

**Carol Jo Vecchie Women & Children's Center at St. John's Children's Hospital**

Pre-registration required for the following classes.

Call 217-744-2229

**Baby Care Basics**, Wed., Mar. 10 & Thurs., Apr. 15, 6-9 p.m., Bunn Auditorium

**Birth Center Tour**, Wed., Mar. 3 & Wed., Apr. 1, 6:30 p.m., Meet in Classroom A/B

**Dinner for Two—Breastfeeding Your Baby**, Wed., Mar. 24 & Tues., Apr. 22, 6-9 p.m., Bunn Auditorium

**Joy of Grandparenting**, Mon., Apr. 12, 7-9 p.m., Bunn Auditorium

**Lullaby University**, Sat., Mar. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class combines *Baby Basics* and *Dinner for Two: Breastfeeding Your Baby* into an all-day Saturday format. Bunn Auditorium.

**Marvelous Multiples**, Tues., Mar. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CJVWCC Classrooms C & D

**Welcome Baby Sibling Class**, Mon., Mar. 1 & Apr. 5, 6:30-8 p.m. For children ages 3-8 to prepare for new baby. Pre-registration is required.

**Parenthood Preview**, Wed., Apr. 7, 7-9 p.m. Meet with other parents to discuss common emotional and physical changes. Classroom C/D

**Developing Relationships, Encouragement and Miracles (D.R.E.A.M.)**, for pediatric oncology patients, siblings, parents and caregivers. 217-544-6464 x 30594

**For information on these classes and other support groups**, call 217-535-3696, 217-544-6464, 217-757-6020 or log onto [www.st-johns.org/education](http://www.st-johns.org/education)

**Memorial Medical Center**

Pre-registration required for the following classes. Unless otherwise noted, call 217-788-3333.

**Babysitter Clinic**, Sat., Mar. 6, 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. For ages 11 & older. Wedeberg Conf. Ctr. Free.

**Grandparent Class**, Mar. 23, 6:30 p.m., Family Maternity Suites G759

**The Whys of Cries**, Tues., Mar. 9, 4-6 p.m., Family Maternity Suites, Rm. G759

**Mom and Baby Yoga Class**, beginning Mar. 5 (4 weeks) No prior yoga experience necessary. Fee \$44. Call to register.

**The Get-Real Breastfeeding Guide**, Tues., Mar. 16, 7 p.m., Apr. 3, 9:30 a.m., Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m.

**Baby Care Users' Manual**, Wed., Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m., Wedeberg Conference Center

**I'm Going to Be a Big Brother/Sister**, Sun., Mar. 21 & Apr. 18 For siblings from 3 to 7 years old, but older siblings also welcome.

**Birth-and-Beyond**, Sat., Apr. 10 Session that combines all three of the "Birth and Beyond" classes.

**Super-Dads: Man-to-Man Advice for Fathers**, a specially-designed program for fathers. Topics include the process of childbirth, baby basics, bonding with your newborn, proper car seat installation and childproofing. Thurs., Apr. 29, 6:30 p.m., Family Maternity Suites G759

**For information on these classes and other support groups**, call 217-788-3378. or log onto [www.memorialmedical.com](http://www.memorialmedical.com)

**Elizabeth Ann Seton Program**

Individual mentoring support for moms, monthly educational sessions, practical assistance. Topics vary. Free. 217-757-6025

**Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, 700 N. 7th St.**

Free services for pregnant and parenting women including counseling services, educational services, LifeSkills, material goods, and Lamaze Classes. Call 217-525-5630 to register for Lamaze classes.

**Woman to Woman Mentoring Program** Once a month, day and time varies. Blessed Hope Educational Sessions, sponsored by Church-Parish Nursing Program, St. John AME Church-Annex, 1519 E. Capitol, call 217-523-3969 for next session.

**Manna Food Pantry Distribution**

Distributes groceries to those in need every Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. Abundant Faith Christian Center, 2525 Taylor Ave. 217-527-1006.

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**Child Abuse Awareness Month April 2010**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is offering community packets to promote Child Abuse Awareness Month. Packets include ideas for community campaigns, information and items for media involvement, and reproducible material, such as bookmarks and flyers. To download packet, go to <http://preventchildabuseillinois.org/code/documents/10CAPpacketFINAL1.pdf>.

**IL State Museum** 502 S. Spring Street, Spfld.

**Super Saturdays.** 2nd Sat. each month, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Themed activity days in A Place for Discovery for children ages 4-8 and their parents. Registration not required.

- **Mar. 13 - Curious Collections.** Dolls, cars, and other collecting. In conjunction with Junior Collector's Day.

**Ice Age Giants: Children's Overnight Camp-In.** Fri., Mar. 19, 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sat., Mar. 20 For ages 8-11 Learn about Illinois' giant ice age creatures. Late-night pizza and breakfast included. Registration required by Mar. 15. Space is limited. Fee: Museum Society members - \$28 per child or \$25 per child for two or more children from the same family. Nonmembers - \$38 per child or \$35 each for two or more children from the same family. Register at [www.museum.state.il.us/events](http://www.museum.state.il.us/events) or call 217-782-5993

### **Knights' Action Park opens**

**March 1** Mini golf, golf range, go karts, batting cages, amusement rides, game room, 217-546-8881 or [www.knightsactionpark.com](http://www.knightsactionpark.com)

**Illinois Horse Fair** Sat. & Sun., Mar. 6-7, Illinois State Fair. All-breed expo featuring everything equestrian for all disciplines. 217-585-1600 or [www.horsemenscouncil.org](http://www.horsemenscouncil.org)

### **St. Patrick's Day 25th Annual Marching Band Parade**

Sat., Mar. 13, Downtown Springfield. 217-787-0123 or [www.springfieldirish.org](http://www.springfieldirish.org)

### **Giant Flea Market**

Sat., Mar. 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fairgrounds - IL Bldg. Antiques, collectibles, new & used merchandise, coins, jewelry, books, records & cd's are just some of the many items that may be found. 217-529-6939 or <http://jcflea.com>

### **Lincoln Memorial Garden**

2301 E. Lake Dr., 217-529-1111 or <http://lmgnc.org>

- Sat. Apr. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., *Spring Wildflower & Tree Sale.* Native spring wildflowers and dozens of varieties of native trees will be available. Tree sizes range in size from 2 to 4 feet. Wildflowers priced from \$4 to \$6 and trees from \$4 to \$15.

### **Sangamon Auditorium, UIS**

- **The Wizard of Oz** Mon., Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m. A spectacular celebration of the iconic film, complete with munchkins and flying monkeys. Admission. 217-206-6160 or [www.uis.edu/sangamonauditorium/onstage/WizardofOz.htm](http://www.uis.edu/sangamonauditorium/onstage/WizardofOz.htm)

### **54th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony**

Apr. 17, 10 a.m., Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois followed by a luncheon at the Inn at 835 at noon. A ceremony commemorating founding of the Grand Army of the Republic near Petersburg, Illinois at 3 p.m.. 636-274-4567 or [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)

### **New Salem, 15588 History Lane, Petersburg, IL**

*April 1832: Attack on the Prairie,* Apr. 17 & 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Indians have attacked; the Governor has asked for Militia volunteers. Men from New Salem prepare for service. Drill demonstrations, musket firing. 217-632-4000 or [www.lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com)

**Easter Bunny Arrival at White Oaks Mall,** Sat., Mar. 13  
217-787-8563 or [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com)

### **IHSA Class 3A Supersectional Basketball Championships**

Tues., Mar. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Ticket Prices: \$8. All seats are General Admission. 217-788-8800 or [www.springfieldpccc.com](http://www.springfieldpccc.com)

### **STC The Comic Book Artist**

Apr. 16-18 & 23-25, Hoogland Centre for the Arts. Bringing comic books to life, Stanley Leonardo Sappovitz creates his team of superheroes to conquer the dastardly super-villain. Lots of fun for the entire family. Admission. [www.springfieldtheatrecentre.com/gw1/](http://www.springfieldtheatrecentre.com/gw1/)

### **American Girl Fashion Show**

Apr. 24 & 25, Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center The American Girl Fashion Show, a fun-filled event for girls and their families, friends and favorite dolls where participants will celebrate the experience of being a girl! Five show seatings: 4/24 at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. & 4/25 at 12 p.m., 3 p.m. [www.cmnspringfield.org](http://www.cmnspringfield.org)

### **Lincoln Library Storytime**

*Lincoln Library, Seventh Street & Capitol Avenue.*

- Mondays, 10 a.m. for 3, 4, 5 yr. old and parent.
- Thursdays, 10 a.m. for 2 yr. old and parent.
- Saturdays, 11 a.m., all ages.

**Lap Sit** — Stories, songs and rhymes designed to help babies develop pre-reading skills. Every Mon., 10-10:45a.m., Registration required. Lincoln Library, Youth Services' Story Room, 217-753-4900.

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**For more listings of community events, visit the following websites:**

<http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com>

<http://www.illinoistimes.com>

<http://springfieldmoms.org>