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# PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

*'Our community connecting YOU to Palmetto Island State Park'*

A newsletter by Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

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**Zookeeper Camp** was held by Schoolhouse Safari this past July at Palmetto Island State Park. This was a 3 day educational camp for kids ages 8 to 13 and it was the first time they held a camp at Palmetto. In spite of Hurricane Barry, the camp was very successful. Campers learned all about being a zookeeper and were able to get up-close and personal with small mammals, reptiles, birds and insects that Schoolhouse Safari provided. They also took nature hikes to explore the park and got to cool off in the water on the splashpad.



**Schoolhouse Safari** is a family run, mobile, educational exotic animal encounter based in Lafayette, Louisiana. They can be hired to bring the exotic adventure to parties, events or festivals. For more information, you can visit their web sight at [www.schoolhousesafari.com](http://www.schoolhousesafari.com) or call 337-371-7455.

Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail [info@friendsofpalmetto.org](mailto:info@friendsofpalmetto.org)  
To 'un-subscribe' e-mail the above. **Only current members without an e-mail address will receive a copy of this newsletter by mail.** Thank you!  
Please feel free to share.



**August:**  
 Saturday 10 - Latanier Cooker's  
 Dutch Oven Gathering  
 Tuesday 27 - Board Meeting

**September:** Saturday 14 - Latanier Cooker's D.O.G.  
 Tuesday 24 - Board Meeting  
 Sunday 29 - Pork Steak Plate Lunch Sale

**October:** Saturday 12 - Latanier Cooker's D.O.G.  
 Saturday 26 - Halloween Celebration  
 Tuesday 29 - Board Meeting

**November:** Saturday 9 - Latanier Cooker's  
 Cochon de lat D.O.G.  
 Saturday 26 - Board Meeting  
 Saturday 30 - Pictures with Santa

**December:** Saturday 7 - Membership Social  
 Saturday 14 - Latanier Cooker's D.O.G.  
 Tuesday 17 - Board Meeting

**Gulf Coast Golf Carts  
 Sales & Rental**



*Free delivery with  
 two day rental.  
 (Call for details)*

**Don Derouen  
 Owner/Operator**

**Bus: (337) 522-4210  
 2810 Veterans Memorial Dr.  
 Abbeville, LA 70510**

Are you camping at Palmetto and don't have a golf cart? No problem. Here are two local golf cart rental businesses that will deliver to the park.

*Just For Fun Golf Cart Rentals, LLC*



*19302 W. Hwy 82  
 Forked Island, La.*

*337-652-0073*

*Owners  
 Crystal & Lollis Gaspard*

**CORK-LID TRAPDOOR SPIDER**

*Ummidia spp.*



I was amazed when 'something' shiny, black and fast caught my eye as it crossed the parking lot at PISP. I had never seen anything like it and had to find out what kind of a spider it was. *Special Thanks to the Facebook group Louisiana Insects and Arachnids for the 'id'.* While common to Louisiana, they are rarely seen. Probably because they dig tunnels in the ground lined with silk. The front door is made of silk, soil and other things from around the entrance site. This acts as a fantastic camouflage. The door is hinged with stretchy silk, and its underside has holes so that the spider can spring out at just the right moment. This also allows it to hold the door tightly closed if a predator attempts to enter the burrow. The silk 'tripwires' around the entrance of their dens, signal that unsuspecting prey has come along and accidentally touch the silk. These distant relatives of the tarantula are about an inch long (*I swear it looked bigger!*), non-venomous and eat other bugs.

## Eagle Scout Project

Terrence Decuire is a young man that is working on getting his eagle scout rank. He has chosen a project that will benefit Palmetto Island State Park. His vision is for Palmetto to have a rope climbing playground similar to the one in the picture for the older kids to play on. As of now, he has 2 years to complete it and he is looking for donations to help fund his project. He is just starting this project and Friends will keep you posted as the project progresses. If anyone would like to find out more about Terrence's Eagle Scout project you can email him at [TerrenceKaneDecuire@gmail.com](mailto:TerrenceKaneDecuire@gmail.com).



## *Latanier Cookers' D.O.G. 'CHOW'*

**PECAN PIE BROWNIES** submitted by Shannon Neveau

40 oz Brownie mix or 2 regular size mixes  
(plus ingredients listed on package)

### Pecan Pie Filling:

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 c. sugar        | 1 1/2 c. corn syrup             |
| 4 eggs            | 1/4 c. unsalted butter (melted) |
| 1 1/2 tsp vanilla | 2 c. pecans (chopped)           |

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix brownies according to the package instructions. Pour brownie batter into a greased 13 x 9 in pan and bake for 25-30 min.

**\*If baking in a 12 in. Dutch Oven, take care that batter does not touch the lid. May have to cook a little longer.\*** While baking, combine sugar, syrup, eggs, butter and vanilla. Mix well. Stir in pecans. After 25-30 min, pour the pecan pie filling over brownies. Bake 30-40 min or until the filling is only slightly jiggly in the middle when you move the pan. Let cool completely to room temperature before cutting. This will be 'gooey'! **\*For 12 in. Dutch Oven use 25 coals, 17 on top/ 8 on bottom. You may have to replace or add coals for second bake.\***



### Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Palmetto Island State Park



337-893-2470 or 337-501-1535  
meauxdp@yahoo.com



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# Bar-B-Q Pork Steak, Rice Dressing, Beans & Bread

## Sunday, September 29

\$9.00 donation per plate

Serving 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Palmetto Island State Park Entrance  
**Abbeville Pick up by ADVANCE reservation ONLY.**

**Sweet Treats Bake Sale on Site!**

For tickets call 652-2484

Friends of Palmetto Island host 2 fundraisers each year, Stir the Pot in the Spring and our **Annual BBQ Plate Lunch Sale** in September. We are well into the planning stages of the event. **Tickets have just gone on sale!** Give us a call and let us know how many you need. Sunday's are the perfect day to give the cook in your family a break from the kitchen. Treat them to home cooking without the dirty dishes! You'll have a chance to pick up a really good dessert to go with it. We'll be posting ticket locations in your community soon. If you'd like to help us sell the tickets, we'd appreciate your support. We're also gathering contact information of people interested in helping.

### THANKS TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS!



**Le Bon Manger'  
Young's Grocery  
Broussard Brothers  
Acadian Contractors  
Stallion  
Glenn Lege Construction  
Bank of Erath  
Planters Rice**



# FUNDRAISER PALLET PAINTING CLASSES TO BENEFIT PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK,

SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK, INC.

Sign up to come do a little painting! Even if you have never painted, you will be shown step-by-step on how to create your pallet painting which you may keep for yourself or give to someone as a one-of-a-kind gift. Below are the 5 pallet choices we are offering.



A: Crawfish

B: Pineapple

C: LSU

D: Cross

E: Initial

**Date:** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before class)

**Place:** Meeting Room at Palmetto Island State Park

**Cost:** \$40 per person

(All supplies included for the class.)

**Please Note:**

- Entry fee into the park will apply
- Registrations will only be accepted by mail
- You will be allowed to bring your own adult beverage
- Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

Pallet Class By: E & R Creations

For more info contact:

Mandy Crosby 337-652-5936 or Merilyn Mercure 386-627-4924

**Registrations for the classes are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To ensure your enrollment in the class, please mail your registration form with payment as soon as possible.**

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**  
Registration fees are refunded when the class is canceled by the artist. Enrollment is limited; therefore registrations are non-refundable unless cancelled 48 hours before the class date. Please leave voice message with Mandy Crosby 337-652-5936. E & R Creations reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or change location in light of unforeseen circumstances.

-----**REGISTRATION FORM**-----

Detach and return the bottom portion of this sheet. To complete the registration process, mail this completed form along with payment to:

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575

\*\*\* PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact#: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for Pallet (circle one): Pallet-A Pallet-B Pallet-C Pallet-D  
Pallet-E(specify name): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Payment of \$40 must be enclosed with this form, please fill out individual forms for each individual participating.

I have included payment by (circle one): Cash/Money Order or Check# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sorry no Credit Cards)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$10 charge for all checks that are returned as NSF

I would like Confirmation by(circle one): EMAIL or PHONE CALL



P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575



Please Mail To:

18905 LA Hwy 82, Abbeville 337-893-3017

**BON AMI GROCERY**

Mon.-Fri. 5 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

*3 miles from Palmetto Island State Park*

Summer went by way too fast! Friends of Palmetto wishes everyone a great first day back at school! You can still visit the park on weekends. The splash pad is open until September.



### Park Hours of Operation:

**Gates** are open 6am-9pm (Sun-Thurs) and 6am-10pm (Fri & Sat). **Entrance station** is open: 8am-5pm (Sun-Thur) 8am-10pm (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 open April-September, Tuesday –Sunday from 8am to 8pm. **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](http://www.lastateparks.com) 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.