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## **“Winnemac Fourth for All” Lineup a Day and Evening of Lincoln Square Area Fun**

**Winnemac Park Advisory Council transforms 4<sup>th</sup> of July into a disc golf tournament  
and fire acrobatics spectacle for young and old**

With the visual and rhythm experiences of Full Moon Jam, following a day of disc golf play - plus food trucks and accessible bathroom facilities - Winnemac Park in Chicago’s Lincoln Square-Bowmanville-Ravenswood-Andersonville area will be an inviting place for all residents on July 4, 2024.

Created under the auspices of the Winnemac Park Advisory Council, in keeping with all rules and permitting requirements of the Chicago Park District, “Winnemac Fourth for All” (WFFA) will provide free activities and entertainment that appeal to young and old, families with household pets, and others who want a safer, nature-friendly way to celebrate America’s birthday.

Disc golf - competitive and learn-how-to play - is provided by the Chicago Disc Golf Authority and is open to ages 5 and up. Disc golf is considered accessible to all ages and skill levels, and inclusive, with a low-cost of entry (individuals can purchase a disc package at the event or simply bring their own frisbee to play). An 18-hole course will occupy three baseball fields along the south end of the park (Argyle Street side) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The day culminates with a performance by Full Moon Jam, an artistic collective of fire performers and drummers, from sunset to 10 p.m. Full Moon Jam operates as an official partner of the Chicago Park District and has been performing together since 2004.

Other activities will include a free yoga class (Bloom Yoga), a martial arts demonstration (Aikido), music, and activities for children provided by the Heart of Lincoln Square community organization.

The entire event is free to the public (competitive disc golf play requires a \$10 entry fee), made possible due to generous financial support from: Chicago Disc Golf Authority, Asimow Landscaping, Bloom Yoga, Card Magic, DLG Properties, Kona Ice, Maggie O’Keefe, Heart of Lincoln Square, Platform Coworking, SUCH MAGIC!, Kiku Matsu Dojo, Bridget Degnen, Willow Cafe & Bistro, Real Estate Broker Kelly Johnson, Neighbors for Andre, Jersey Mike’s, and local community neighbors, friends and patrons of the parks.

Visitors to Winnemac Park on July 4th can bring their own picnic food or purchase from food trucks that will be there during the day and evening: they are Reggie’s On Wheels (hotdogs, hamburgers), 5411 Gourmet Empanadas (empanadas), and Kona Ice (shaved ice). Portable bathrooms will include handicap accessible facilities.



“Winnemac Fourth for All” is about celebrating country and community,” said Manny Vega, President of the Winnemac Park Advisory Council, the non-profit volunteer non-profit hosting the inaugural event. “With such a varied mix of people living in the blocks of homes and businesses surrounding the park, we want this event to be inviting to all.”

WFFA is being produced to comply with Illinois and Chicago Park District laws that prohibit the use of pyrotechnics.

"As the Alderperson who serves the Winnemac Park area, I am grateful to the Winnemac Park Advisory Council for their commitment to creating an event the entire community can enjoy!" said Alderman (40th Ward) Andre Vasquez. "I am happy to support their efforts and invite all of our neighbors to come be a part of the very first Winnemac Fourth for All!"

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#### **About Winnemac Park Advisory Council - [winnemacpac.org](https://winnemacpac.org)**

We are volunteers dedicated to improving Winnemac Park and building community. This includes initiatives to bring awareness of community events, bathroom availability, natural area conservation, and advocacy for adequate park staffing to meet programming needs of the patrons of Winnemac Park.

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#### **About Full Moon Jam**

The Chicago Full Moon Jam began in 2004 with a friend celebrating a birthday on the lakefront with fire spinning and drumming. It's since grown to a diverse community of performers, musicians, and spectators from around the world. In 2016, the FMJ became an official partner of the Chicago Park District and part of the Night Out in the Park series. FMJ is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit providing free performances that are family-friendly with no alcohol, illegal substances, open flames, fireworks, flash photography, lasers or drones, per Chicago Park District laws.

#### **About Chicago Disc Golf Authority**

The CDGA mission is to grow the sport of disc golf by sharing diverse experiences and perspectives while fostering a community built on inclusion and respect.

#### **About Winnemac Park**

Winnemac Park, part of Chicago's school-park campus program, encompasses 22.38 acres, including land owned by both the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District. Bounded by Damen, Foster, Leavitt and Argyle, it adjoins Amundsen High School, Chappell Elementary School, and Jorndt Field Stadium. The park underwent a significant renovation and expansion in 2000, has five ballfields, a soccer field, and 3.2 acres of natural prairie gardens, where eBird.org reports 80 bird species have been sighted in 2024 thus far, including 18 species in June. The park takes its name from Winamac, an important chief of the Potawatamie Indians.