

Options for Every Lifestyle  
Annual Events  
Where We Live

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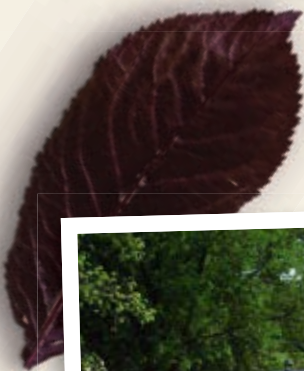
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GREAT PLACES:

Lisle, IL

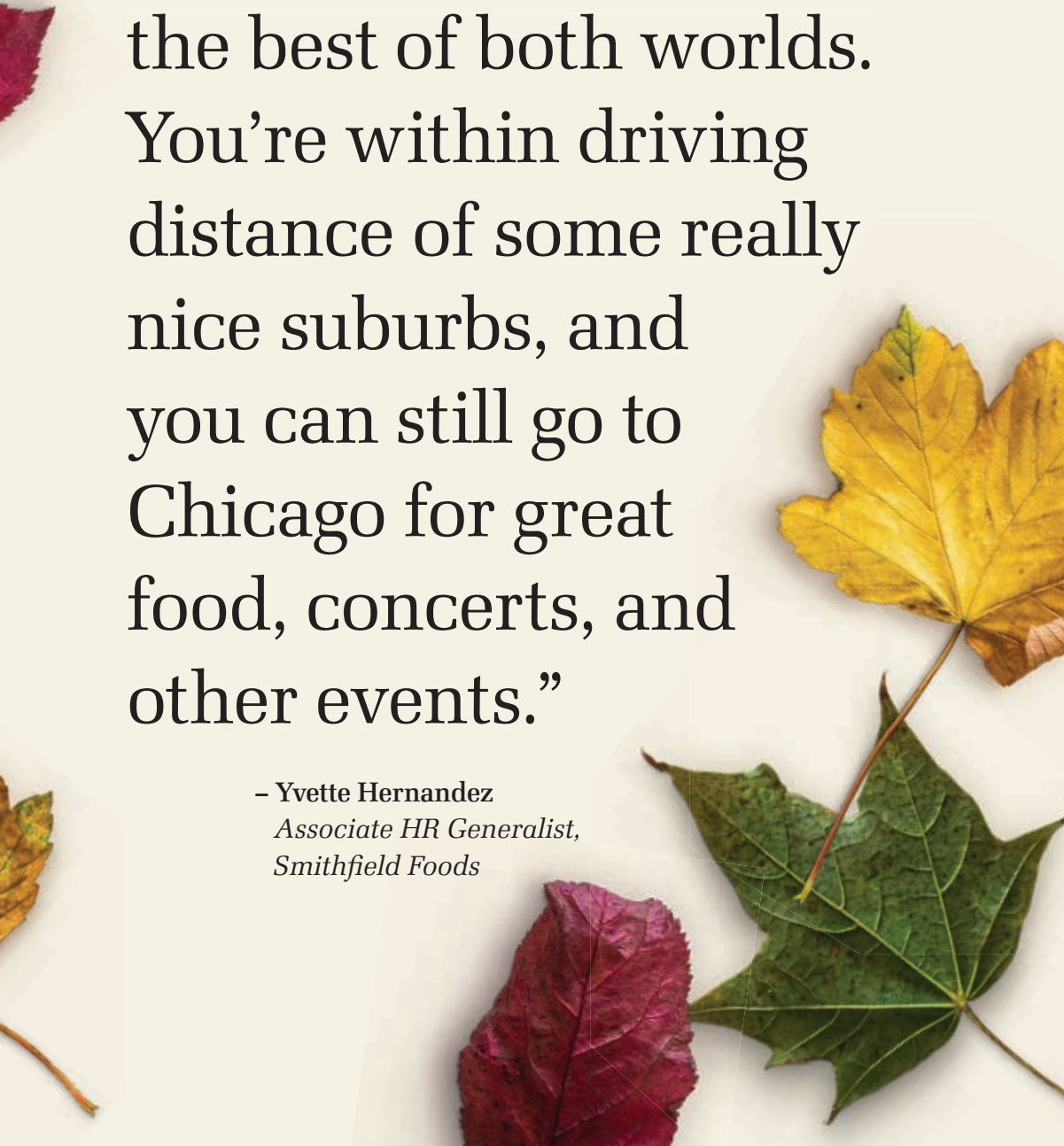






“I’m single and love that the Lisle area provides the best of both worlds. You’re within driving distance of some really nice suburbs, and you can still go to Chicago for great food, concerts, and other events.”

– Yvette Hernandez  
*Associate HR Generalist,  
Smithfield Foods*



# A Small Village, a World of Possibilities



## Food & Drink

Deep-dish pizza, Chicago-style hot dogs, and juicy Italian Beef sandwiches are just a few of the culinary favorites you'll find in Lisle and throughout Illinois. Along with these iconic staples, you can choose among 25 Michelin-starred restaurants in Chicago as well as plenty of other fine dining options across its western suburbs. The Windy City is home to virtually limitless nightlife options. Among them, the blues are an integral part of the city's musical heritage. Of course, no matter what type of live music you like, you're bound to find it playing somewhere.

## Arts & Culture

Metra trains connect Chicago's western suburbs to some of the nation's leading cultural institutions. Among them, the Art Institute of Chicago is one of the largest museums in the United States, while the Lyric Opera of Chicago has been staging ambitious productions for more than a half-century. Stunning Auditorium Theatre hosts concerts, comedians, and theatrical productions. In the suburbs, Aurora's Paramount Theatre hosts Broadway touring shows and other events. Popular Blackberry Farm is a living history museum that has re-created pioneer life.





## Sports & Recreation

Lisle and Chicago's other western suburbs have plenty to offer if you like the great outdoors. Four Lakes Ski Area is a great spot for beginners or for honing skills. The Fox River Trail runs from Aurora to Algonquin, and the nearly 1,400 acre Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville is great for fishing and camping. For sports fans, Chicago is a short trip away. Baseball fans can catch the Cubs or White Sox, while football fans fill Soldier Field to see the Bears. United Center is home to the NBA's Bulls and the NHL's Blackhawks.



## Family Life

Lisle is home to the renowned Morton Arboretum, which offers trails for hiking and cycling, an interactive children's garden, an outdoor maze, and extensive nature education programs for children and families. Award-winning Sea Lion Aquatic Park is a popular summer destination, while the annual Eyes to the Skies Hot Air Balloon Festival draws some 80,000 people annually. Spend a day at the Brookfield Zoo and marvel at the big cats, primates, and over 400 other species of animals spread across its more than 200 acres. You can also head into Chicago to visit the Field Museum of Natural History or to relax in Lincoln Park along Lake Michigan.

# Annual Events

Whatever your age or interest, Lisle and Chicago's other western suburbs offer a wide range of festivals and other events for every season.



## Fall

Aurora  
Winter Lights

Batavia  
Celebration of Lights  
Festival

Downers Grove  
Downtown Downers  
Grove Fine Arts Festival

Lisle  
Depot Days

Lights of Lisle Festival

Naperville  
Riverwalk Fine Art Fair

## Winter

Geneva  
Geneva Film Festival

Geneva Restaurant  
Week

Naperville  
Naperville Ale Fest –  
Winter Edition

Naperville Jaycees  
Mardi Gras

Wheaton  
Festival of Lights and  
Tree Sale

## Spring

Chicago  
St. Patrick's Day

Naperville  
Spring Style Weekend  
Civil War Days

Big Band Jazz Festival

## Summer

Chicago  
Taste of Chicago

Geneva  
RiverPark Concert  
Series

Lisle  
Craft Beer Festival

Lisle Eyes to the  
Skies Hot Air Balloon  
Festival

PrairieWalk Pond  
Concert Series

Naperville  
Naperville Ale Fest –  
Summer Edition

Naperville Ribfest

Oak Brook  
Oaktoberfest

# Where We Live

Many Smithfield employees live right in Lisle, but the towns and villages of Chicago's western suburbs offer many other appealing and convenient options. For employees who crave the buzz of the city, commuting from Chicago is a viable option as well.

## Aurora



Popular among employees who prefer living closer to the country, Aurora is still just 30 minutes from Smithfield's offices. Its Metra station also makes getting to Chicago a snap. Attractions include its historic downtown, the Paramount Theatre, and Blackberry Farm living history museum.

## Batavia

For those who enjoy the charms of small-town living, this suburb just 25 minutes northwest of Lisle is ideal. Dubbed the "City of Windmills," Batavia has a downtown Riverwalk



that is a hub for cultural activities and other events. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the Fox River Bike Trail.

## Bolingbrook



This southwest suburb of Chicago is just a 20-minute drive from Smithfield's offices. Bolingbrook offers good public schools, easy access to shopping, and attractions that include the scenic DuPage River Greenway. The world-class Brookfield Zoo is also just a short drive away.

## Chicago

For employees who prefer city living, Chicago is just an hour from Lisle by train. The Windy City features 77 vibrant neighborhoods that appeal to a variety of lifestyles, with all of the nightlife and cultural offerings you





would expect from the nation's third-largest city.

## Downers Grove



Just east of Lisle, the Village of Downers Grove is a great option for employees who prefer a quick commute. According to *Forbes*, it's also among "America's Friendliest Towns." With plenty of recreational opportunities and two award-winning school districts, Downers Grove is popular among young families.

## Lisle



Prized for its high quality of life, the village of Lisle offers lots of green space and trails for walking and biking.

Its vibrant downtown includes the colorful open-air French market, and the Oakbrook Center shopping mall is only 15 minutes away. Lisle is also home to the nationally recognized Morton Arboretum and just an hour from Chicago by Metra train.

## Naperville



A city that routinely lands on national "best places to live" lists, Naperville offers top-rated public schools, great restaurants, and convenient shopping. Leading attractions include the Naper Settlement, DuPage Children's Museum, and its downtown Riverwalk.

## Wheaton



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Lisle Park District  
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Aurora Downtown  
[auroradowntown.org](http://auroradowntown.org)

Chicago  
[choosechicago.com](http://choosechicago.com)

## Local Governments

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[villageoflisle.org](http://villageoflisle.org)

Naperville  
[naperville.il.us](http://naperville.il.us)

Aurora  
[aurora-il.org](http://aurora-il.org)

City of Wheaton  
[wheaton.il.us](http://wheaton.il.us)

## Public Schools

Lisle District 202  
[lisle202.org](http://lisle202.org)

Naperville District 203  
[naperville203.org](http://naperville203.org)

Wheaton District 200  
[cusd200.org](http://cusd200.org)

East Aurora District 131  
[d131.org](http://d131.org)

## Local Media

ABC Chicago  
[abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com)

Lisle Local News  
[patch.com/illinois/lisle](http://patch.com/illinois/lisle)

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[chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com)





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