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Six New GPS Devices Make Geocaching Easier Than Ever
Fun opportunity for families to get out and explore Mundelein Parks

Mundelein, Illinois—Looking for a new hobby the whole family can take part in? **Mundelein Park & Recreation District’s official Geocaching Program is better than ever with GPS devices provided for free starting this spring.** A GPS device is necessary to take part in the outdoor “treasure hunt” activity that involves using a geographical coordinate system to locate the more than two million containers called “geocaches” throughout the world. Thanks to local Boy Scout Jack Readdy, 17 of them are hidden in Mundelein’s parks.

“We wanted to have GPS devices available so that families could easily get involved in this hobby. We didn’t want the burden of purchasing a GPS device to be a roadblock to this fun activity,”

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says Scott Schleiden, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation. “It is a great opportunity to explore our parks and bond with family.” The District recently purchased six Garmin etrex20 GPS devices that can be reserved free of charge for tracking the caches in the parks.

Over the past two years, Readdy, from Mundelein Boy Scout Troop 388, has been planning, preparing and developing the Park District’s Geocaching Program for his Eagle Scout service project. Besides placing the camouflaged caches in various Mundelein park locations, he designed an official passbook, that’s available for purchase at the Community Center (1401 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein), containing all the information needed to get started on the Geocaching hobby and to track Mundelein finds.

For more information on the Geocaching program and to reserve a GPS device, email Scott Schleiden at sschleiden@mundeleinparks.org. For more information on Geocaching as a hobby visit the official website for geocachers around the world at www.geocaching.com.

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