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The Great Marshmallow Drop set for March 29 at Catalpa Oaks County Park

Participants to see thousands of marshmallows fall from the sky

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – March 14, 2024 – It will be raining marshmallows over Catalpa Oaks County Park in Southfield during Oakland County Parks' Great Marshmallow Drop on Friday, March 29. A helicopter will drop more than 15,000 marshmallows over a designated area in the park beginning at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by Henry Ford Health – GoHealth Urgent Care, there will be four drop zone groups. Three will begin at 10 a.m.: Ages 4 and younger; ages 5-7; and ages 8-12. A drop for individuals with disabilities of all ages will begin at 11:30 a.m. An American Sign Language interpreter will be available on site.

"One of Oakland County Parks' core values is making enjoyable experiences available to all," Recreation Program Supervisor Melissa Nawrocki said. "This free event exemplifies that by creating lots of fun memories for participants and their loved ones. The anticipation builds as the crowd waits for the first sign of the helicopter to arrive. Once it drops the fluffy marshmallows to the ground, eager participants wait until volunteers drop the rope and then they race to snag that one perfect marshmallow that they exchange for a prize."

She emphasized that the event is not a competition; all participants ages 12 and younger and individuals with disabilities will receive a prize.

Staff and volunteers will be on site to assist with parking, provide a safe boundary for kids to run in, distribute prizes and take care of other activities that support the program. This is a popular event, so participants are encouraged to arrive early for parking. No preregistration is required. Catalpa Oaks County Park is located at 27705 Greenfield Road in Southfield.

Nearly 200 volunteers are needed for two volunteer shifts from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., making it a perfect short-term assignment for students, corporate groups and seniors. Register to volunteer at [VolunteerMatch.com](https://www.volunteermatch.com). For more information, email Volunteer@oakgov.com or call 248-975-9717.

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