

# Kindergarten Registration Information

All parents/legal guardians of children who will be five years of age on or before September 1 are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten.

Early registration begins as early as March 1 for some schools. Check with your local school district for your kindergarten registration information.

In most cases, the parent/legal guardian will need to bring the following for kindergarten registration:

- Child's official birth certificate (with raised seal)
- Child's social security number

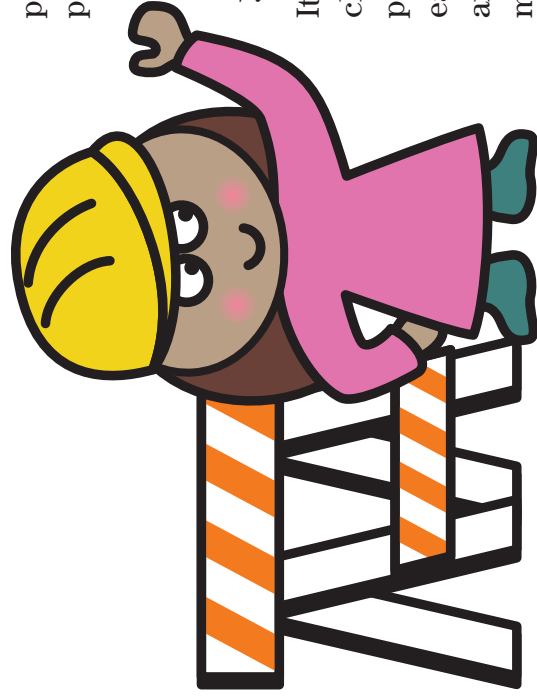
- Proof of residency (required for all registrants) — copy of signed mortgage, contract to build or lease agreement showing the owner/resident's name and address OR TWO of the following items:

- Utility bills which have the name and address of the resident
- Valid driver's license
- Voter registration card
- State medical card
- Notarized affidavit of residency from the parent or person with whom the child is residing, affirming that the child eats and sleeps at the residence

All students entering kindergarten must provide documentation of a current physical examination and immunizations

PRIOR to starting school, AND proof of a dental exam. You do not need proof of a physical or dental exam to register your child.

It is recommended that you make your child's appointments for a kindergarten physical and dental exam by April or even earlier! Students who do not have physical and dental exams by the first day of school may not be allowed to attend school.



## Kindergarten Readiness Web Sites

- Tips for parents and activities for kindergarten readiness:  
[www.uri.edu/ce/faceit/Facts%20Sheets/Home%20Day%20Care/kready.html](http://www.uri.edu/ce/faceit/Facts%20Sheets/Home%20Day%20Care/kready.html)
- Early Learning Tip Sheet with links:  
[illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/readykindergarten.htm](http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/readykindergarten.htm)
- Family Fundamentals Home Learning Activities:  
[www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html)
- Games, articles, and resources to make back-to-school fun:  
[www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=72](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=72)
- Kindergarten milestones and skill builders by subject:  
[school.familyeducation.com/kindergarten/parenting/36063.html](http://school.familyeducation.com/kindergarten/parenting/36063.html)
- **Getting School Ready! Guide** (available in several languages, including Spanish and Chinese). This free downloadable brochure provides tips to help parents prepare their children for entering kindergarten:  
[www.earlylearning.org/resources/publications/getting-school-ready](http://www.earlylearning.org/resources/publications/getting-school-ready)

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# Local Libraries

*Our local libraries circulate books, magazines, videos,*

*DVDs, compact disks, toys and kits, books on tape,*

*large print books, CD-ROMS, and other materials.*

*Many provide programs for children six months and older.*

## Champaign Public Library

200 W. Green  
Champaign, IL 61820-5193  
Main: 403-2070  
Youth Dept.: 403-2030  
<http://www.champaign.org/>

## Douglass Branch Library

504 E. Grove St.  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 403-2090  
<http://www.champaign.org/>

## Homer Community Library

500 E. 2nd St.  
Homer, IL 61849-1223 • 896-2121  
<http://www.homerillinois.blogspot.com>

## Mahomet Public Library District

1702 E. Oak St.  
Mahomet, IL 61853 • 586-2611  
<http://mahometpubliclibrary.org/>

## Ogden Rose Public Library

103 W. Main  
Ogden, IL 61859 • 582-2411  
<http://home.comcast.net/~roselibrary/>

## Philo Public Library District

115 E. Washington  
Philo, IL 61864-0199 • 684-2896

## Rantoul Public Library

106 W. Flessner  
Rantoul, IL 61866 • 893-3955  
TDD 893-1439  
<http://www.rantoul.lib.il.us>

## Sidney Community Library

221 S. David St.  
Sidney, IL 61877 • 688-2332

## St. Joseph Township Swearingen Memorial Library

201 N. Third St.  
St. Joseph, IL 61873 • 469-2159  
<http://www.prairienet.org/sjlibrary>

## Tolono Public Library District

111 Main St.  
P. O. Box 759  
Tolono, IL 61880-0759 • 485-5558  
<http://www.tolonolibrary.org/>

## Urbana Free Library

210 W. Green St.  
Urbana, IL 61801-3283  
Main: 367-4057  
Children's Dept.: 367-4069  
<http://urbanafreelibrary.org>

## CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION

Recommended schedule, birth to 18 years

Immunizations are done by appointment only. Call 217 352-7961 in Champaign County to schedule. Parent or legal guardian must sign consent forms. Must bring current shot record. Charges may vary for each immunization, public aid card/cash/check/or billing.

- DTaP: Give at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months. Booster dose at 15-18 months. Booster dose at 4-6 years.
- IPV: Give at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months. Booster dose at 4-6 years.
- Hib: Give at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months. Booster dose at 12-15 months.
- Rotavirus: Given at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months. Series cannot be started after 12 weeks.
- Hepatitis A: Dose #1 at 12 months. Dose #2, given 6 months after #1.
- Hepatitis B: Give at birth to 2 months, #2 at 4 months and #3 at 6 months or older.
- Pevnar: Give at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12-15 months.
- MMR/MMRV: Dose #1 given at 12-15 months. Booster at 4 to 6 years.
- Varicella: Given at 12 months. #2 recommended at 4-6 yr.
- HPV: Given to girls age 9 yr. to 18 yr. Dose #2, 2 months after #1. Dose #3 6 months after #1.
- Td/Tdap: Booster every 10 yr. Required prior to high school entry in Illinois.
- Meningitis: Recommended age 11-18 yr.
- Pediarix (Dtap, IPV and Hep B) and Comvax (Hib/HepB) may be used to reduce the number of immunizations given to infants.

The CUPHD Immunization Programs follow the recommended immunization schedule outlined by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics), and the AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians).

# Champaign County Elementary Schools

## CHAMPAIGN SCHOOL DISTRICT #4

**Champaign Administration**  
Mellon Administrative Center  
703 South New Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 351-3800

**Barkstall Elementary School**  
2201 Hallbeck Drive  
Champaign, IL 61822 • 373-5580

**Bottenfield Elementary School**  
1801 South Prospect Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 351-2587

**Booker T. Washington Elementary School**  
606 East Grove Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 351-3901

**Carrie Busey Elementary School**  
304 Prairie Rose Lane  
Savoy, IL 61874 • 351-3811

**Dr. Howard Elementary School**  
1117 West Park Street  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 351-3866

**Garden Hills Elementary School**  
2001 Garden Hills Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 351-3872

**Kenwood Elementary School**  
1001 South Stratford Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 351-3815

**Robeson Elementary School**  
2501 Southmoor Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 351-3884

**South Side Elementary School**  
712 South Pine Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 351-3890

**Stratton Elementary School**  
902 North Randolph Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 373-7330

**Westview Elementary School**  
1605 West Kirby Avenue (temporary site)  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 351-3905

## FISHER SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

**Fisher Elementary School**  
Box 700  
Fisher, IL 61843 • 897-1133

## GIFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #188

**Gifford Grade School**  
406 South Main, Box 70  
Gifford, IL 61847 • 568-7733

## HERITAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #8

**Elementary School**  
512 West First  
Homer, IL 61849 • 896-2421

## LUDLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT #142

**Ludlow School**  
245 South Orange, Box 130  
Ludlow, IL 60949 • 396-5261

## MAHOMET-SEYMOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

**Lincoln Trail Elementary School**  
102 East State, Box 200  
Mahomet, IL 61853 • 586-2811

**Sangamon Elementary School**  
601 East Main, Box 198  
Mahomet, IL 61853 • 586-4583

## OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #212

**Ogden Grade School**  
304 North Market Street, Box 99  
Ogden, IL 61859 • 582-2725

## PRAIRIEVIEW OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #197

Box 27  
Royal, IL 61871 • 583-3300

## RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS #137

**Broadmeadow School**  
500 Sunview  
Rantoul, IL 61866 • 892-2194

**Eastlawn School**  
620 North Maplewood  
Rantoul, IL 61866 • 892-2131

**Northview School**  
400 North Sheldon  
Rantoul, IL 61866 • 892-2119

**Pleasant Acres School**  
1649 Harper  
Rantoul, IL 61866 • 893-4141

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT #169

**St. Joseph Grade School**  
404 South Fifth Street, Box 409  
St. Joseph, IL 61873 • 469-2291

## THOMASBORO CONSOLIDATED GRADE SCHOOL #130

201 North Phillips, Box 99  
Thomasboro, IL 61878 • 643-3275

## TOLONO SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

**Unity East Elementary School**  
1638 County Road 1000 N  
Philo, IL 61864 • 684-5218

**Unity West Elementary School**  
1035 County Road 600 N  
Tolono, IL 61880 • 485-3918

## URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

**Urbana Administration**  
Jean F. Burkholder Administrative Service Center  
205 N. Race Street  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3600

**Flossie Wiley Elementary School**  
1602 South Anderson Street  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3670

**Leal Elementary School**  
312 West Oregon Street  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3618

**Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School**  
1108 West Fairview Avenue  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3675

**Prairie School**  
2102 East Washington Street  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3628

**Thomas Paine Elementary School**  
1801 James Cherry Drive  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3602

**Washington Early Childhood Center**  
1102 North Broadway Avenue  
Urbana, IL 61802 • 384-3513

**Yankee Ridge Elementary School**  
2102 South Anderson Street  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 384-3608

## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Calvary Baptist Christian Academy**  
2106 E. Windsor Road  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 367-2262

**Canaan Academy**  
207 North Central Avenue  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 367-6590

**Countryside School**  
4301 West Kirby  
Champaign, IL 61822 • 355-1253

**Holy Cross Elementary School**  
410 West White Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 356-9521

**Judah Christian School**  
908 North Prospect Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 359-1701

**KinderCare School**  
410 Devonshire Drive  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 356-9000

**Montessori Elementary School of C-U**  
1700 South Crescent Drive  
Champaign, IL 61824 • 351-8244

**Montessori Habitat School**  
304 Sunnycrest Court West  
Urbana, IL 61801 • 366-3260

**The Montessori School**  
1403 Regency Drive East  
Savoy, IL 61874 • 356-1818

**Next Generation School**  
2533 Galen Drive  
Champaign, IL 61822 • 356-6995

**St. John Lutheran School**  
509 South Mattis Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 359-1714

**St. Malachy School**  
340 East Belle Street  
Rantoul, IL 61866-1804 • 892-2011

**St. Matthew School**  
1307 Lincolnshire Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821 • 359-4114

**University Primary School**  
51 Gerty Drive  
Champaign, IL 61820 • 333-3996

# Parent Resources

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

All children develop in unique ways and at different rates. Screenings are a fun and comfortable way to learn how a child is developing, and to address developmental questions parents and caregivers may have.

Champaign County residents can have their children screened by calling their local school district:

- Champaign: (217) 351-3881
- Urbana: (217) 384-3616
- Mahomet-Seymour: (217) 586-5833
- Rural Champaign County: (217) 893-0306
- Developmental Services Center (217) 359-0287

## OTHER RESOURCES

### American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://www.aap.org>

Health and wellness information for families including information on developmental stages, immunizations, and parenting.

### Parenting 24/7

<http://parenting247.org>

News, information, and advice on parenting and family life designed for parents and grandparents of children ages newborn to teen. Features include articles with research-based information, video clips of parents and experts discussing timely age-based topics, breaking news and commentary, newsletters, and recommendations to the best parenting resources on the web.

### Scholastic

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/>

Provides information, activities, and advice for parents with a focus on literacy and learning.

### PBS Parents

<http://www.pbs.org/parents>

Information about child development and fun educational activities for children to help get them ready for school.

### Reading Rockets

<http://www.readingrockets.org>

Reading Rockets offers a wealth of strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn to read.

### The Illinois Early Learning Project

<http://www.illinoisearlylearning.org/chat/helm/sup.htm>

Provides evidence-based, reliable information on early care and education and resources for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children in Illinois.

The site offers printable Tip Sheets for caregivers and parents, Frequently Asked Questions (and their answers), a customized question-answering service, a statewide calendar of events for parents and caregivers, and links to "The Best of the Web" on topics related to early care and education.

### Born Learning

<http://www.bornlearning.org>

Site provides resources to help parents, caregivers, and communities support early learning.

### Zero to Three

<http://www.zerotothree.org>

Provides information about child development and care in areas such as early brain development, early language and literacy, and play.





# 40 Developmental Assets for Early Childhood

The Search Institute has identified forty building blocks that are essential for helping children become healthy, caring, and responsible individuals. These building blocks, also called Developmental Assets™, are competencies that children develop through their experiences with people in their world (parents, teachers, child care providers, librarians, bus drivers, and others).

- The more assets children have the better. Research shows that adolescents who report having more assets are more likely to be successful in school and in their personal life. The Search Institute has found that most adolescents have only 18 to 20 of these 40 Developmental Assets™.
- Starting early is critical to helping children build assets. Your use of this Kindergarten Readiness Calendar is a great start.
- Review the Developmental Assets™ list below and see how you can help children entering kindergarten build their assets.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

### Support

1. Family support—Parent(s) and/or primary caregiver(s) provide the child with high levels of consistent and predictable love, physical care, and positive attention in ways that are responsive to the child's individuality.
2. Positive family communication—Parent(s) and/or primary caregiver(s) express themselves positively and respectfully, engaging young children in conversations that invite their input.
3. Other adult relationships—With the family's support, the child experiences consistent, caring relationships with adults outside the family.
4. Caring neighbors—The child's network of relationships includes neighbors who provide emotional support and a sense of belonging.
5. Caring climate in child-care and educational settings—Caregivers and teachers create environments that are nurturing, accepting, encouraging, and secure.

14. Adult role models—Parent(s), caregivers, and other adults model self-control, social skills, engagement in learning, and healthy lifestyles.

15. Positive peer relationships—Parent(s) and caregivers seek to provide opportunities for the child to interact positively with other children.

### Constructive Use of Time

16. Positive expectations—Parent(s), caregivers, and teachers encourage and support the child in behaving appropriately, undertaking challenging tasks, and performing activities to the best of her or his ability.

17. Play and creative activities—The child has daily opportunities to play in ways that allow self-expression, physical activity, and interaction with others.

18. Out-of-home and community programs—The child experiences well-designed programs led by competent, caring adults in well maintained settings.

19. Religious community—The child participates in age-appropriate religious activities and caring relationships that nurture her or his spiritual development.

28. Integrity—The child begins to express her or his views appropriately and to stand up for a growing sense of what is fair and right.

29. Honesty—The child begins to understand the difference between truth and lies, and is truthful to the extent of her or his understanding.

30. Responsibility—The child begins to follow through on simple tasks to take care of her- or himself and to help others.

31. Self-regulation—The child increasingly can identify, regulate, and control her or his behaviors in healthy ways, using adult support constructively in particularly stressful situations.

### Social Competencies

32. Planning and decision making—The child begins to plan for the immediate future, choosing from several options and trying to solve problems.

33. Interpersonal skills—The child cooperates, shares, plays harmoniously, and comforts others in distress.

**6.** Parent involvement in child care and education—Parent(s), caregivers, and teachers together create a consistent and supportive approach to fostering the child's successful growth.

### **Empowerment**

**7.** Community cherishes and values young children—Children are welcomed and included throughout community life.

**8.** Children seen as resources—The community demonstrates that children are valuable resources by investing in a child-rearing system of family support and high-quality activities and resources to meet children's physical, social, and emotional needs.

**9.** Service to others—The child has opportunities to perform simple but meaningful and caring actions for others.

**10.** Safety—Parent(s), caregivers, teachers, neighbors, and the community take action to ensure children's health and safety.

### **Boundaries & Expectations**

**11.** Family boundaries—The family provides consistent supervision for the child and maintains reasonable guidelines for behavior that the child can understand and achieve.

**12.** Boundaries in child-care and educational settings—Caregivers and educators use positive approaches to discipline and natural consequences to encourage self-regulation and acceptable behaviors.

**13.** Neighborhood boundaries—Neighbors encourage the child in positive, acceptable behavior, as well as intervene in negative behavior in a supportive, nonthreatening way.

**20.** Time at home—The child spends most of her or his time at home participating in family activities and playing constructively, with parent(s) guiding TV and electronic game use.

## **INTERNAL ASSETS**

### **Commitment to Learning**

**21.** Motivation to mastery—The child responds to new experiences with curiosity and energy, resulting in the pleasure of mastering new learning and skills.

**22.** Engagement in learning experiences—The child fully participates in a variety of activities that offer opportunities for learning.

**23.** Home-program connection—The child experiences security, consistency, and connections between home and out-of-home care programs and learning activities.

**24.** Bonding to programs—The child forms meaningful connections with out-of-home care and educational programs.

**25.** Early literacy—The child enjoys a variety of pre-reading activities, including adults reading to her or him daily, looking at and handling books, playing with a variety of media, and showing interest in pictures, letters, and numbers.

### **Positive Values**

**26.** Caring—The child begins to show empathy, understanding, and awareness of others' feelings.

**27.** Equality and social justice—The child begins to show concern for people who are excluded from play and other activities or not treated fairly because they are different.

**34.** Cultural awareness and sensitivity—The child begins to learn about her or his own cultural identity and to show acceptance of people who are racially, physically, culturally, or ethnically different from her or him.

**35.** Resistance skills—The child begins to sense danger accurately, to seek help from trusted adults, and to resist pressure from peers to participate in unacceptable or risky behavior.

**36.** Peaceful conflict resolution—The child begins to compromise and resolve conflicts without using physical aggression or hurtful language.

### **Positive Identity**

**37.** Personal power—The child can make choices that give a sense of having some influence over things that happen in her or his life.

**38.** Self-esteem—The child likes her- or himself and has a growing sense of being valued by others.

**39.** Sense of purpose—The child anticipates new opportunities, experiences, and milestones in growing up.

**40.** Positive view of personal future—The child finds the world interesting and enjoyable, and feels that he or she has a positive place in it.

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# Places to Go in Champaign County

Young children are curious about the world around them. Introduce your child to new things: parks, zoos, museums, hiking, sporting events, restaurants. Invite a friend! Here are some fun places to go with your child. Visit the web site [www.findsomethingtodo.com](http://www.findsomethingtodo.com) for current children's activities throughout Champaign County.

## FARMERS MARKETS

### Champaign Farmers Market

Country Fair Shopping Center  
Mattis Ave., Champaign

Wed. 7am–1pm, June–October

*Fresh produce, homemade food & craft items.*

### Champaign Historic North First Street Market

Thur. 3–7pm, June–September

*Cooking demonstrations, children's garden, family-friendly events.*

### Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

#### Farmers Market

201 W. Kenyon, Champaign

Tues. 1–5:30pm, July–October

*Special match offer for SNAP and WIC clients*

#### Market at the Square

300 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana • 367-0333

Sat. 7am–Noon, May–November

*Homemade craft items, fresh produce, music, and more. Monthly sprouts programming for kids 3–8.*

### Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery

4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign

4–6pm, mid-June–mid-August

*Selling gelato and cheese. Visit the goats, too.*

## MUSEUMS

### Champaign County Historical Museum

102 E. University Ave, Champaign • 356-1010

Free admission

*Located in the historic Cattle Bank, the museum features exhibits highlighting county history.*

### Orpheum Children's Science Museum

346 N. Neil St., Champaign • 352-5895

\$4 adult admission, \$3 children ages 2–18

*Hands-on children's science museum. Exhibits and activities encourage children to explore science at their own pace in an informal setting.*

### The Spurlock Museum (U of I)

600 S. Gregory St., Urbana • 333-2360

*Learning and educational resource center features permanent cultural galleries celebrating Africa, Egypt, Europe, Asia, Oceania, Americas, and Ancient Mediterranean.*

## PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

### Ambucs Park

1100 E. University Ave., Urbana

*Accessible playground, picnic tables.*

### Blair Park

Vine St. & Florida Ave., Urbana

*Ball fields, playground, shuffleboard courts.*

### Busey Woods/Anita Purves Nature Center

1505 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana • 384-4062

*Hiking trails, wildlife viewing and nature programs.*

*Indoor nature center with exhibits.*

### Crystal Lake Park

Broadway & Park, Urbana • 328-1069

*Playground, paddle boats, dock fishing, lighted sledding hill.*

### First Christian Church Indoor Playground & Track

3601 S. Staley Rd., Champaign • 356-1649

*M–W, F 8am–4:30pm, Th 12–4:30pm, Free admission  
Indoor playground and track, soft walking and playing surface, open to the public. Free WIFI, eating area.*

## POOLS & WATER PLAY

### Hessel Park Water Play

Kirby Ave. & Grandview Dr., Champaign

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day

Weekdays, 11am–3pm & 5pm–7pm

*Free water play area with in-ground sprays.*

### Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center

E. Wabash, Rantoul • 893-5700

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day

Weekdays, 1pm–7pm; Weekends, Noon–7pm

\$5 Admission (under 3 free)

*Two water slides, water toys for children, concession stand, picnic tables, and more.*

### Sholem Aquatic Center

2200 W. Sangamon Dr., Champaign • 398-2581

Mon.–Fri. 12:30am–7pm (til 8pm in July), Weekends

and Holidays 11am–7pm; Admission: Champaign

residents \$6 (\$4 after 5pm), non-residents \$9 (\$6

after 5pm), under 3 free, seasonal passes available.

Open May 24th–Sept 1st

*Attractions include water slides, an activity pool with spray and play features for interactive fun, lap pool, kiddie pool, bathhouse and concession stand.*

### Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center

102 E. Michigan Ave., Urbana • 384-7665

Hours vary by season

\$6 Admission per person, \$3 non-swimming adults,

\$4 on Thursdays

*Indoor pools and water playground complete with water geysers, rain drop umbrella toy, and dinosaur slide.*



### **Krannert Art Museum & Kinkead Pavilion (U of I)**

500 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign  
333-1860 info. / 333-1861 office  
*Second largest public art museum in Illinois.*

### **Museum of the Grand Prairie**

(formerly Early American Museum)  
Illinois Route 47 N., Mahomet • 586-2555  
Free admission  
Daily 1pm–5pm, closed January, February and some holidays  
*Extensive collection interpreting 19th/20th Century life in east-central Illinois. Discovery Room offers hands-on opportunities and educational programs for all ages.*

### **Monticello Railway Museum**

Off 1-72 Exit 166, Monticello • 877-762-9011  
(Take Market St. exit, turn at the stoplight onto Iron Horse Place at the Best Western, follow the frontage road to end.)  
*Museum displays cars, materials and artifacts relating to railroading. Also offers seven mile roundtrip train rides on weekends and some holidays from May through October.*

### **Museum of Natural History (U of I)**

1301 W. Green St., Urbana • 333-2517  
*Building hallway exhibits on biology and geology available to visitors when University is in session.*

### **Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum**

5 Aviation Center  
1011 Pacesetter Dr., Rantoul • 893-1613  
*Largest aerospace museum in Illinois. Features military aircraft, flight simulators, crash and fire trucks, engines and more.*

### **Heritage Park**

Titan Dr. & S. Perimeter Dr., Rantoul • 893-0461  
*Fishing, picnic tables, playground, and bridges connecting small islands.*

### **Hessel Park**

500 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign • 398-2591  
*Water play area and playground.*

### **Kaufman Lake (Champaign Park District)**

Springfield Ave., before Duncan Rd. • 398-2570  
*Trails around lake, picnic areas, fishing, biking, ice-skating in winter.*

### **Lake of the Woods County Park**

109 S. Lake of the Woods Rd., Mahomet • 586-3360  
10 miles west of Champaign/Urbana off I-74 near Mahomet, Exit 172 or 174  
*Boating, paddle boat rentals, fishing, hiking, sledding, and plenty of play areas.*

### **Meadowbrook Park**

Windsor Rd. & Race St., Urbana • 367-1544  
*Concrete bike trail, hiking trail, sculptures, herb garden, open field, and playground.*

### **Prairie Play Playground**

Windsor Rd. & Vine St., Urbana • 367-1544  
*Large wooden play structure with sandbox, swings, bridges, tunnels, slides, and more.*

### **West Side Park**

400 W. Church/University, Champaign  
*Playground, fountain, and walking paths.*

### **OTHER**

### **Anita Purves Nature Center and Busey Woods**

1505 N. Broadway, Urbana • 384-4062  
Mon.–Fri. 8am–5pm, Sat. 9am–4pm  
*Nature shop, multipurpose room, local park, 59 acre forest preserve.*

### **Curtis Orchard and Pumpkin Patch**

3902 S. Duncan Rd., Champaign • 359-5565  
Open July 20–December, hours vary by season.  
*Pick your own apples and pumpkins in season. Petting zoo, mazes, horseback rides, and more.*

### **Hardy's Reindeer Ranch**

1356 CR 2900 N, Rantoul • 893-3407  
Hours vary by season  
*Chuck-wagon barbeque, corn maze, Christmas wonderland, and more.*

### **Prairie Farm Petting Zoo**

Centennial Park  
Crescent Dr. & Kirby Ave., Champaign • 398-2583  
Open Memorial Day–mid-August, weather permitting  
Mon.–Sun., 1–7pm  
*Traditional farm animals and petting zoo.*

### **Sailfin Pet Shop**

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