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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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## FUNDRAISER PALLET PAINTING CLASSES TO BENEFIT PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK, SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK, INC.

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

In the Meeting Room at Palmetto Island State Park



A: Crawfish



B: Pineapple



C: LSU



D: Cross



E: Initial

We have partnered with



to schedule our first ever Pallet Painting Class at the park. You'll have 5 different designs to choose from. Advance registration is required. See the class registration on **page 2**.



## Seats are limited!

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Please feel free to share.

# 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

# Dutch Oven Gathering

## Palmetto Island State Park

2019 Schedule

Jan 12 ♦ Feb 9 ♦ March 9 ♦ April 13 ♦ June 8 ♦ July 13  
 Aug 10 ♦ Sept 14 ♦ Oct 12 ♦ Nov 9 ♦ Dec 14

\*\*2019 State Gathering at Lake Bistineau State Park - May 10-12 \*\*



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 **337-893-2470** or **337-501-1535**.  
 Find us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/#!/LatanierCookers>

*The Best Ever*  
Homemade Vanilla  
Ice Cream

Since Latanier Cookers have organized in June 2013, D.O.G. cancellations had been very few. This year the weather in Louisiana has

been the cause of several event cancellations. But Latanier Cookers haven't given up! They plan to be back at the park on **July 13!** Each July the menu is hot dogs, hamburgers and home made ice cream (in Dutch Ovens of course). I know you'll enjoy the side dishes to go with this main meal and divine Dutch oven desserts to cover with vanilla ice cream. They'll have a few flavors to taste from the Dutch Ovens.



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

### BLACK FOREST BUNDT CAKE submitted by Ray Castleberry

- 1 package Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe Dark Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tbsp. Almond Extract
- 1 can (21oz) cherry pie filling
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

- GLAZE:** 1 tbsp. butter                      2 tbsp. milk  
 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
 1/2 cup + 2 tbsp confectioners sugar



Preheat oven to 350 and grease bundt pan. In a bowl, blend well, cake mix, eggs, pie filling and almond extract. Fold in 1 cup chocolate chips. Pour into pan and bake for 45-50 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and allow to cool completely. Glaze: In a small saucepan over med-high heat, melt butter, chips and milk. Stir constantly. Do not burn. Once chips are melted add 1/2 c sugar. Spread Glaze over cooled cake, sprinkle with sugar. Place cherries on floor of cake plate and in the center of the cake.

#### 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



# Zookeeper Camp to be Held at Palmetto!

Slither, hop or fly over to [www.schoolhousesafari.com](http://www.schoolhousesafari.com) to sign up your 8-13 year old for a 3-day camp to learn through hands-on fun how to work as a zookeeper! The campers will get a chance to learn about being a zookeeper and working hands on with small mammals, birds, insects, amphibians, reptiles and aquatic animals. They will also be working with "The Beetle Experience" and have visits from "Aquarium Central" and the "Urban Naturalist". Each day the children will be sent home with a craft and some incredible memories. The children will have an afternoon to play on the splash pad as well as a nature hike, bird walks and bug walks. All the animal ambassadors are friendly, socialized and nonvenomous.

The camp will be held July 10-12. Spaces are limited and campers must be signed up by July 1st. The cost is \$200 per child and this includes 3 days from 8am-6pm with a presentation for the family the last day. Lunch and snacks are provided. More information call 337.371.7455 or visit [SchoolhouseSafari.com](http://SchoolhouseSafari.com) website.

**SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI** presents

July 10,11,12th

Palmetto State Park

**Zookeeper Camp**

Mammals, Reptiles, Birds

Hands-on

- 🐾 Sign your little animal lover for our 3-day, hands-on, Zookeeper Camp!
- 🐾 Learn about many species up-close and personal.
- 🐾 Splash pad and hiking.
- 🐾 Take home projects every day!
- 🐾 Learn about native and nonnative species.

[www.schoolhousesafari.com](http://www.schoolhousesafari.com)

Logos: URBAN NATURALIST, AQUARIUM CENTRAL, The Beetle Experience, SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI

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## WHY WE FUNDRAISE AND WHERE IT GOES

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As an organization, we often get asked *'What do you do?'*. So I thought that 6 months into 2019 might be a good point to let you know what we've 'done' so far with the money that we've raised from people just like you and with the help of dedicated volunteers.

To date, we've spent about \$14,282 on creating programs for patrons, advertisement and promotion. That includes the 4 events that we've hosted at the park (*Chamber Luncheon, Cracklin' Cooking Demonstration, Stir the Pot Seafood and Wild game Cook-off and Festival and Pictures with the Easter Bunny*). And we also attended or created a presence at 7 different events (*cook-offs, festivals, markets*) hosted by other organizations to promote the park.

Sometimes the State's budget is a little short and Palmetto Island has a need that is not funded. That's where we can help if asked. We've spent a little over \$1,900 directly on park needs so far this year.

- electrical breakers
- wood and screws for shop repairs
- nuts and bolts to repair picnic tables
- chemicals for splash pad
- PVC pipe to repair waterline at canoe launch
- a new starter for lawnmower
- a new pump and fittings for the splash pad.

**We'll keep doing what we do! Thank you for helping us make it possible!**

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## GOOD NEWS FROM THE PARK

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The cabins have all received new air conditioning systems, just in time for summer. For reservations call toll-free: 1-877-CAMP-N-LA (1-877-226-7652) The Reservation Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.

The park's manager also shared with us that Office of State Parks plans to resurface the splash-pad sometime next month. So it will be closed for 1-2 weeks. The dates haven't been decided yet but the park will post something as soon as they find out.





# I FOUND A BABY BIRD... NOW WHAT?

**IS THE BIRD HURT OR SICK?**  
 (unable to flutter wings; bleeding; wings drooping unevenly; weak or shivering; attacked by cat/dog)

yes

Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator\* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian **PRIOR** to intervening.

no

**IS IT FEATHERED?**

no

**IT'S A NESTLING**  
**CAN YOU FIND THE NEST? IS IT INTACT?**  
 Nestlings need help!  
 (BE AWARE: some birds nest on the ground and may already be in their nest)



yes

**IT'S A FLEDGLING**

**IS THE BIRD SAFE FROM CATS, DOGS, AND PEOPLE?**  
 Normal behavior to be hopping on ground; parents are still feeding it.



no

yes

yes

no

**PUT BABY BACK IN NEST. ARE PARENTS VISITING?**  
 Observe from a distance

**MAKE A SUBSTITUTE NEST**  
 Poke holes in bottom of shallow berry basket/margarine tub; line with dry grass, the old nest, or pine needles; hang from original or nearby tree.  
[www.helpbabybirds.ca/s/do/fallenNest.html](http://www.helpbabybirds.ca/s/do/fallenNest.html)

**PUT BIRD IN NEARBY BUSHES OR ON A TREE LIMB. ARE PARENTS NEARBY?**  
 Observe from a distance

yes

**LEAVE THE AREA**  
 Baby is OK

no

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 Baby is OK

**PUT BABY IN NEST. ARE PARENTS VISITING?**  
 Observe from a distance

yes

no

Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator\* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian.

**IF YOU CARE, LEAVE IT THERE**  
 A baby's best chance for survival is with its MOTHER!

**NOTE** In Louisiana, it is against the law to possess injured/orphaned birds without LDWF & USFWS Migratory Bird Rehabilitation permits, even if you plan to release them. It is also against the law to possess/import/export wildlife as pets or for the pet trade in Louisiana.



P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.  
2019 FUNDRAISER

**Bar-B-Q Pork Steak,  
Rice Dressing,  
Beans & Bread  
Sweet Treats Bake Sale**

**September 29**

**Tickets on sale August 1**

*337-652-2484 for more info*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Please Mail To:



18905 LA Hwy 82, Abbeville 337-893-3017

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**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.