



2011-2024

FRIENDS' IMPACT ON THE PARK

484,072

62,597
Volunteer
Hours

Advertising & Events **\$280,796**

12 Trick or Treat & Campground Deco Contests, **12** Painting Classes, **8** Plate Lunch Sales, **2** Park Birthday Parties, **3** Haunted trails, **12** Movies, **10** Easter Programs, **8** Christmas Socials, **3** 5K Races, **161** Newsletters, **12** 'Stir the Pot' Cook-off & Festivals, **9** Cracklin' Cooking Demos, **1** Geocaching, partnered on **10** 'Pork in the Park' Dutch Oven Gatherings, **12** Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parades **8** Networking Luncheons, **9** Pictures with Santa, **1** Day of Conservation, **3** Fishing Tournaments, promoted the park at over **34** outside events, Flyers, promotion on Facebook and Web-site and Ads

VALUE OF TANGIBLE GIFTS GIVEN DIRECTLY TO PARK

\$203,276

NEW AMENITIES **\$64,214.76**

- 6 new **BBQ pits** for the cabins
- 10 new **bicycle racks** to be placed at facilities throughout the park
- Purchased and installed a **playground** in the splash pad area
- Purchased a **refrigerator** and accepted a donated **microwave** for the meeting room
- Purchased the material necessary for OSP staff to install **water lines** to all four pavilions
- Accepted the donation of **black top** for parking lot near meeting room
- Contributed funds toward the purchase and installation of the new **toddler playground**
- Placed donated **book cases** and **books** in campground bathhouses for reading program
- Purchased 2 **oscillating fans** for pavilion #2
- Purchased 3 **exit signs**
- Contributed funds toward the purchase and installation of the new **rope playground**
- Purchased 20 new **fire rings** and pavers for campsites
- Purchased 4 new **canoes**
- Purchased books and materials for **Story-Walk** on Kid's Trail
- New PA System & Microphone Stand

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS **\$57,208.79**

- Enhanced the **electrical** amenities in the day use area at the meeting room and the bathhouse
- Accepted donated funds to purchase composite materials for OSP staff to **rebuild the Board walk**
- Accepted donated **Mulch** for educational class room and group campsite
- Purchased additional **rubber mulch** and **matts** for the large playground
- Partnered in clearing, mulching and maintaining **primitive backpack sites** and **group campsite**
- Purchased bat, squirrel, owl, hawk and other bird **nesting boxes**
- Purchased **supplies and giveaways** to the park's Interpretive programs
- Accepted a donation of **aquariums** for **display cases** in the Nature Center
- Purchased two pair of **binoculars** (1 Night vision set) for Interpretive Ranger's programs
- Purchased and paid for **new floor** installation in Meeting room and 6 cabins
- Installed a **water valve** at the entrance circle
- Purchased Material to create Handicap transition from cement trail to boardwalk
- Secured a donation of **2 boat launch signs** on Vermilion River
- Accepted a donation for **Trail drainage** enhancements

Founded in 2011, Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) public charity organized for the exclusive benefit, support, enhancement and promotion of Palmetto Island State Park.

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BEAUTIFICATION **\$42,921.35**

• Accepted 100+ hybrid and native **LA iris**' donated for entrance circle and other locations in the park • Purchased 217 blooming **native plants** to the splash pad area in an effort to enhance the bird habitat. • Purchased 1,365+ **Abbeville Red Iris** in board walk area and **supported LICI's** efforts to manage and enhance the boardwalk exhibit • Purchased blooming plants, soil & mulch for the **entrance circle** • Planted 100 donated cypress and oak **trees**

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FOR STAFF, EXISTING FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT **\$19,999.77**

• Purchased a new electric **pump, sensors, hoses, chemicals** and **PVC pipe** for splash pad • Purchased **lag screws, bolts** and donated **pipe** to repair the foot bridge to backpack campsites • Purchased **parts** to repair and paid for repair service on lawnmowers • Hired repairman to perform **diagnostics** on Air Conditioner • Paid the **mounting fee** for new tires on Ranger's truck • Purchased a new **water valve cover** • Designed and purchased **hats, staff uniform t-shirts, camp host and volunteer t-shirts** • Purchased **2 gallons of Jomax** to clean park amenities • Purchased **fuel** for equipment and vehicles • Purchased 4 new **oscillating wall fans** for the Meeting Room • Accepted donated **oxygen & acetylene tanks** and **welding wire** • Built and installed a new **pipe fence** to replace broken wooden fence at park entrance • Purchased a **gate** and built **pipe fence** to restrict vehicle access to pond and backpack campsites • Accepted donated and purchased **dirt and limestone** • Purchased a new **washing machine** for staff to clean cabin linens • Purchased a new **hot water heater** for entrance station • Purchased a new **hose** for dish washing machine • Purchased **lumber and hardware** for picnic table repair • Purchased **electric breakers** and **PVC pipe** for campsite repairs • Purchased a new **starter** for the camp hosts' Gator • Purchased **herbicide** for maintaining new by pass trail to primitive campsites • Purchased a new **separator** for tractor • Purchased material to **enhance canoe rack** • Purchase new **sump pump** • Purchased **patch material** for roads • Purchased miscellaneous **supplies**

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED **\$10,727.38**

• Purchased a **pressure washer** to maintain amenities • Purchased a **16 ft utility trailer** for evacuation and to transport equipment for repair. • Purchased a **tiller** to maintain tent site sand boxes in campground • Purchased a **welding machine** and **torch kit** for the maintenance department • Purchased **radios** for staff to be able to communicate with Park Rangers while in trucks • Purchased **2 a/c window units** for back up and for staff's laundry room • Purchased **wood** and **supplies** to build Lt. Gov.'s sign at the park • Purchased a new **finishing mower**

PRINTED, EDUCATIONAL, DISPLAY, PROMOTIONAL OR GIVEAWAY MATERIAL **\$7,203.85**

• Printed *Amphibians and Reptiles of Palmetto Island State Park* **color brochure** • Purchased 4 **educational CDs** for Nature Center • Printed a 3 issues of the *Abbeville Red Iris* **color brochure** • Purchased material and hardware for **5 kiosks** to inform patrons about the park and programs • Printed and distributed **park rack cards** to all tourist information centers in LA and to the Texas and Mississippi state lines • Accepted a donated **dry eraser board** for Park Ranger's programs • Purchased a **display case** to show artifacts found on property • Purchased a memorial **plaque** • Purchased 3 **outdoor display cases** for existing kiosks • Built and donated an **A-frame display board** • Purchased campsite sponsor **signage** • Purchased **geocaching items** • Purchased supplies for **snakes** donated by LARE to display in Nature Center • Purchased 1,000 PISP logo stickers as give away • Purchased Annual Passes, Gift Cards & paid entrance fees

THANK YOU!