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Easter Fun at Three Sites March 27 - April 3

Easter activities in area park locations offer two weeks of celebrations at three sites, including Doling Park, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Community Park and Dickerson Park Zoo.

Noon – 2 p.m., March 27, Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage

The annual Doling Park Easter Egg Hunt includes yard games, arts and crafts, inflatable basketball toss, bounce house and an Easter egg hunt beginning promptly at 1 p.m. for kids 3 – 9 years of age, which is divided into two separate age areas (3-5 & 6-9). Bring your own basket for the hunt and your own camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Some eggs included in the hunt will be stuffed with gift certificates from Burger King, Wendy’s, Silver Dollar City and Titanic Museum Attraction in Branson, Discovery Center of Springfield and other prizes. In the event of inclement weather, the event moves indoors to Doling Family Center. The event is free and open to the public.

6 – 8 p.m., April 2, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146

A new event is the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place the evening before the Easter Egg Hunt at the Farm. A bonfire will be available and participants are welcome to bring snacks or a cooler of other refreshments, no glass or alcohol. The cost for the hunt is $5, which includes prizes and each paid participant will receive a s’more pack and drink.

Registration is required for this event by Thursday, April 1. The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt is recommended for kids ages 5-12. Flashlights will not be provided, participants must bring their own. Call 417-837-5949 to pre-register.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m., April 3, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park,, 3825 W. Farm Road 146

The combination of Easter at the Farm and rescheduled Ag Day activities will serve as the kick-off event for more than 30 special events/programs for the 2010 calendar year. The combined event will introduce the newest additions to the farm, rabbits and the return of baby pigs. Admission is free, but some activities include a small fee.

This year’s activities include: Farmers Market Vendors; Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Displays; Pedal Tractors; Agriculture Group Displays; Farm Tours; Wagon & Pony Rides; Pizza Booth; Easter Egg Hunt; and Easter Photo & Crafts. Easter Egg Hunt/Ag Day is sponsored by US Bank.
The Farm Park is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday – Sunday. It features a heated barn with animals on display, a fishing pond and a farm-themed playground.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., April 3, Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Road

Watch the Zoo’s animals go on their own Easter egg hunt at Enrichment EGGstravaganza, as the zookeepers hide papier-mâché eggs filled with treats for the animals. Zoo admission is $8 for adults and teens and $5 for children 3-12 years old, with gates opening at 9 a.m.

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