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Kankakee County is going into overtime this summer!

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KANKAKEE, IL- Experience Kankakee County like you never have before. With the Kankakee River flowing nearby, there is adventure waiting around each bend. Whether you're a seasoned veteran of the county, or you are brand new visiting for the Chicago Bears RC Cola Training Camp, there is something for everyone to explore.

"Another year of record breaking numbers proves that travel is back and the tourism industry in Illinois is thriving," Governor Quinn said. "Our world-class cultural attractions and destinations continue to attract more and more visitors to Illinois each year, which in turn directly drives the state's economy growth." In 2011 alone, tourists spent more than \$122 million in travel expenditures in Kankakee County. Along with the financial benefits, the tourism industry helps maintain and create jobs.

Visitors looking to experience some of the Kankakee flavor, can check out various locally owned restaurants, including Ale House Pub, which has 40 beers on tap every day. Ever wondered what your burger would taste like with peanut butter and bacon? Burgers and Beer may have just what you're looking for. Those with adventurous taste buds can visit the newly opened Koi Asian Bistro, with sushi made from the freshest ingredients.

To work off some of that food, the county boasts miles of bike trails, including the trails in Perry Farm. This four mile trail features farm animals for the kids and a beautiful natural setting for the whole family. For the water lovers, Splash Valley Aquatic Waterpark has a lazy river, three waterslides, lap pool, and two zero-depth entry pools.

This year marks the 16th Annual Kankakee Farmers' Market. Grab some locally grown produce, arts and crafts, flowers, and baked goods as you walk through the square. Offering activities for the kids during the market, FEED will keep your kids learning.

For those valuing the days of old, venture into the famous Prairie Style Frank Lloyd Wright home, which is open for 1-hour tours. Not far down the road, is the beautiful Riverview Historic District, located along the banks of the Kankakee River. Nestled in the Historic District, is beautiful Cobb Park, which is the landmark where the Riverview Hotel was built in 1887. Still leaving their mark on the community, 9 historic churches are open for drive-by or self-guided tours, including First Presbyterian Church in Saint Anne, which has Abraham Lincoln to thank for coming to its defense.

The Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) creates growth for the local economy by promoting Kankakee County as an overnight destination and developing a united tourism industry. For more information on the Kankakee County CVB, please visit www.visitkankakeecounty.com.