

EGGCELLENT EASTER FUN

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BDN file photos A variety of family-friendly Easter activities are planned throughout the Stateline Area this year. Some options include the Easter Eggstravaganza Bunny Hop through downtown Beloit, an Easter egg hunt at the Stateline Family YMCA and much more.

BELOIT - Hop on over to downtown Beloit and have some fun: the Downtown Beloit Association is hosting its Easter Eggstravaganza.

Geared towards kids ages 2-10, the Easter Eggstravaganza will offer games, photos with the Easter Bunny and much more at area businesses.

All of the activities will take place from 1-3 p.m. on April 20. Participants should start at The Gantry, near the corner of State and Grand, for a map.

"The map will have a list of all the participating businesses on our Bunny Hop," said Crystal Cribbs, Downtown Beloit Association promotions coordinator.

Horace White Park used to be the site for the Easter Eggstravaganza, but it has been moved downtown to better promote the business district and the association's mission.

There will be around 20 businesses participating by offering Easter activities and having small giveaways. Quantities of goodies are limited at some places, so be sure to come early.

Many of the Bunny Hop activities are free, or carry a family-friendly fee. Photos with the Easter Bunny, to be taken at Turtle Creek Bookstore, 444 E. Grand Ave., will cost \$5.

"This event is great because it's fun, budget-friendly, and builds a lot of awareness for all the businesses we have downtown," Cribbs said. "It's so important to support them."

Here's a glance at a few of the other Easter activities, including Easter Egg hunts, happening in the Stateline Area over the next couple of weekends:

Dolphin Swim Club Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt

- 2-3:30 p.m., April 13: The Dolphin Swim Club, 6501 Rock Valley Parkway, Loves Park, is hosting a family-friendly event featuring over 4,000 hidden eggs, face painting, raffles and more. Admission is \$3 for kids under 2 and \$5 for kids 3 and older. For more information, call 815-282-3488.

Gymnastics Easter Egg Hunt

- 1:45 p.m., April 13: Families can hunt for Easter Eggs in the Stateline YMCA Gymnastics Center, 1239 Huebbe Pkwy, Beloit. Kids ages 18 months-2 years will be hunting from 1:45-2 p.m.; 3-5 year olds from 2:05-2:20 p.m.; 6-8 year olds from 2:25-2:50 p.m. and 8-10 year olds from 2:55-3:10 p.m. The 8 year olds can choose either of the last two time slots. Admission is \$3 for YMCA members and \$6 for the general public. Each child will go home with a goodie bag, and a special prize will be given to the child who finds the golden egg. Participants should bring their own basket. Pre-registration is recommended. Visit www.statelineymca.org for more information.

Friends of Carver-Roehl Park

Egg Hunt

- 1 p.m., April 14: This egg hunt will take place at Carver-Roehl County Park, 4907 South Carvers Rock Road, Clinton. The egg hunt is free for all kids ages 12 and under. Participants should arrive early and bring their own baskets for collecting eggs. The event will be held rain or shine. In addition to the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny will be on hand to see the kids. All are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Clinton Community Outreach Food Pantry.

Breakfast with the Bunny

- 9:15-10:15 a.m., April 20: The Easter Bunny will be at a special pancake breakfast at the Janesville Senior Center, 69 S. Water St., Janesville. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce and refreshments. There also will be an egg hunt. Admission is \$4 (free for kids under 1) and pre-registration is required.

Mornings of Fun Egg Hunt

- 9 a.m., April 20: Children with disabilities and their immediate families are invited to visit the Discovery Center Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, free of charge. There will be a special egg hunt inside the museum and a snack time before the museum opens for the day. Those interested in attending must RSVP by calling 815-972-2839.

Central Easter Egg Drop

- 10 a.m.-noon, April 20: Over 13,000 Easter eggs will be up for grabs after they fall from a helicopter during this free event at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit. The Easter Bunny will visit and there will be face painting and Easter family pictures. A special needs egg hunt also will be taking place. The event is intended for children ages 2-10. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.centralwired.churchcenter.com and more information is available on the church Facebook page.

Discovery Center Museum/

Burpee Museum Egg Hunt

- 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 20: The Discovery Center Museum and Burpee Museum are teaming up to host egg hunts for kids ages 9 and under at 711 N. Main St., Rockford. There also will be crafts, and families can enjoy visiting both museums. Admission for non-members is \$10 for adults and \$12 for kids.

Rock County Historical Society Easter Egg Hunt

- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 20: The entire family can have fun at the Rock County Historical Society campus, 426 N. Jackson St., Janesville. The Easter Bunny will be visiting and every child will go home with a bag of treats. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and made possible thanks to community members. The event is geared towards kids ages 10 and under. Admission is free and all participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for ECHO.

Kids Spot Easter EGGstravaganza

Noon-3 p.m., April 20: Kids Spot, 9461 N. Second St., Roscoe, will host an egg hunt starting at 12:15 p.m. There also will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, raffles, face painting, a toddler bounce house, adult bags tournament, open gym and more. Admission is \$12 for those who pre-register by April 18. Call 815-623-5437 for more information.