



Keeping YOU connected to Palmetto Island State Park!



Hello Friends!

Join or Renew your Friends Membership here!

August Board Meeting

Join us for our monthly board meeting at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville on **Tuesday, August 30** at 6p.m. Bring your energy and fresh ideas about how we can continue to support the park.

August Dutch Oven Gathering



Join Latanier Cookers on **Saturday, August 13th** for this month's Dutch Oven Gathering. They'll be back at the splashpad parking lot. Tasty Dutch Oven sides and desserts. They'll be **servng at 11 a.m.** to beat the heat! Dust off your pot and join them! All cooking styles are welcome!

Featured Recipe - Cheesy Taco Skillet

New at the Park



While they last!! - Wangler Live bait worms for sale at the fee station. \$5.00 a container. If you are looking to have a little fun and catch fish, then Wanglers are the worms for you. Wanglers worms are the perfect

worms for a variety of fish and are expertly bred, fed and cared for to ensure that they are the perfect fishing worm. Packed in a customized soil, they are guaranteed maximum freshness. We have the "Natural" variety. Try them today!

The park has hired a new Maintenance Repairer named Elliot Bushnell. **Welcome Elliot!!!**

Park Camp Host Wanted

Palmetto Island State Park is looking at the possibility of having a summer camp host who would stay in the campground from around May through September, and **whose main duty would be to mow and trim the campground**, and keep it looking neat and groomed. If you are interested, call the park manager at 337-893-3930 for more information.

[Check out Louisiana Parks Pass](#)

Eagle Scout Project Complete!



Jarek Decuire chose Palmetto Island State Park to benefit from his Eagle Scout project. With the help and support from his troop, scout

master, and his parents, Jarek built and installed a bridge that leads to the backpack camp sites. The previous bridge was washed out and was no longer usable. This bridge is wide enough to allow park personnel to pass with the lawnmowers to cut the grass in the backpack area. Friends of Palmetto would like to congratulate Jarek on finishing his project.



Park Volunteer Retires





Friends of Palmetto Island would like to say THANK YOU to James Menard for 11 years of volunteer service at Palmetto Island State Park. As an ExxonMobil retiree, James took advantage of a program that the company offered. He gave his time and ExxonMobil gave a donation to the 501c3 public charity of his choice. Palmetto Island State Park was the lucky beneficiary. Over the years, James has supported the park in so many ways. He dedicated the majority of his time mowing the grass and kept the park looking great! If you were camping or enjoying the park on a Monday or Tuesday, no doubt you got to see James and Curtis doing their thing. However, over the years he also did things like....volunteered at events, managed a

recycling program, picked up litter, trimmed trees and branches, worked on park projects and more. Because James was at the park on a weekly basis, staff was able to spend their time on other park duties. We estimated that over the years in exchange for James's volunteer time (*20 hours per annual quarter*) ExxonMobil has contributed about \$20,000 in support of the park. These donations made it possible for Friends to do a lot of good things at the park like, emergency repairs, purchase equipment, sponsor events, park projects and more. There are really no perfect words to express our gratitude for all that James has done. James will be greatly missed.

Want to support Palmetto Island State Park? Find out if the company you work for or have retired from has a program to make a tax deductible donation to the charity of your choice in exchange for your community serve or volunteered time.

Thank You!

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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:** Overnight accommodations at Palmetto Island State Park can be made online (*click button below*) or through the Call Center at 833.609.0686. **For more information** about the Park, visit www.lastateparks.com or call 1-888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.

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