



# LINCOLN PARKS FOUNDATION

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### LINCOLN PARKS FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST

The Lincoln Parks Foundation is encouraging area residents to submit their favorite park memory as part of their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The Lincoln Parks Foundation will judge the essays and will determine the winners in three age based categories: 7 to 12 years old, 13 to 18 years old and adults over 18. Winners will be recognized and the overall winning essay will be read by Mayor Chris Beutler at the celebration event August 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Sunken Gardens, 27<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Parkway. The winning essays will also be featured on the Lincoln Parks Foundation's website.

"Lincoln residents, both past and present, have so much to be proud of being a part of this great community," Foundation President Sandy Hilsabeck said. "We want to celebrate all of those memories and the role Lincoln's parks and recreational facilities have played in making our city an enjoyable place to live, work and raise our families."

People wishing to participate in the essay contest can find more information about the contest and entry forms at the Lincoln Parks Foundation website at [www.lincolnparks.org](http://www.lincolnparks.org). Essays are to be no more than 800 words and must include an entry form which can be found at the Foundation's website in order to be eligible for the contest. Entries should be sent to Lincoln Parks Foundation, 2740 A Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502. All entries must be postmarked by August 15, 2007.

The Lincoln Parks Foundation was founded in 1992 to enhance the City Parks and Recreation Department by securing, managing and allocating private funding. The mission of the Foundation is to provide funding "over and above" that provided by City tax dollars. For more information on the Lincoln Parks Foundation visit their website at [www.lincolnparks.org](http://www.lincolnparks.org) or call 402.441.8258.

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