



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN: The Goddard School in Edwardsville to Host Largest Event to Date with Live Circus Performers, FredBird and More

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EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., June 21, 2012 . . . Come one, come all as The Goddard School in Edwardsville brings in the big top this Sat., June 23 from noon to 3 p.m. for a grand circus complete with a performance by Everyday Circus youth performers, petting zoo, an appearance by FredBird of the St. Louis Cardinals, games, food and more.

Area families are invited to this special event that will bring all of the traditional circus activities to Edwardsville. FredBird will close the circus with an appearance from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A big top tent will be erected south of the Goddard School in Edwardsville's Annex, located at 921 Arbor Vitae in Edwardsville above Peel Wood Fired Pizza, for a three-hour event to include:

- Juggler (noon to 12:40 p.m.)
- Petting Zoo (noon to 1 p.m.)
- Caricature (noon to 2 p.m.)
- Youth Circus Performers of Everyday Circus (1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
- Mimes (1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

- Magician (2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.)
- Appearance by FredBird (2 p.m. – 3 p.m.)
- Children's Games – Lawn Bowling, Duck Pond, Bean Bag Toss, Sack Races, Ring Toss
- Face Painting/Tattoos
- Lemonade, Cotton Candy, Hot Dogs, Chips and desserts by Sweet Divine

The circus is open to the public and is free of charge. Donations will be collected at the event to benefit a Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure.

The Goddard School in Edwardsville will also host a blood drive at the event from noon to 3 p.m. The blood drive is held in conjunction with the Mississippi River Regional Blood Center.

To make an appointment for the blood drive or for more information about it or the circus, please call (618) 692-9460.

Visitors of the circus may also tour The Goddard School in Edwardsville and its Annex for before- and after-school care. Free registration will be available for fall enrollment to new families signing up at the event.

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