

Hello SWCDP Members

Welcome to the SWCDP 2014-2015 Season!

Kick-Off Event

Our first dog park event is scheduled for this coming **Saturday** (June 14) – from **10:00am to 4:00pm**. We offer a six hour event so our members can drop by at their convenience.

Kick-Off Event will be held in our Alternate Playground. See attached event flyer for details.

Volunteers

In order to have this event – we need some of our members to step forward and help with the event. Here is an idea of the types of tasks involved:

- Set up (8:30 - 9:30am)
- Tear down (4:00 – 4:30pm)
- Take photos (throughout event)
- Help run a game (throughout the event)
- Work our SWCDP booth (throughout event) to sell merchandise, take orders, assist guests
- Whatever else pops up – like keeping pools filled and clean, picking up stray poop, passing out doggie treats, etc.

If you can help with event – please send an email to Judi (Willow) – so she can coordinate the tasks.

Name Tags

Stop by the SWCDP booth when you arrive; Blank name tags are at the table. Put your first name, printed largely towards the top – and then put your doggie name (s) under your name. While it is not necessary to wear a name tag – we encourage everyone to do so. Wearing a name tag makes it easier to learn the names of 2 and 4 Legged members and make new friends.

Door Prize

In addition to prizes for some of the doggie games – you may enter the drawing (one ticket per person) – when you fill out your name tag. Volunteers working the SWCDP booth will assist you in entering the drawing. Be sure to put your name on the ticket put into the bucket and retain your copy. It is not necessary to be present to win – but we do need to know how to contact you. Drawing will be at 4:00pm.

SWCDP Merchandise – Clearance Sale

All dog park merchandise (shirts: tank tops, long & short sleeve; hoodies: light & heavy weight) that remains in our inventory boxes – will be displayed for purchase during our **Kick-Off Event**. Each item is on sale for

\$15. Come by and get some dog park gear. Also, taking orders for special orders and new colors at regular prices.

Pools and Umbrella Donations

Pools

We have ongoing needs for plastic pools. Because the larger ones crack from the water weight – and create too much surplus water – we have *learned this from experience* – we ask that you only donate the smaller blue pools, such as what is already at the dog park.

Umbrella

Our umbrella for round table in Alternate Dog Park is badly ripped and needs replacement. We prefer the umbrellas with the crank handle so that it is easier for our members to close it when threatening weather is present/coming. This is safer and easier than standing on a chair. We also prefer to get used ones rather than purchase new because it is inevitable that the umbrella will occasionally remain open during wind and rain – and also – a used one reduces the chance of theft.

If you have one to donate – contact Judi (Willow) at willow.nic07@yahoo.com

Baby Birds and Other Wildlife

Please note the nest of baby birds in the first tree in Main playground. The babies are about ready to learn to fly. We cannot move the nest but do ask the humans to keep an eye open so that our doggies will not injure the babies should they temporarily fall to the ground.

We also encounter other wild life in our play areas. If you notice an injury or want to prevent an injury – and wish to do something – note that we have contact phone numbers on the main message board in our entry area. **SWCDP management cannot be responsible for taking care of park wildlife** – but we do encourage members to do whatever is necessary to protect all. Use the phone numbers as resources to get information or help.

Reminders

No Tag No Admittance No Exceptions: Help us monitor the dog park; keep non-members out of dog park – cordially explain our rules and escort to exit, show them where the application box is at front gate.

Bags and Poop

We have ongoing need for used plastic bags – but please – check the horizontal grey bin in entry area first. If you see it is packed with bags, hold up bringing more. If you see it is about at the half way point, please bring replenishments.

We need ALL members who use the bags to help keep the bag holders filled. Grab a few when you come in – and as you walk the grounds with your 4-Legged (s) – pop a few bags into the holders that are becoming empty.

Keep eyes open for pooping dogs – alert the owner – or pick it up immediately. Wash off your shoes and your doggie paws in the Dog Wash before you leave.

Mud Issues

Use hoses frugally and keep moving the pools in the Alternate area so not to make mud holes. Keep pools at Water Station 3 in Main well within the gravel pool pad. Be frugal with dumping and refilling pools to keep water from making mud or pushing gravel through the fence line.

Summer Newsletter

Send Judi (willow.nic07@yahoo.com) your news related to: What you did over Spring Break, your dog's achievements in earning the Canine Good Citizens CGC (we feature CGC designations in newsletter), other dog sports or obedience accomplishments – or other news or interesting stories in general.

Coming On-Site Events

Food Drive – Bi-State Pet Food Pantry – **July** date to be determined – drop off doggie donations at our entry area. Watch for announcement.

Puppy Pool Party – **August** date to be determined. Watch for announcement. 2-year olds and under are the puppy guests. Doggies over 2-years are our Role Model guests.

Coming Off-Site Events

Food Truck Friday – **June 13, 4:00 to 8:00 pm**. Free attendance and music and picnicking. More than 20 food trucks available to purchase food and drink, including wine and beer. Bring blankets, chairs, cooler if desired, and well behaved, leashed dogs.

Broemmelsiek Swim & Romp – Event will take place in **July** – Date to be determined, watch for announcement

CGC Testing – Saturday – July 12, 1:00pm

Canine Good Citizen

Testing & Training Offered By:

Greater St Louis Training Club

<http://gsltc.org/>

Humane Society of Missouri

<http://www.hsmo.org>

Testing & Training Location

1201 Macklind Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

(314) 951-1562

Formal training is not required – and often not necessary. You may prepare your dog on your own and at your own pace. If your dog fails the test, you may retry as often as you like – it's only ten bucks. The tester will help you focus on the areas needing improvement. There are also numerous trainers around Metro area to assist you, if you need help.

See ya 'round the playground. Have a safe and fun time at Southwest City Dog Park.

Regards,
SWCDP Management