



Keeping YOU connected to Palmetto Island State Park!

Hello Friends!



Christmas Appreciation Giveaway



We love doing this! It's so much fun to get out and meet the campers who help keep our favorite park open. We especially like meeting all the 'snowbirds' that visit Palmetto Island State Park at this time of the year. We met campers from Quebec, Canada, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maine, Oklahoma and Illinois. Michigan campers have been coming to the park every year since 2014. Most of the other snowbirds are repeat visitors too. The locals all said how much they appreciated the gifts, loved the park and have been coming for years. Friends shared 32 different gifts. We appreciate everyone who visits Palmetto Island State Park. Thank you!





Friends' Membership Renewal



We've decided to waive this year's membership fee for both new members and those who are renewing. That's right! 2022 membership into Friends of Palmetto Island is FREE! *Of course, You are always welcome to make a donation.* To be considered a 'member in good standing' you have two ways to join or renew:

Electronically:

You can fill out and submit the membership form electronically [here](#). The membership fee has been waived. You are welcome to make a membership donation using the PayPal.

or

By Mail:

You can choose to download our current membership form below and send it in to Friends of Palmetto Island at P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575.

[2022 Membership Application](#)

2022 Board Members Needed

New board members are critical for 2022. Some current members have reached their term limits and others have had life changes that don't permit them to participate anymore. Please consider becoming part of the organization that supports Palmetto Island State Park. If your interested in serving please email info@friendsofpalmetto.org

Become part of our future...

Friends of
Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.



**Filling Board of Directors' seats
is critical to our future.**

Available Now and in March.

Contact us at info@friendsofpalmetto.org
for more information and get the date for the next meeting.

Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade Update

Campers....If LA State Parks hasn't canceled your campsite because of the upcoming campground improvement project, be ready for a 'mini' Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade. NO king and queen, no theme, no extras, just a quick cruise through our favorite park to honor the campers who have stuck it out and didn't get cut. We appreciate your dedication to our event and Palmetto Island State Park. For those of you who lost your reservation, Please Don't Give Up! Krewe of Palmetto plans to be back in 2023 bigger than ever. Check our [Facebook](#) page often for the 2023 Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade date.



Postponing Cracklin Demo



By now most of you have probably gotten the news about the campsite project at Palmetto Island State Park. The state is planning to add full sewage hook ups to all of the campsites. We're excited to

have this improvement to the campground and bet you are too! This project will make your stay at the park so much more enjoyable. Taking into consideration that we heard from a lot of you that your site has been canceled by the state due to the construction, we've decided to postpone the 2022 Cracklin Cooking Demo. We're considering a few dates in the fall. We'll be posting the date chosen as soon as we can.

Latanier Cookers

Join us for the first Dutch Oven Gathering of 2023 at Palmetto Island State Park on the second **Saturday, January 8.**



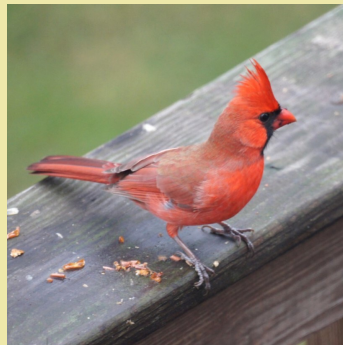
Latanier Cookers Membership Renewal Time

It's membership renewal time. Join us in promoting the art of Dutch oven cooking. Annual membership fee is \$10 per family. Get your application at our next gathering which will be held on **January 8** or download it [here](#).



Featured Recipe - Cherry Pineapple Fluff

Christmas Bird Count



The 2021-22 Palmetto Island Christmas Bird Count will be held **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**. Christmas bird counts are sponsored by the [Audubon Society](#), and essentially birds are speciated and counted within a 15 mile diameter circle. The Palmetto Island count is centered at the park and has some of the most diverse terrain types of any CBC in the state of Louisiana. In fact, it was the top count last year and has always been in the top 3 since its inception in 2018. **If anyone is interested in spending a day in the field birding the area around the park and/or surrounding areas please contact the count compiler Toddy Guidry at 337-303-2262 or**

Guidrys@cox.net. We'll publish the results in a later newsletter.

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, call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.

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