

PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

'Our community connecting YOU to Palmetto Island State Park'

LEAPING INTO 2020

So we're taking a deep breath and going to 'leap' into this New Year. (*Did you know that 2020 is a leap year?*) We know it's always a little tough to leave all of the holiday's behind and get rolling into the New Year. I took a peek back and we really had a GREAT year. Our annual report will probably be out sometime in March and I think our impact on the park is once again impressive. The park itself did well in 2019, and it's our understanding that it's one of only 3 state parks that takes in enough revenue to cover their cost of operation. Thanks to patrons like you, we have one of the best parks in the state! Are you wondering what 2020 will bring for Friends of Palmetto Island State Park? Well, to be honest, we're kind of at a bit of a cross roads. This month we'll be working through how to execute events for 2020. We could really use your help! Without new volunteers, chairmen or board members, some events may have to be canceled. So if you care about the park, become a member. (*I posted a membership application and volunteer guidelines on page 2-3 for incase you haven't gotten yours yet.*) Attend the meetings and participate in helping us make things happen. There will be several available seats on the board in March. Become a board member and help shape the organization and the direction in which it supports Palmetto Island State Park. Help us keep Palmetto Island State



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

"The park staff is working hard to spruce up the park this winter. We are currently in the process of re-painting all of the picnic tables in the park as well as all of the sign posts. We are also trying to pressure wash or otherwise revamp all of the campsites, pavilions, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with any of these ongoing projects can contact the park at 893-3930." Marcelle Guidry, Park Manager

Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail 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.



2020 Membership & Volunteer Application

\$15 per year (individual and/or a family with 2 adults)

Membership and volunteer registration expire December 31, 2020. Make checks to: **Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.**

NAME: _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City, State, Zip _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

Interested in serving on: Board of Directors Committee member Committee Chairman

Friends' Volunteer (*help at friends' group activities, special events or fundraisers*) Yes No

Volunteer Ability, Limitations, Talents or Interests: _____

Have you, your spouse or partner ever been convicted of a felony or a sex crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain (*offense, date, ongoing restrictions, parole, etc*): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

- I have volunteered for Friends or the park before. My OSP registration is on file.
- I have read and understand FPISP's Volunteer Guidelines. I have been given a copy for my records.

I understand that there are common risks associated with participation in the activities described herein. I accept those risks. I will not participate in this event unless I am physically and legally able to do so. I release the Friends of Palmetto Island State Park and their members, partners, and contractors from liability arising out of my own or someone else's action. I agree to follow all volunteer guidelines, applicable rules, laws, and instructions. I agree to be responsible for injuries and damage that I cause. I authorize photographs, videos, and other recordings of me, my name, and this activity to be used in any media for public and charitable purposes.

Signature of Volunteer (if 18 or older) Date

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Volunteer Guidelines

Adopted 8-27-19

Dear Volunteer,

We appreciate your support of Palmetto Island State Park through volunteering with our organization. Below you will find general volunteer guidelines for most events and programs that we host. Additional information or guidelines may be sent to you if are volunteering for a specific event.

- **Consuming alcohol while volunteering is prohibited.** Volunteers found with alcohol or who appear to have consumed alcohol will be asked to leave the volunteer area and offered to remain onsite as a patron. Depending on the circumstances, a volunteer may be asked to leave the event.
- Volunteer registration is **mandatory** for anyone to participate as a volunteer for any Friends' group activity. It is to your benefit to register. The OSP registration form documents permission for you to be on state property. Authorized volunteers, who are acting in good faith and within the scope of the assigned duties, are shielded from individual liability and for damage caused by their actions as it will be covered by the State's liability insurance. Registered volunteers may be provided a level of medical and limited liability coverage.
- **Should you decline to sign the volunteer form, you will not be allowed to act as a volunteer for a Friends' activity being held at the park.**
- Volunteer registration is required only once. You are responsible for updating volunteer registration forms with new information.
- Friends may choose to verify the information that you have provided.
- No volunteer has the authority to represent, act or enter into any type of agreement in the name of OSP or FPISP without the express permission by the appropriate entity.
- **Volunteers should not accept official complaints in reference to a patron's stay at Palmetto Island, park staff, park accommodations or other issues that are related to park property.** Patrons should be encouraged to contact the park's manager or Office of State Parks. FPISP has no influence on Palmetto Island or OSP staff and will not represent members, mitigate any type of penalty or get involved in any complaints or disputes against either.
- **You may indicate that you are a Friends' volunteer for an event or project at the park upon arrival at the park.** At their discretion, park staff generally waives the entrance fee for volunteers. You may be asked to sign the log in sheet. Volunteers are not entitled to any special privileges at Palmetto Island State Park. (*Discounts, fee waivers, late check outs, etc.*) Should you make a special request in relation to your visit to the park, it is subject to Palmetto Island's staff's discretion and their determinations shall be final.
- We encourage volunteers to conduct themselves in a manner that presents a positive reflection upon our organization and the Park. Our goal is to spread the good information about the park, encouraging people to visit and enjoy all it has to offer. Volunteers should, at all times, respectfully comply with all park rules.
- Bring any items necessary for your personal comfort (chair, comfortable shoes, bug spray, etc.). Friends will provide complimentary water for volunteers at events or programs.
- When volunteering for Friends, wear your Friends of Palmetto Island t-shirt if you have one. Volunteers will be allowed to purchase 1 shirt for a discounted rate.
- These guidelines will apply to both on-site and off-site events and promotions.
- Membership into Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. is not necessary to be a volunteer.

Keep this copy for your information.

THANK YOU for helping us make Palmetto Island State Park GREAT!

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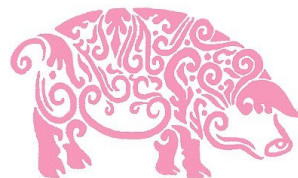
VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

Every year, as a small token of our appreciation, Latanier Cookers and Friends of Palmetto Island partnered together to host a social for members of our organizations and volunteers who have help us through out 2019. The social was held at the park and was attend by 55 volunteers and members. Butch prepared a tasty chicken and sausage gumbo for everyone. The trimmings and covered dishes were fantastic! Visiting without working is always the goal of this event to show our gratitude to members and volunteers. You can't have a Christmas Social without some form of 'Dirty' Santa. Chris and Shawn never disappoint us. Laughter and friendly theft are always required. The social is relaxing and fun. As an extra special appreciation to people in attendance, a drawing for 20 different restaurant gift cards was held. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We can't make 2020 a success with out you.

COOKIN' CRACKLINS

We're working on our annual Cracklin Cooking Demonstration. All of the event info is on page 2. I can't believe it's been 7 years already. My, my, how this event has grown from the simple 3 cooks and 150 people to between 10-20 cooks and 1000 people. So far we have over 15 different cracklin cooks committed to the event. We're looking for a few more 'flash fryers' (*beignets, sausage, sweet potatoes, etc*) to be able to give patrons a few other items to taste. Please let us know if you have an extra pot and can be on site to cook. All Dutch Oven cooks are invited to demonstrate desserts. Patrons will be tasting at your cooking site, so they'll know exactly where they got their favorite or tried something new. We think you'll really enjoy the live entertainment we have scheduled. Oh, by the way, Mrs. Kim, Mr. Earl and Mr. Murphy can sing too. I just know it's going to be a really fun day! Volunteers to help with concessions and merchandise sales would be appreciated too. I'm also looking for a co-chair person to help me and to learn how to coordinate this event. All we need for sure is good weather. We hope we'll see you there.

Cracklin Demo



Palmetto Island
State Park

February 29, 2020

*Our Wishes for You, Great Start for Jan, Love for Feb, Peace for March, No Worries for April, Fun for May, Joy for June through November, Happiness for December.
Have a Fantastic and Lucky 2020!*

Cracklin Cooking

Saturday, February 29

Palmetto Island State Park



**Demonstrations
begin at 8 a.m.**

No charge for the tasting...Donations are always welcome.
No bicycles, golf carts or pets allowed in event area.
Entrance fees into park apply.

Dutch Oven
Latanier Cookers



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Desserts

**LIVE
MUSIC**
9 a.m.
to
1 p.m.



Earl Seaux
Murphy Guilbeaux
Kim Verret
& Friends




Keeping you connected to Palmetto Island State Park!
Email info@friendsofpalmetto.org to get our free
electronic monthly newsletter or find us on Facebook.



Come join us for the
4th Annual

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

Palmetto Island State Park

SAVE *THE* DATE

February 22, 2020

**Gulf Coast Golf Carts
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 (Call for details)*

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 2810 Veterans Memorial Dr.
 Abbeville, LA 70510

Just For Fun Golf Cart Rentals, LLC



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 Forked Island, La.

337-652-0073

Owners
 Crystal & Lollis Gaspard

LATANIER WELCOMES 2020 COMMISSIONERS

Palmetto Island State Park has been blessed to have a fantastic Dutch Oven Chapter. And these 3 dedicated people do a great job at guiding the group and keeping things going. Congratulations to Butch, Shari and Carlene for your willingness to serve another year as Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner and Secretary-Treasurer.



Latanier has also opened their membership for 2020. While they promote the art of cooking on coals, ALL styles of cooking are welcome at a Latanier Cookers Dutch Oven Gathering. If you'd like to support this organization's work at the park you should join. I've posted their membership application on page 8. The annual membership fee is only \$10 per family. I've posted the flyer with 2020 dates on page 9. Get your campsites reserved as soon as possible by calling

1-877-CAMP-N-LA (1-877-226-7652)

LATANIER COOKERS' D.O.G. 'CHOW'

WEST TEXAS DRILLING RIG BEANS submitted by James Menard

- 2—2 1/2 lbs of Ground Beef
- 2 lbs. smoked sausage, sliced and quartered
- 2 large cans Ranch Style Beans with jalapenos
- 2 med onions, chopped
- 2 med bell peppers, chopped
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes

In a large wok (or skillet), brown beef, drain and set aside. Brown sausage and set aside. Sauté onions and bell peppers. Mix with meat and season to your liking. Add Rotel and beans. Cook until beans are heated through.

*Leftovers can be added to scrambled eggs, eat on a tortilla with shredded cheese as a breakfast burrito.



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

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



337-893-2470 or 337-298-3098
cmeaux337@yahoo.com



Join Latanier Cookers

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LOUISIANA DUTCH OVEN SOCIETY CHAPTER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CHAPTER: _____

CHAPTER COMMISSIONER / ASSISTANT APPROVAL _____

Current dues are \$10.00 per year, payable to your Chapter or LDOS

Mail to: Latanier Cookers
c/o Carlene Meaux
6302 Claude Rd
Maurice, LA 70555

Other Contacts:
337-298-3098 or 337-501-1535
www.facebook.com/#!/LatanierCookers
cmeaux337@yahoo.com

OR 'AT LARGE' MEMBERSHIP (Not member with any Chapter, read and sign below)

Mail to: Louisiana Dutch Oven Society (LDOS) 6302 Claude Road Maurice, LA 70555

Restricted Use of LDOS Name. Members of any Chapter shall not, individually or as a group, use the name of the LDOS in connection with a commercial or charitable project, for profit or personal gain, without the written approval from LDOS except in the requirement of Members or in the official representation of LDOS at local functions (*Official is meant to represent that the Chapter has received written notice or an LDOS board member has asked the Chapter to represent LDOS at that function*). **Non-Profit Status.** LDOS is a non-profit organization; the members thereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and/or property right in and to the assets of LDOS; thereof, no dividends, pecuniary profits, stock dividends, or payments of like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members. Members are not permitted to enter into debt or establish any long-term liabilities without the written consent of the LDOS governing board. Any debt entered into without this approval becomes the personal liability.



Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dutch Oven Gathering

Palmetto Island State Park

2020 Schedule

Jan 11 ♦ Feb 8 ♦ March 14 ♦ April 11 ♦ June 13 ♦ July 11
 Aug 8 ♦ Sept 12 ♦ Oct 10 ♦ Nov 14 ♦ Dec 12

2020 LDOS annual gathering in May at Indian Creek in Woodworth, LA May 1-2



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating



Latanier Cookers (*lah ton yā*) will be hosting a D.O.G. (Dutch Oven Gathering)

Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating.

Complimentary Dutch Oven sides and desserts.

9 a.m. - Tasting at noon.

Ice chests are welcome. No pets allowed.

Entrance fees into the park apply.

Covered Dishes are Welcome!

Dutch Ovens and Membership are NOT required to participate.

Latanier Cookers is a local chapter of the Louisiana Dutch Oven Society.
 To become a member or for more information call **337-298-3098** or **337-501-1535**.

Find us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/#!/LatanierCookers>



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Please Mail To:

WELCOME TO LA AND PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK

This month we welcome to Louisiana and Palmetto Island State Park, **Lynn and Mark Pearson** from **Newborn, Georgia**. Newborn a small town about an hour from Atlanta. They have been camping for about 20 years with their children who are now grown. They have 2 granddaughters and plan on camping with them also. They plan on retiring in the next year and do full time RVing to see America. This is their first visit to Louisiana and Palmetto Island State Park. They are traveling to Corpus Christi, Texas stopping along the way checking out campgrounds to revisit. They commented on how clean the park and the comfort stations are. Riding around the park they saw the hogs and looked for gators, but haven't seen any. They love the canoes and the ponds and plan on doing some canoeing. They also mentioned the possibility of becoming camp hosts. When I told them about all the activities the Friends group sponsors, they seemed very interested in attending in the future. So if you see them, show them some good ole Cajun Hospitality and welcome them to Louisiana and Palmetto Island State Park. Safe travels Lynn and Mark. Thanks for visiting us and y'all come back soon!



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 all year, 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](https://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit www.lastateparks.com, call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.