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A newsletter by Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

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Plate Lunch Fundraiser a Success

It was a beautiful day for Friends of Palmetto to be handing out plate lunches for the fundraiser. We are so thankful for the support of the community and hope that everyone enjoyed their day off from cooking. A special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and to the crew of people who stayed up all night cooking 1100 pork steaks. That's a LOT of pig to cook!



Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail <u>info@friendsofpalmetto.org</u>
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DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently 2 Eagle Scout projects that are in the works at Palmetto. One is a rope climbing structure designed for 5-12 year old kids and the other one is a new canoe storage shed for the rental canoes. The canoe storage shed has been needed for a number of years. Previous Eagle Scout projects include an outdoor classroom, parkwide benches and pond markers. If any scout is interest in doing a project for the park, contact Marcelle at 337-893-3930.



Latanier Cookers' Dutch Oven Gathering 'CHOW'

LIL' EDDIE'S BLACK BEAN BROWNIES submitted by Lil Eddie

Combine:

1 can black beans (drained and rinsed) 1/2 cup quick oats 1/3 cup maple syrup 2 tsp pure vanilla extract

2 tbsp. cocoa powder 1/4 tsp salt 1/4 cup vegetable oil 1/2 tsp baking powder

Blend all above in a food processor.

Stir in:1/2 cup chocolate chips.Pour into 9 x 9 pan or 10 inch Dutch Oven.Sprinkle on top:1/2 cup chocolate chips on top.Bake at 350° for 15-18 minutes.

In 10 inch Dutch Oven use 17 coals on top and 8 on bottom.



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each

month at Palmetto Island State Park



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Calendar of Events

Latanier Cookers D.O.G. - October 12 Halloween Celebration - October 26 Board Meeting - October 29 Latanier Cooker's "Cochon de lat D.O.G. - November 9 Pictures with Santa - November 30 Membership Social - December 30 Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. - December 14 Board Meeting - December 14



November 30, 2019

New Website

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park is excited to announce that we have a new and updated look to our website. We hope that it is more informative about Friends, Palmetto Island State Park and the Latanier Cookers. We can now take memberships and donations online. The "events" page has a lot more information about each event and when they are held. You no longer have to go to the entrance station to fill out comment cards. Our website has a link that will take you to the Louisiana State Parks website and will direct you to the "comment and suggestions" page. Please go to our website and take a look around.

The link is still the same: <u>FriendsOfPalmetto.org</u>. We would like to hear what you think about it and are open to suggestions. We would like to add pictures of fish that you have caught in the ponds at Palmetto or the Vermilion River. Also, if you have any good pictures of some of the many animals that live at Palmetto, we would like to add a section for that. Pictures or suggestions can be emailed to us at <u>FriendsOfPalmetto.org</u>.

Halloween

For our Halloween Celebration this year we will be selling advance tickets to get into the park. Tickets are still \$3, the regular entrance fee. We are trying to see if having a separate line for tickets will help to move the line faster. On October 12th, the Latanier Cookers will be having a Dutch oven gathering from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase there. Also on Saturday, October 19th we will be at the Chamber of Commerce building on the by-pass to sell tickets. **Advanced tickets are not required.** If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to call us at 337-247-7410 or email us at

info@FriendsOfPalmetto.org.

Palmetto Island State Park Halloween Celebration Saturday, October 26



Campsite Decorating Contest

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Judging begins at 2 p.m.



Campground & Cabins

4-6 p.m.

Park entry fees apply

Walk through the campground's 96 sites and Trick or Treat at campers. Golf carts, strollers and wagons are welcome. Dogs MUST be leashed.

For safety reasons we ask that no cars or trucks be driven in the campground during this time.

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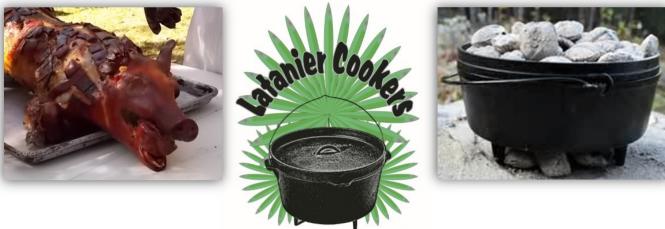


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Dutch Oven Gathering

November 9

Palmetto Island State Park



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Complimentary 'Cochon de lait' with Dutch Oven Sides and Desserts.

Gathering at 9 A.M.
 Entrance fees into the park apply.

Music provided by

The Wayback Ramblers

9 A.M. - NOON



Covered Dishes and ALL types or styles of cooking are WELCOME! Dutch Ovens and Membership are NOT required to participate. Call 337-298-3098 or 337-501-1535



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. 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 <u>online</u> or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit <u>www.lastateparks.com</u>, call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.