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Kite Festival Returns to Veterans Park

Milwaukee, WI (Aug. 15, 2013) – Skies over Veterans Park on Milwaukee’s Lakefront will be filled with a variety of colorful kites at the 35th Annual Frank Mots International Kite Festival, Sat., Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The free event is sponsored by the Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois, Gift of Wings, and B93.3. Parking for the event is free.

The public is invited to bring along their kites and take part in the Fast Track Grand Launch at noon each day, when nearly 600 kites will be set aloft. All types of kites will also be available for purchase at the festival.

Professional kite-flying teams will begin performing at 12:30 p.m. both days. Throughout the weekend, the teams will present stunt and precision routines with dual- and quad-line kites. Rokkaku, or “fighting kite,” demonstrations will be staged in the afternoon, wind permitting.

Master-class professional teams performing are Chicago Fire, a precision kite-flying team; Eos, a dual-line pair; 02, a dual-line pair; Pegasus, a dual-line pair; Something Old, Something New, a quad-line pair; Mike Delfar, a dual-line sport kite-flyer; Joshua Gordon, a dual-line sport kite-flyer; and Zachery Gordon, a quad-line kite-flyer. Additional experienced teams from the U.S. and Canada will perform.

At 2 p.m., the Kaplan University “Kids Mad Dash of 100 Kites” gets under way, as children run to launch their kites. Free kites will be given to the first 100 children participating.

Free kite-flying lessons will be offered throughout the festival. From 11 a.m.-close, families can take part in the “Learn to Fly a Revolution” and the “Learn to Fly a Premier Kite” programs.

Kites are available for purchase at the Gift of Wings kite store in the park.

Food items including Johnsonville Brats, Palermos Pizza, and Red Hot Chicago Hot Dogs will also be available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.giftofwings.com

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