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DCFB is excited to bring back the popular "Grow Your Own Food" program this May! We are partnering with College of DuPage again to bring this program

to **AROUND 4,500 FOURTH GRADERS!** During the program students will learn about gardening, plant care, and transplanting through an educational video and hands-on tomato transplanting activity. Each student will

take home their transplanted cherry tomato plant and care for it over the summer. In July, the DuPage County Fair will host a special judging for the students' plants during the 2025 Fair!

This is the largest educational project the DCFB organizes, and we'd love for

you to be a part of it! We are looking for monetary donations and volunteers to deliver supplies to the schools the week of May 5th, 2025. For \$50, you can sponsor a



classroom of 25 students! Your support, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please mail your check made out to DCFB Foundation with "tomato" in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [knorton@dcfb.org](mailto:knorton@dcfb.org)



## Calendar of Events February 2025

- Feb No meat order in February
- Feb 10 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 20 President's Day – Office closed

February is **Black History Month**  
and **American Heart Month**

*Happy Valentine's Day*



## Grow Your Own Food 2025

org for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of Ag in the

### Let's get this party rolling!

The DuPage County Farm Bureau's Annual Bowling Outing is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, March 22nd at Bowlero, 558 E. North Ave., Glendale Heights. Check-in is at 11:45 a.m. This annual event is always a great time and serves

Classroom and the work we do to educate the students of DuPage County!

a vital purpose by raising funds for our Ag in the Classroom program and Foundation Scholarships.

Bowlers of all skill levels are invited to join the fun! Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. We

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### DUPAGE COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2025 BOWLING EVENT

**CHECK IN AT 11:45 A.M.**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22ND**

BOWLERO  
558 E. NORTH AVE.  
GLENDALE HEIGHTS

*All DCFB Members, Family & Friends are welcome!*

Cost: \$18.00 per bowler (3 games & shoe rental)      Bumper Lanes available for kids (under 12)

PRIZES!	AWARDS!	FUN!	50/50 DRAWING!
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**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 14TH**

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# Illinois Farm Bureau – Annual Report 2024

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

From advocating for land use issues and connecting members to their elected officials, to supporting rural development, farmer-led nutrient stewardship efforts and agricultural education, IFB made a difference on your farms and in your communities in 2024.

Your engagement on agricultural issues was essential to the progress we made this year, with over 1,500 contacts between IFB members and lawmakers related to our legislative priorities.

We also continued our tradition of bipartisanship, grassroots policy development and connecting rural, suburban and urban Illinois, all while crafting an Organizational Member Strategy roadmap that reflects thousands of member voices.

Illinois Farm Bureau's strength stems from our policy, our priority issues and our people – and that strength is represented across this report. I am truly proud of the progress we made, together, in 2024, and cannot wait to see where this momentum takes us in 2025.

*Brian Duncan*  
IFB President

## Bowling

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will also be offering a 50/50 raffle.

If you are not able to attend but would like to support our event, we are accepting donation items to be used for prizes. Consider donating gift certificates, raffle baskets, and store mer-

chandise. We appreciate your support.

Registration is now open. Please sign-up before March 14th. You can register online at [dcfb.org](http://dcfb.org) or fill out the registration form and send it to The DuPage County Farm Bureau at 245. S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188.

*We hope to see you there!*

## Joke of the Month

What did the farmer give to his wife on Valentine's Day?  
*Hogs & kisses!*

Submitted by Ren MacDonald  
Send your farm jokes to [info@dcfb.org](mailto:info@dcfb.org)

## \*\*\*\*\* HOW IFB SERVED YOU IN 2024: INFORMATION

*FarmWeek* celebrated 50 years of serving Illinois farmer members. Since 1974, *FarmWeek* has published nearly 2,500 issues of in-depth, high-quality agricultural journalism for IFB members. An Illinois House Resolution declared June 10, 2024, *FarmWeek* Appreciation Day in the state.

IFB earned seven communications awards from AFBF, noting that "*FarmWeek* embodies the essence of top-quality journalism in service to farmers across Illinois."

IFB launched the Taking Stalk with Illinois Farm Bureau podcast. State and national experts join President Brian Duncan and Rita Frazer monthly for in-depth analysis of important ag issues.

IFB released the complete docuseries, *Fields Apart: Rooted Together*, which highlights the diversity of ag in the state and connects rural, urban and suburban parts of Illinois.

Seven county Farm Bureaus hosted field days supported by IFB's Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, highlighting Illinois farmers'

contributions to goals in the state's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

IFB highlighted military veteran farmers in its *Cultivating Our Communities* video series, a partnership with Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton, the Illinois Specialty Growers Association, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture that highlights the diversity of Illinois agriculture.

## HOW IFB SERVED YOU IN 2024: DEVELOPMENT

The IAA Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants and gifts to support the future of agriculture through education and research.

Nearly 500 members came together for education, networking, and professional development at the Young Leader Conference, showcasing IFB's longstanding commitment to developing the state's next generation, and more than 20 attended IFB's Young Leaders Ag Industry Tour of Costa Rica.

The 2024 Presidents Conference brought together 84 county Farm Bureau presidents for legislative and organizational updates as well as leadership development. CFB Presidents also contributed to IFB's grassroots policy development process, with the Resolutions Committee fielding 29 policy submittals from 15 different CFBs.

IFB debuted the AgTech Innovation Showcase, Summer Ag Tour and NASCAR member appreciation event, providing members with networking opportunities and cutting-edge programming.

IFB distributed \$30,000 in rural development grants to projects that met a need in rural communities and is committed to distributing \$100,000 in rural development grants in 2025.

To read the full report, visit the Annual Report tab at [ifb.org](http://ifb.org)!

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# Illinois AGRICULTURE in the Classroom<sup>SM</sup>

Kristina Baumbach  
Education Coordinator  
DuPage County Farm Bureau



**A**g in the Classroom is a free program that visits DuPage schools to teach the importance of agriculture. The lessons can be adjusted for all age levels and meet learning standards. We would also be happy to be a part of community events that relate to our agricultural literacy program vision and goals. Virtual options are available.

**For more information contact:  
dupageaitc@dcfb.org or 630-668-8161.**

### December's Numbers:

3,165 students • 126 teachers  
#1 Lesson Topic: Corn  
Total Students Reached to date: 19,440

### Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit:

*"My students appreciated the videos embedded in the lessons and the activities after the lessons. Students have made connections to the learning and things we've learned about in science and social studies. Specifically, when we talked about IL history and when we learned about living things in science."*

4th Grade Teacher, Sycamore Trails Elementary

With winter upon us, December was a great time to talk about livestock with students! Remember farming is a 24/7 commitment when you have livestock. No matter the weather, farmers are busy caring for their animals all winter long. While some students were given an overview of different types of livestock, many learned specifically about dairy cattle or pigs. During the lessons our educators taught about animal lifecycles, how animals are cared for by farmers, and the products we receive from them. Many students enjoyed participating in our favorite STEM activities – making butter or build a barn! At the end of December our team got a much-deserved holiday break, and we're ready to kick off 2025 with more lessons!

Left to right: The 3rd graders at Johnson learned about pigs and played "Truth or Hogwash" at the beginning of their lesson with Kenna. The 3rd graders at Madison enjoyed making Soil Sams with Kenna. The 4th graders at Washington learned about corn and its many uses with Denise.



### Did You Know?

About 97% of Earth's water is salt water and only 3% is fresh water for us to use. The Great Lakes contain nearly 20% of Earth's fresh water!



## 2024 Bookmark Contest

All 2nd-5th grade classrooms in DuPage County are invited to participate in our spring Bookmark Contest! This year's theme is "Agriculture & Me." Students should depict ways in which agriculture is a part of their life. From food and clothing to transportation and sports, agriculture is everywhere! Bookmarks must be completed during class time. The winner's design will be made into a bookmark and donated to local libraries along with our annual book donation. We will also use the bookmarks as a DCFB promotional item. Entries are due to the DCFB office by April 11th at 3:00pm. Teachers may email [dupageaitc@dcfb.org](mailto:dupageaitc@dcfb.org) to receive an entry form and full contest rules.

## Teacher & Library Grants Received

We are excited to announce that nine teachers and eight libraries have received grants from the DCFB Foundation! Librarians were able to choose agriculture related books from our curated list which were mailed directly to them in December. Our teacher winners received checks to be used this spring for their classroom ag projects. We can't wait to see what you all do in 2025!



The 3rd grade teachers at Stone Elementary received their teacher grant checks, presented by Kenna Anderson, AITC Educator.

# FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



## Snowy Scenes Liven Landscapes

A light snow arrived after New Year's Day, and my soul cued up the song "Snow" from Irving Berlin's musical, "White Christmas." The white stuff compelled me to plug our exterior Christmas lights back in after previously retiring them for the season. I wanted photos of our lit, snow-capped roof line and the warm white lights glowing through the snowy bushes.

Yes, snow sometimes deserves the four-letter word status, but forget about the wet boots at the back door, the treacherous road conditions or the livestock and barnyards that need scooped out. Disregard the people who escape to Florida because of it or the life-altering chaos of breaking both arms while sledding with your kids in a cattle pasture (yeah, that happened to someone).

Enjoyed in the moment, snow brings peace. It delivers calmness. The precipitation generates a serene feeling

unmatched in any other season. It makes us crave beef roast and chicken pot pie, a fire in the fireplace, a blanket and a book. The snowy landscape glistens, producing reflections at sunrise that rival bodies of water. The white stuff magically turns barrenness to beauty, and the glow of a barnyard light on a fresh batch defines silent night – calm and bright.

During my country travels, I appreciate the high contrast as the snow accents every leafless branch of a tree. It adds elegance to everything brown and provides evidence of presence by humans, wildlife, tractors, sleds and snowmobiles. While our chickens hesitate to step out of the coop when they see a carpet of white, our cows stand majestically beautiful and undeterred with snow on their backs.

Freshly fallen snow likens a new jar of peanut butter, highly tempting to disturb. The kids eagerly oblige. Snow spawns some of our fondest family memories of snow-

## Farmer's Almanac – February 2025

### Sky Watch:

Venus continues its January prominence on the 1st, growing more brilliant to magnitude -4.8, enough to cast shadows. In the opposite part of the sky, extraordinary celestial brightness fills the east at nightfall. While Betelgeuse, Castor, Pollux, and Aldebaran shine at magnitude 1, the stars Procyon, Rigel, and Capella – surrounding Orion – boast a

magnitude 0. Even brighter, Mars blazes at -1 and Sirius and Jupiter dazzle at -2. This celestial eye candy continues all month, while Mars slightly fades to magnitude 0 as it stands stationary in Gemini. On the 24th, Mercury and Saturn meet very low in the west in the bright evening twilight – a treat for those with an unobstructed view of the horizon.

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men, sledding, hot cocoa and days off school. In fact, my transplanted Illinois family that lives in southern California escapes to the mountains to find snow and play in it.

Mom said our region experienced the blizzard of a lifetime one week after my birth. More than two feet of snow and high-wind conditions made Dad crawl down the roadside to work, following the tops of the fence

posts that peeked from the snow. Roads were impassable or allowed a single lane for traffic only because road crews recruited the support of end loaders to make a path. We don't need too much of a good thing.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West Central Illinois, where they raise corn, soybeans, hay, beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.*



## Very Pinteresting

A column dedicated to finding you healthy recipes using the freshest ingredients

## Rose Petal Shortbread Cookies

From [ohsoglam.com](http://ohsoglam.com)

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 2/3 cup regular sugar
- 2 1/3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 tsp rose water
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tbsp heavy cream
- 1 cup white chocolate, melted (I used melting wafers)
- 1 tbsp dried rose petals (slightly crushed)
- 1 tbsp pistachios (finely chopped)

### Step-by-step:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Add butter, sugar, flour, vanilla, rose water, salt, and rose petals into a mixing bowl. Mix on low for 2 minutes until the mixture is a coarse crumbly texture. Add heavy cream and mix for 30 seconds.

Shape the dough into a flat disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Roll out half the dough in between two sheets of parchment paper until it is 1/4 inch thick. Place in the freezer for 5 minutes. Cut the cookies out with your cookie cutter. Roll out the scraps with the rest of the dough and repeat until no dough is left.

Place the cookies onto the parchment-lined baking sheet 1 inch apart. Bake for 20 minutes or until the edges of the cookies just start to brown. Cool completely on a rack. Pour the melted chocolate into a jar that is wide enough to fit your cookies. Dip the cookies into the chocolate until half of it is covered. Shake off any excess chocolate and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle each cookie with chopped pistachios and crushed rose petals. Freeze for 10 minutes and then store in an airtight container for up to one week.



# Farm Facts: Winter Wheat – Illinois Extension

Planted in the fall each year for an early summer harvest, winter wheat is an important crop for Prairie State farmers and a main ingredient in many popular food items. Learn a few fascinating facts about winter wheat production in Illinois below.

- In 2022, Illinois farmers harvested 560,000 acres of winter wheat for a total production of more than 44 million bushels of the crop.
- Illinois ranks No. 7 in the nation for winter wheat production.
- Most Illinois wheat is grown in the southern part of the state.
- Washington County leads the state in winter wheat production, followed by Randolph and Perry counties.
- Southern Illinois farmers plant winter wheat in October. After initial growth in the fall, the crop lies dormant until late winter

when its growth resumes. Farmers harvest the grain in June and July.

- Illinois farmers primarily grow soft red winter wheat, which has ideal characteristics for milling and baking.
- Common uses for soft red winter wheat include foods like cereals, cakes, cookies, pretzels, pancakes and crackers as well as nonfood items like glue, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and more.
- Farmers can use winter wheat as a cover crop to manage erosion and improve soil quality. But unlike other cover crops, it can also be harvested.
- Farmers can plant soybeans directly into wheat stubble after harvest, allowing for double-cropping (getting two crops out of the same field in one year).
- Wheat ranks third among U.S. field crops (behind corn and soybeans) in planted acreage, production and gross farm receipts.

# Winter Trivia: Test your knowledge from Midwest soil to rock salt

Christopher Enroth – Illinois Extension

In the prolonged cold of this past month, going outside has been, well painful. Being stuck inside I have gotten so much accomplished! We organized our storage totes, I got that window trim repaired. I even got to finish a puzzle! It's been years since I've been able to finish a puzzle.

Being trapped inside can make us a bit stir-crazy. My family has stopped playing board games with me. Something about how I win too much. Now, after staring at the wall for an hour I thought it was time to play a round of winter garden trivia. Have fun!

**Which soil typically has higher organic matter: An Illinois forest or a tropical rainforest?**

1. Illinois forest
2. Tropical rainforest
3. What is organic matter?
4. Organic matter is decayed organic material.
5. Is he purposefully using questions as answers?
6. It works on Jeopardy!

**If tropical rainforests are lush and full of life, why are tropic soils not as productive as Illinois soil?**

1. Geology
2. They are older soils.
3. The tropics don't have winter.
4. Rain leaches nutrients out of the root zone.
5. Answers 2, 3, 4, and maybe 1. I'm not a geologist.

**Why would winter create better soils?**

1. The cold weather slows the decomposition of organic matter allowing it to build up over time. In the tropics, microbes work year-round decomposing debris.
2. I bet the long, more complex answer is correct.
3. What day is it and how long have I been wearing this thermal underwear?
4. T.M.I. (Too much information)
5. Answers 1 and 2. I'll also accept 4.
6. I see. This quiz is about why winter is a good thing.

**Have I convinced you that winter is important to Illinois?**

1. No, because I already love winter!
2. Yes, winter is great!

**Winter does have safety concerns. Illinoisians reduce slick conditions with deicing salts. What are deicing salts?**

1. Sodium chloride (Traditional rock salt)
2. Calcium chloride
3. Magnesium chloride
4. Calcium magnesium acetate
5. That's a lot of different types of salt!
6. What about sugar beets?
7. All the above.

## Good Growing Answers of the Week:

I bet you got an A+ on today's quiz, but if you like to check your answers, here they are: 1, 5, 5, 1 or 2, 7.

## Apply to the 2025 Foundation Scholarships Today!

High school seniors and college students are urged to apply for the 2025 scholarships provided by the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation. Visit our website to download pdfs of the scholarship applications or apply online at [dcfb.org](http://dcfb.org) under the Foundation tab. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact our office at 630.668.8161 or email [info@dcfb.org](mailto:info@dcfb.org).



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# Transforming Your Kitchen Scraps: Composting with Worms

Ken Johnson –  
Illinois Extension

Has this cold, dreary weather been making you wish you could get outside and play in the 'dirt'? Or perhaps you're looking for ways to improve your garden soil during the winter. Worm composting, or vermicomposting, is a good way to accomplish both of these. In addition to producing compost, it's also a great way to put those kitchen scraps to use.

## What is vermicomposting?

Vermicomposting uses various species of worms, typically red wigglers (*Eisenia fetida*), to decompose organic waste such as food scraps. As worms eat, they produce castings, aka worm compost, vermicompost, or worm manure. Castings are small, dark clumps that can be used as a soil amendment. It is also a great option for winter composting when our outside pile has become dormant.

## Getting started with vermicomposting

Getting started with vermicomposting is relatively easy to do. There are a variety of kits that can be purchased, or you can make your own. All you need to make your own vermicomposting bin is a plastic storage bin (worms don't like light, so do not use a clear container) with holes drilled in the sides. A 10-gallon bin is a good size to start with. Drill ½ inch holes in the sides of the bin and lid so the worms can breathe. Then, cover the holes with window screening so they don't escape.

A bedding material will need to be added to your bin. The bedding should be a nontoxic material that holds moisture but also allows air to circulate. Some materials that can be used include newspaper (make sure not to use glossy paper), paper bags, cardboard, decaying leaves, or coconut coir. If using pa-

per, tear it into half-inch-wide strips and soak in water for several minutes. Then remove the paper and wring it out; it should be slightly wetter than a moist sponge (this goes for any bedding material you may be using). Fluff the paper up and fill the bin halfway.

The worms will eat the



bedding, so more will need to be added over time. Keep the bedding moist; using a plant mister is a good way to do this. Finally, add a handful of soil to the newspaper. This will introduce microorganisms that will aid in the composting process.

## Adding & feeding your worms

Once your bin is set up, it's time to add some worms. Red wigglers are widely considered the best worms to use. They burrow horizontally and stay near the soil surface, only burrowing 3-8 inches deep. The worms you typically find in the garden or after a good rainstorm, like night crawlers, burrow deep into the soil and are not good for vermicomposting indoors. You will need around a pound of worms (about 1,000) for your bin.

Worms will eat almost any fruit and vegetable scrap you give them, such as apples, bananas, carrots, coffee grounds, and even eggshells (avoid citrus, though). Do not feed your worms meat, dairy products, or oily foods. They won't eat them, and the food will spoil.

When adding food to your bin, use small pieces; the worms will break them down faster and rotate where you place the food around

the bin so it is distributed throughout the bin. It's also helpful to bury the food in the bedding; this gives the worms better access to the food and can help prevent fruit flies from getting into the bin. Covering food with damp paper bedding can also help to prevent fruit flies.

Feed your worms as needed; once established, red wigglers can eat up to half their weight in food daily.

## Harvesting your worm compost, aka castings

After a few months, you should have some worm compost to harvest. Several methods can be used to harvest worm compost:

With the divide and sort method, stop feeding the worms, move the old bedding to one side of the bin,

and add fresh bedding and food to the other. The worms will move to the new bedding, and you can harvest your compost.

Dump the bin onto a plastic sheet and place a bright light over it. The worms will try to get away from the light and burrow to the bottom of the pile. Once they have moved the compost from the top and sides of the pile can be harvested.

Stop feeding the worms; eventually, they will die, and you can harvest your compost.

Once you have your new compost, it can be used in potting soil for your houseplants, outdoor plants, or vegetable garden. It can also be stored in an airtight container to be used later and can last up to six months or more when properly stored (dark, moist but not wet, and avoid temperature fluctuations).



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2 bedroom apartment, 1 block from downtown Lombard. If interested please contact Don Tuchscherer at 630-279-3530

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MISC. SERVICES of sewing, patching, mending, and repairing of clothing. 630-234-6058, Michael.

## Almanac

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### February 2025

Temp. 24° (4° below avg.); precip. 1.5" (0.5" below avg.). 1-10 Snowy periods, very cold. 11-16 Showers, warmer. 17-25 Snowy periods, turning very cold. 26-28 Snow showers, chilly.

## IAA Scholarships

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 120 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$210,251 for the 2025-26 school year.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Applications must be completed online by February 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or email Jennifer Smith at [jsmith@iffb.org](mailto:jsmith@iffb.org)

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15% off full meal for 2 guests or fewer (excludes alcohol, tax & gratuity). Cannot be combined with other discounts, promos and/or carryout.

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10% off of food purchase

304 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, 60108  
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www.anywayspub.com

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405 N Eola Rd, Aurora, 60502  
630.499.1500

blueberrybreakfastcafe.com

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Only at participating locations

290 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, 60188  
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www.hopvinebrewingcompany.com

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Two large pizzas, two toppings for \$29.99;  
Family Meal Pack – 1, 16" cheese pizza,  
10" cheese garlic bread, 10 pics. wings, 1,  
2 liter soda

267 West Elk Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188  
630-752-9680 • www.paparays.com

**Sarpinos Pizzeria**

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Buy one pizza at regular price, get a second  
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5107 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, 60515  
630.515.0005 • gosarpinos.com

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20% off full priced items, max value of \$20,  
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Naperville, 60563

630.637.8899 • www.shintorestaurants.com

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\$5 off \$20 purchase while dining in  
132 S Cass Ave, Westmont, 60559

630.493.9000 • www.unclebubs.com

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**Arcada Theatre**

15% discount on tickets to the theatre  
105 E. St. Charles, 60174

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1476 Miner St. Des Plaines, 60016

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**Enchanted Castle**

Purchase one regularly priced ride or attraction ticket, get one of equal or lesser value FREE. Discount available in-park only and may be used up to 4 times on the same transaction. Present your DCFB membership card at the Ticket Booth to receive discount.

1103 S. Main St. Lombard, IL 60148

630-953-7860

www.enchanted.com

**Fox Bowl**

Buy one game, get one free for up to 4  
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1101 Butterfield Rd • Wheaton, 60189

630.690.2400 • www.foxbowl.com

**Mighty Oak Athletic**

50% off the first month of training

6424 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, 60559

630-464-9498 – MightyOakAthletic.com

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Free shoe rental with purchase of 2 paid  
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34W185 Montgomery Rd • Aurora, 60504

630.898.5678 • www.parkside54.com

**Pinot's Palette – St. Charles**

15% off (online only). Must use  
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3823 E. Main St., St. Charles

630-338-0278

www.pinotspalette.com/stcharles

**Raging Waves**

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Waterpark, located in Yorkville, IL. Save  
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Limited Time Only!

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\$50.00 off any service call

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630-932-9800 – www.a-archer.net

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\$100.00 off all training schools

and \$10.00 off any grooming

2151 63rd St., Downers Grove, IL 60516

630-724-7039

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\$55.00 off any plumbing service

1727 Stoddard Ave.

Wheaton, IL 60187

630-709-7277

www.ferrariplumbing.net

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hillsroofinginc.com

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6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Ste.112

Woodridge, IL 60517

630-592-2418

hrrskylights.com

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