

2026 Florida Trappers Association Annual State Rendezvous

7325 NE 170th Ave, Silver Springs, FL 34488
floridatrapperr.org – *Schedule subject to change*
Thursday, September 24, 2026

1 pm – 8 pm.

Early Check-in Open – Check into your cabin or set up your tent and get settled in.

6 PM Potluck Dinner - Bring a favorite dish to share!

Registration Open - Meet and Greet – Purchase Hats, Shirts, etc. – Renew Memberships – Drop off Auction Donations – Pick up Raffle Tickets

Friday, September 25, 2026

6 am – 11 am **Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Prayer- FTA Presidents' Welcome – Kenne Helm, General Housekeeping, Check-in Open** – Check into your cabin or set up your tent/camper

Registration Open - Meet and Greet – Purchase Hats, etc. – Renew Memberships – Drop off Auction Donations – Pick up Raffle Tickets Continental Breakfast

11:45 am- 12:45 pm **Lunch – Burgers and Hotdogs, Chips, Salad**

1:00 pm - **Skinning Demo** – Learn the basics and tips to improve your skinning skills – Main Pavilion – **Instructor - Pending**

2:00 PM - **Fleshing Demo** - Fleshing tips to prepare your pelts for tanning and the sale market and the tools needed – Main Pavilion – **Instructor – Pending**

3:00 PM - **Youth Demo** – Intro hands-on lesson using and setting steel traps – Main Pavilion – **Instructor – Pending**

4:00 – 5:00 pm **Trap Setting with Mark Neely – Dog Proof** - Dining Hall

6:00 pm – Roast Chicken Dinner with mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, vegetable, and dessert; silent auction opens, visit with Vendors

7:00 – 8:00 pm – Freaky Fun with Frankenwayne

7:00 pm – Campfire time

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:00am - 8:00 am – **Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Prayer- FTA Presidents' Welcome – Kenne Helm, General Housekeeping - Breakfast Served-** Sausage, Biscuits, and Gravy

Registration Open - Meet and Greet – Purchase Hats, etc – Renew Memberships – Drop off Auction Donations – Pick up Raffle and Door Prize Tickets

8:00 am – 1:00 pm - **FWC Trapper Certification Course**

Trapping regulations take effect Dec. 31, 2026. New regulations require trappers to take specific training, register, and report. This on-site training by FWC staff will certify you in time for this season and include trap safety training.

9:00 -11:00 AM **Youth Demo** - Animal tracking and ID, where to trap – Pavilion

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Fishing at lakefront – There will be some rods available

Youth – Cage Traps and make your own raccoon lure to take home (Ziploc bag with marshmallows, granola, dried cranberries, peanut butter, etc. – nothing that will smell too bad or stain kids' clothes)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch – Chicken salad, hot dogs, chips and sweets/fruit**
Vendors open (after FWC Training unless they are set up in outdoor pavilion)

1:15 – 2:00 pm **Adding nuisance work to your trapping toolkit – Kenne Helm, Dining Hall**

2:00 – 2:30 – **Improving Your Exclusion Work - Daniel – Integrity Wildlife, Dining Hall**

3:00 – 4:30 - **Steel Traps Predator Trapping, Equipment Review and Setting Demo - Mark Neely**
- Volleyball Field

3:30- 4:30 – **Tanning talk – Branchborough Taxidermy/ Harry Lindenmuth – Dining Hall**

4:30 – 5:30 – **Beaver Trapping Demo – Lakeside with Ronnie Braxton and Eric Rice**
What's new in the air gun market – David/Beavers Dam Warehouse –
Dining Hall

5:30 **Vendors Close**

5:45- 6:30 - **BBQ Pork Dinner, baked beans, cornbread, coleslaw, dessert**

6:30 – 8:30 –**Evening Activities - Door Prizes, Silent Auction Closes - FTA World Famous Live**
Auction & FTA Gun Raffle, Awards Presentation and Evening Wrap-Up

8:30 - 9:30 - **“Ask a Trapper” and Get More Involved - Campfire Stories and S’mores - Mixed**
Activities in the dining hall

Sunday, Sept 27, 2026

7:00-8:30 - **Rise and Shine / Coffee and Pancake Breakfast**
Purchase shirts and Hats – Renew Memberships, register for upcoming training events,
volunteer opportunities. Free Handouts will be boxed up at 8:45 am

8:45 – 9:30 **Trapping Bobcats and Coyotes– Mark Neely – Dining Hall**

9:45 – 10: 30 **Roundtable Q & A: Making your trapping business profitable – Q & A with**
experienced trappers – Dining Hall

10:45-11:45 - **Board Meeting –** in the dining hall. Members are welcome to sit in.

12:00 Presidents' and VP closing remarks

Please sweep and empty trash in your cabin – let us leave the property better than we found it!

Thank you to our Vendors and Sponsors!

Steve, Mackellar * Mr. Ron * Beavers Dam Warehouse * MNAR *
Swamp Fever Airboat Adventures * Branchborough Taxidermy * Rural King
Fur Taker TV/Wiebe Knives* FWC Ocala Camp *

And our wonderful volunteers who make this event possible!

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND HAPPY TRAPPING!