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A new book or dog food/supplies is the only admission price for the Saturday, March 22 St. Patrick's Day Pot of Gold Scavenger Hunt at the City's Russell Farm.

Miranda Maceyra, a 16-year-old Centennial High School student, is hosting a Girl Scout community service project at the historic farm between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The fun is geared toward children, nine-16 years old. Staff from the library, the animal shelter, and Teen Court will be at the event to spread the word about what they have to offer the community and what a resident could offer if they choose to volunteer for any of the three departments. Adoptable pets will make an appearance too in hopes of on-site adoptions. The event may also benefit the Meals-On-Wheels of Johnson and Ellis counties Ani-Meals program. This program provides food for the pets of Meals-On-Wheels clients.

Volunteers will provide tours of the historical farm on March 22. The 30-acre farm was donated to the City by Charlie and Louise Boren in 2011. The farm is part of the City's parks and recreation department and is open to the community. Anyone can visit the farm and enjoy a picnic or other function without renting a building.

The farm was part of a 540-acre farm purchased by Martha Russell in 1877. The historical house that she built in 1877 is open for guided tours by docents who narrate the farm's history. The farm has several galleries containing wood sculptures by Charlie Boren and local artists, along with historical artifacts located in the different buildings and on the grounds.

Several buildings can be rented for parties, weddings, company picnics, meetings, reunions or other group functions. Russell Farm also includes community gardening, which has attracted both beginning and experienced gardeners. They rent a gardening plot and share their know-how and interest in raising vegetables and flowers with others during the growing season.

For more information about the St. Patrick's Pot of Gold scavenger hunt contact Miranda Maceyra at maceyra.miranda@gmail.com or call Linda Ragle at 817-346-3756.