



# Keeping YOU connected to Palmetto Island State Park!

**Hello Friends!**



Spring is well on it's way at Palmetto Island State Park. We are beginning to see a little more color. The Abbeville Red still has not bloomed. I did see several stalks with the beginnings of buds on them. I suspect the nights are still a little too cool for the iris. We'll post on the Facebook page for those of you who want to see it at the board walk. I only found a few native iris along the road just past the canoe

launch area. I can tell you that the black berries and dew berries have bloomed and the honey bees are feasting. We hope you enjoy the beautiful weather we've been getting in between the sassy spring storms.



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## **2022 Annual Membership Meeting Rescheduled**

Because of unknown scheduling conflicts we were unable to hold our Annual Membership Meeting last Tuesday. Please join us this **Monday, April 4th** at 6pm on the deck near the nature center at Palmetto Island State Park. We plan to elect new board members.

**New board members are still critical for 2022.**

Friends of Palmetto Island cannot continue to properly support the

park and host events with out volunteers. Specifically someone willing to serve as President. You can help set the direction of support with your fresh energy and ideas. Please consider becoming part of the organization that supports Palmetto Island State Park. If you're interested in serving on the board, please email [info@friendsofpalmetto.org](mailto:info@friendsofpalmetto.org)

**2022 Membership is FREE! Join below.**

**Friends of Palmetto Island Membership**

**2022 Membership Guidelines**



**Campers!**

**Park staff will be placing Easter Eggs in various places around the park during Easter weekend. Watch the park's [Facebook page](#) for the date.**

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**Cancelling 2022 Stir the Pot**

Over the last two years, like most organizations who host events, Friends was significantly impacted by the mandates and the restrictions imposed due to the Covid 19 virus. Apart from the organization and the park, many people's interests, lives and priorities have been changed forever. As the virus mandates have been lifted, organizations having a large enough volunteer base seem to have been able to overcome the challenge of returning after two years of dormancy.

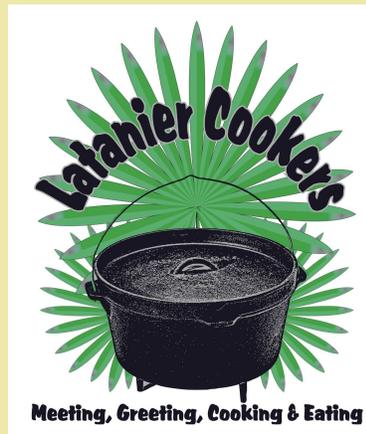
As a small non-profit made of mostly older volunteers, Friends of Palmetto has felt this challenge more significantly than most. This is the major hurdle that has forced Friends of Palmetto to cancel this event. Simply put, we cannot organize and host an event of this size on state property without a chairperson who has the time and energy to do things required and coordinate 30 plus volunteers. After searching and requesting for months, the organization was unable to find a volunteer who could give the event the necessary level of time and attention. We are grateful to all park patrons and campers who have been a blessing of support to this park and our events for over ten years. We could not do it without you. However, it takes a lot of volunteers and time both behind the scenes and in advance to execute this event and many others.

We know that patrons have been looking forward to this event's return and reservations have been made 13 months in advance. We considered how disappointed we know you all would be and tried to make changes to the event to make it more volunteer friendly or replace it with something else and still we came up with the same challenges. Sadly, at this time, Friends does not have the membership or volunteer base to host an event of this size. Having attendance at this event is no longer enough. Whether this event returns in the future is unclear. It almost certainly will not without the renewed support of volunteers and members. Please consider becoming involved with Friends of Palmetto Island State Park.

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# Latanier Cookers

Join us for the next Dutch Oven Gathering of 2022 at Palmetto Island State Park on the second **Saturday, April 9**. We'll be sharing fresh sausage poorboys at noon. Bring your pots and cook with us!



**Don't forget! NO D.O.G. in MAY!**

Most of our members will be traveling to Jimmy Davis State Park on May 27 & 28 for the Louisiana Dutch Oven Society's State gathering.

**We'd love to see you there!**





**Featured Recipe - Shrimpy Corn by Chef Ted Bourque**

*We'll be posting Louisiana Seafood recipes during Lent. We hope that they make this season of reflection more enjoyable!*

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**Reservations are OPEN!**

**6th Annual**  
**Krewe of Palmetto's**  
**Mardi Gras in the Park**  
**Golf Cart Parade**

Palmetto Island State Park

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 18, 2023**



Ladies...Pull out the poodle skirts!

Fellas...Slick your hair back!



**“ROCKIN’ AROUND THE**  
**CAMPGROUND...50’S STYLE!”**

*Please be aware that if the Krewe of Palmetto must cancel the event for any reason, other than an official mandate or closure by Louisiana State Parks, cancellation fees will apply to your reservation should you choose to cancel or transfer it. Palmetto Island State Park is not responsible for dates or times of this event. Thanks.*

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**Fireman Friends**



It was a COLD and WINDY day, but Friends of Palmetto was happy to attend the Don Dugas Memorial Fin, Fur & Feathers Cookoff in support of the Henry Volunteer Fire Department.

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## Palmetto Island's Hiring!



**Wanted:** Part-time employee who can perform custodial duties, and

also work in the office. 24 hours a week. Please come to the park and fill out an application. Call 337-893-3930 if you have any questions.

### Park Comments and Suggestions



**Gates are open** 7am-9pm (*Sun-Thurs*) and 7am-10pm (*Fri & Sat*). Entrance station is open: 8am-5pm (*Sun-Thur*) 8am-8pm (*Fri & Sat*). All park sites close at 10pm on Friday, Saturday and days preceding holidays. **Entrance Fees:** \$3 per person; Free for Seniors (*62 and older*) and children age 3 and under. **Canoe rentals** are \$25 per day or \$7 per hour. The **Splashpad** is closed on Mondays for maintenance. **Golf cart** entry fees are \$10 per day or \$100 for annual pass (*proof of insurance is required*). Palmetto Island State Park has 96 camp sites, 6 cabins, 4 pavilions, 4 primitive backpack sites, 1 primitive group site and a meeting room to rent. **Reservations** for overnight accommodations at Palmetto Island State Park can be made online (*click button below*) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. **For more information** about the Park, visit [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com), call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.

**Make a Reservation at Palmetto Island State Park**

# Thank You!

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