



MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT

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LIGHT UP THE PARK ESSAY CONTEST

THEME:

“Why are Parks and Recreation A Place for Everyone”

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student who attends a school in Morton Grove or is homeschooled may participate.

GRADE CATEGORIES:

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth or the homeschool equivalent.

RULES:

Each essay **MUST** contain the phrase:

“Why is Parks and Recreation important to Morton Grove”

Each essay is to be handwritten or typed on the front side of one
8 1/2” X 11” lined or printer paper.

One essay per student may be submitted.

Each essay must be submitted with the child’s name, address, grade,
school they attend, and a guardian’s name and contact number.

JUDGING:

Each submission will be judged on originality, sincerity,
and the student’s ability to convey a concise thought.

TIMELINE:

Essays can be sent via email to the park district at board@mgparks.com or
dropped off at the Prairie View Community Center registration desk
on or before Tuesday, November 24.

Winners will be notified via telephone on Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

AWARDS: One winner from each grade will receive a
2027 Family Pool Pass from the Morton Grove Park District.

Questions? Contact Jeff at jwait@mgparks.com or board@mgparks.com

