



Keeping YOU connected to Palmetto Island State Park!

Hello Friends!



Welcome to the Board!

We were delighted that three new people joined our board. **Welcome Gregg Meaux, Joey Hodges and Roger Tabb.** Our October board meeting was fantastic and looks like we will finally be able to move forward. Sadly, we accepted the resignation of board member Davelyn DeMarcy. If any of you know Davelyn, she's also very active in Rotary and accepted a new position with that organization. We appreciate all that she did for us and helped us at a critical time while we slowly became active again after covid. **The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29th at 6 p.m. in the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville, Louisiana.** This meeting is

open to the public. You do not need to be a member to attend. It's very encouraging to see other people who love Palmetto Island State Park. Feel free to email us for more information.

info@friendsofpalmetto.org

Halloween 2022



It was great to feel a sense of normality this year for Halloween at Palmetto. It was estimated that around 850 people came out to either search out goodies or hand out goodies. Friends sponsored a giveaway though out the month of October. If you found a pumpkin at your campsite, you were the lucky winner of one of fifteen Palmetto Island State Park tote bags. These bags were filled with a few Halloween decorations that could be used to decorate your campsite.

The Krewe of Palmetto hosted a "rock hunt" and a "pick a pumpkin egg contest" and gave out numerous prizes. Friends of Palmetto sponsored the campsite decorating contest and The Krewe of Palmetto joined in on the fun by helping to judge the winners. The top 3 campsites not only won bragging rights, but they also won a campsite to join us at Palmetto for Halloween next year.

Save the Date - October 28th, 2023

Halloween Campsite Decorating Contest Winners

1st Place was awarded to Donna Sellers who was at campsite 7! Their theme was "Wizard of OZ". They had an actual yellow brick road to walk on with numerous characters from the movie.



2nd Place was Chad Gaspard at campsite 17. Their them was "Big Top Circus". They had a live jack-in-the box with music. They also had 2 dogs dressed as lions!





3rd place went to Philana Melder at campsite 61. Their theme was "Sugar Skulls". They had amazing makeup and costumes.



Campsite Construction has Begun





Sewer hook-ups are being added to all of the campsites. Numerous trees have to be removed in order to run the new sewage lines, so don't be surprised if your favorite campsite looks a little different. Having the amenity of being able to connect directly to a sewer line will be wonderful.

As of right now, no reservations will be cancelled. The contractors are working around existing reservations and programs, for November 'Pork in the Park' Dutch oven gathering. If there are reservations on campsites that are being renovated, then the park can transfer them to an open campsite. At no time is the entire park closing, which is a question that we have been getting a lot.

Please be patient with park staff during this time of construction. They are doing their best to ensure that your visit to the park is enjoyable. If customers have any questions, they can call the park at 337-893-3930.

The entire wood flooring of the deck at the meeting room and the nature center has been changed and it looks beautiful! The last deck was built when the park was first opened 12 years ago!

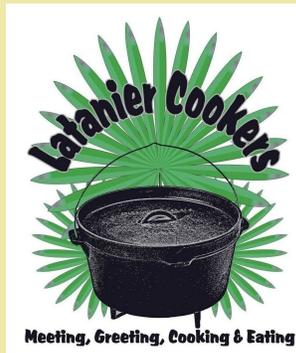
Friends of Palmetto 2023 Membership is Open

Your 2022 Membership will expire December 31. Renew or Join today! Memberships for 2022 were free due to the uncertainty that came with the covid pandemic. Dues for 2023 will be \$15 per

membership. A membership can be a single person or a family/household consisting of 2 adults and their minor children. Please consider joining us in supporting Palmetto Island State Park in 2023. We appreciate all the people who have become members and supported the group. Members will be invited to our Membership appreciation social in December. Watch your inbox or mail box for more info.

[Join or Renew your Friends Membership here!](#)

'Pork in the Park' Dutch Oven Gathering



Join Latanier Cookers on **Saturday, November 12th** for the annual 'Pork in the Park' Dutch Oven Gathering. Cochon de lait is on the menu along with tasty Dutch Oven sides and desserts. They'll be **servng at 12 p.m.** See flyer below for more details. *Please note that Latanier Cookers will NOT be hosting a Dutch Oven Gathering in December.*

[Learn More About Latanier Cookers](#)



9th Annual

'Pork in the Park'

Dutch Oven Gathering

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Palmetto Island State Park

Parking lot near Pavilion #1



Latanier Cookers (*Jah tog ya*) will be hosting a D.O.G. (Dutch Oven Gathering)

"Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating"

9 a.m.-Demonstrations of Dutch oven sides and desserts,
Cochon de Lait and Cracklins cooking.

Tasting at Cooks' sites

Please practice social distancing.

Bring your own beverages and chairs. 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>

Please be aware that if Latanier Cookers must cancel this event for any reason, other than an official mandate or closure by Louisiana State Parks, cancellation fees will apply to your reservation should YOU CHOOSE TO CANCEL or TRANSFER IT. Palmetto Island State Park is not responsible for the dates or times of this event.

Pumpkin Spice Cornbread Mini Cakes

Lodge's Skillet S'mores Dip



We couldn't resist sharing this recipe too. It's camping season and the kiddos are sure to be happy about this. Hope it makes your treating them easier!

Halloween Rock Hunt



It's possible that the kids like this annual rock hunt as much as they like the trick or treating? We'd like to send a **BIG Thank You to Chris, Shawn, Mike and the rest of Krewe of Palmetto** for hosting this portion of the Halloween Celebration! Visit Krewe of Palmetto's [Facebook page](#) to see pictures of the winners!

Wanted: Kid's Books



We'd like to thank the Noel family's children for sharing two crates of children's books with us. It filled our shelves for October, but kids visiting the park this month have wiped us out again and our lending libraries are lean! We have a book shelf at each bath house in the campground. We're often short of children's books. Please consider donating the books you and your children have outgrown. If you have

any you'd like to share send us an email at
info@friendsofpalmetto.org



**PICTURES
WITH SANTA**

**Saturday,
November 26**



**Palmetto Island State Park
In the Meeting Room
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Santa will be driven through the campground 9:30-10 a.m.

Must bring your own camera!

*Entry fees into the park apply.
Donations are always appreciated.*



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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.

Make a Reservation at Palmetto Island State Park



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