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Hello Friends!

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July Board Meeting

Join us for our monthly board meeting at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville on **Tuesday, July 26** at 6p.m. Bring your energy and fresh ideas about how we can continue to support the park.

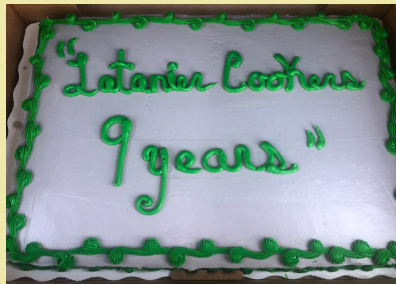
V.P. First Responders Day & June Dutch Oven Gathering

Vermilion Parish First Responders and Friends of Palmetto joined the June 11th Dutch Oven Gathering at Palmetto Island State Park. The event featured 28 cooks, 30 different dishes, 10 Vermilion Parish first responder units and 300 guests!

Thank you to The Louisiana State Fire Marshal, Chief Daniel Wallis for attending. He led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Wayne Landry, the Vice-President of the Latanier Cookers, led us in the blessing of the food. Many thanks to all the different first responder departments that came out to educate us on the lifesaving equipment that is available in Vermilion Parish. We would also like to thank Abbeville General Hospital for joining us. They brought educational material and healthy snacks to share with everyone.

First responders held a friendly cooking competition judged by guests in attendance. Pecan Island Fire Dept. won 1st place and bragging rights with their version of Cajun Shrimp Sliders. They would like for us to extend a special "Thank You" to Andi Bui with Vermilion Gulf Seafood for helping to supply the shrimp that was used in the winning dish. Tentative dates are being considered for next year, so watch our Facebook pages.





Happy 9th anniversary to the Latanier Dutch Oven Cookers!!! They celebrated their anniversary at the First Responders Day event with a huge cake that was enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to enjoying many more pots of wonderful food!

July Dutch Oven Gathering



Join Latanier Cookers on **Saturday, July 9th** for this month's Dutch

Oven Gathering. They'll be back at the splashpad parking lot. Latanier will be sharing hamburgers, hot dogs and Dutch Oven sides and desserts. They'll be **serving at 11 a.m.** to beat the heat! Dust off your pot and join them! All cooking styles are welcome!



One of our members shared an article he found on 'ONLY IN YOUR STATE' about Palmetto Island State Park. Check it out [\[here\]](#)

Apple Snails and Limpkins



So, we know we have the invasive apple snails, wouldn't it be GREAT

if Limpkins came to the park too. For all you bird watchers who visit the park we thought this was an interesting read. Let us know if you happen to see a Limpkin! Read the article [here](#).

LA State Parks' New Reservation System



On JUNE 1, Louisiana State Parks switched to a new reservation system hosted by [Go Outdoors Louisiana](#). You can continue to make reservations online thru www.lastateparks.com or at www.reservations.gooutdoorslouisiana.com or by calling the new reservation phone number **1-833-609-0686**.

Park Comments and Suggestions



Friends held a surprise giveaway for Father's Day and numerous

prizes were given out in the park to honor dads that were camping Father's Day weekend. The grand prize winner was Daniel Hardin from Pecan Island, Louisiana. He put his grand prize fry pot to use the same day he won it! We hope all dad's had a great Father's Day weekend.



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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