tickets are found only on the Smithsonian magazine website. They are good for two people and limited to one ticket per household. For more information, and to print a ticket, go to [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday).

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## A New 4-H Club in Piedmont



4-H is a program for youth from nine years of age through high school graduation that helps youth develop a variety of skills to benefit them throughout life. 4-H'ers can choose from over 60 areas of interest, participate in activities, events and contests at the local and county level, and work toward medals, awards, and trips to places like Washington, D.C. Clubs meet monthly, include both boys and girls, and there is no cost to join.

There is a family-oriented and non-competitive program for 5 to 8 year olds called Cloverbuds.

Some 4-H clubs, like Piedmont's CC Tuff Riders, focus on a particular project such as horses. The first meeting of the new traditional 4-H club will be Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at the library. There is no cost to join.

For more information, contact Kate Kearby at 373-1387.

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Kids who do 20 minutes of walking or other moderate-intensity exercises before starting on their schoolwork are more likely to perform well in spelling, math and reading.



## Martin Park Nature Center

The Martin Park Nature Center, located at 5000 W. Memorial Road, is a great place to experience and learn about nature, and take part in a variety of activities for children and adults of all ages.

The following activities are ongoing and there is no fee to participate, but closed-toe shoes and old clothing are recommended:

- Nature Story Time - every Saturday at 10:00 am, for children 3 and over
- Green Earth Gang - every Saturday from 2:00-5:00 pm, 9 to 13-year-olds work on conservation projects under the supervision of a park naturalist
- Green Earth Rangers - every Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm, 13 to 18-year-olds work on more complex projects for the park and its wildlife

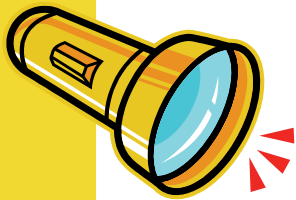
For information about special programs in September, visit the Martin Park website at [http://www.okc.gov/parks/martin\\_park/martin\\_programs.html](http://www.okc.gov/parks/martin_park/martin_programs.html), or call 755-0676.

The park is open from 9:00-6:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday, except for holidays and the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.



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## September is National Preparedness Month



A study found that only 57% of Americans have supplies set aside in their homes just for disasters, and only 44% have a household emergency plan. September is National Preparedness Month, and individuals across the nation are encouraged to create an emergency supply kit and make a family emergency plan.

Information useful in creating a plan or a kit can be ordered or downloaded from [www.ready.gov/publications](http://www.ready.gov/publications). The website also includes information specifically for pet owners, seniors, businesses, and people with disabilities.

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## Parks & Recreation Board



The Parks & Recreation Board generally meets the third Monday of each month, at 6:30 pm, at city hall. If you have ideas or suggestions you'd like to share with the board, want to volunteer, or just want to see what goes on, you are always welcome to attend our meetings, or call Lyn Land at 373-3300 or 202-3984.

Dates, times, agendas and minutes for meetings of the city council, planning commission, and parks & recreation are online at <http://piedmont-ok.gov/calendar.htm>

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# September Community Calendar

*Where friends meet!*

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 5, 12, 19** (10:30 am) - Tutu Cute! at the library, pre-ballet for ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 5** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at civic center, Scott Meacham from i2e will present on "Building High Growth Companies in Oklahoma," free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7** (7:30 am 5K run, 10:00 am parade, 10:00-2:30 pm activities) - Founders Day - crafts, food, inflatables, entertainment, and more, 373-0072
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (8:00-noon) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 7** (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, accepted items include cardboard, glass, tin and aluminum cans, plastic numbers 1 and 2, junk metal, 373-2905
- 10** (6:30 pm) - CC Tuff Riders 4-H equine program for 9-18 year olds, at the library, no horse required, free, 620-4824
- 11, 18, 25** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 12** (6:30 pm) - Evening Book Club for adults, book: *Bridges of Madison County* by Robert Waller, free, 373-9018
- 13, 27** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at civic center, \$10, bring double sided tape and scissors, RSVP 535-8849
- 14** (5:00 pm) - Community Campout at the library, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 374, come & go, demonstrations on first aid, tent set-up, camping etiquette, outdoor cooking & more, public welcome to camp, free, 413-1964
- 15** (3:00 pm, 1:45 pm exhibitions) - Playday for all ages at Round-Up Club Arena, fees vary by event, free to watch, 445-9245
- 17, 24** (6:30 pm) - Introduction to Essential Oils (9/1), Becoming Dr. Mom (9/24), at the library, free, 397-9211
- 19** (noon) - Brown Bag Book Club for adults, any book by Gary Schmidt, free, 373-9018
- 19** (6:30 pm) - new 4H club kickoff meeting for 5-8 yr olds and 9 yr olds through high school, at the library, free, 373-1387
- 21** (10:00-3:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club Launch for all ages, check website for location, map, and to verify launch is still on, free, 593-9737, [www.piedmontrocketry.org](http://www.piedmontrocketry.org)
- 21** (11:00-1:00 pm) - Ice Cream Social at the library to celebrate the library's 10th birthday, free, 373-9018
- 26** (10:30 am) - KidCo Theatre Performance at the library, all ages, free, 373-9018
- 26** (6:30 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, Paintin' Palette!, for adults, free, 373-9018

An expanded version of the calendar is online at [PiedmontParksAndRec.com](http://PiedmontParksAndRec.com)  
A Piedmont map of community events is online at [PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf](http://PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf)