

Camp Florida Property Owners Association

LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

THE CRITTER

January 2025 • Lakeview Club House • (863) 699-4063 • Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

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"To be
Announced"

Letter from our POA President - Ron Goudy

The Pulse of the People

Now, well into the business season of our park, I am continually amazed at the amount of time and attention this Board gives to the issues of the park. As you probably already know and can see, your elected board members take their responsibilities very seriously and keep cost considerations in the forefront of their decision making responsibilities. We know that we represent all of you. Some of our decision responsibilities are clear and straight forward, being very logically sound. On more complex issues, much thought, research and discussions have to occur before any decisions are made.

In an effort to keep all our members up to speed, I'd like to start using "The President's Report" in the "Critter" as a forum to that end. On some of the bigger issues facing our Board, I'd like to encourage property owners feedback as an aid to knowing "How you see ourselves". Bigger decisions most often align with greater expense. One of the biggest present issues facing our community, centers around our aging road infrastructure. We recently got quotes and options from several reputable sources. One of those companies, iPave LLC operates in three counties of Florida including Highlands County.

The owner of this company, told us that our roads need attention including resurfacing with 2" of new pavement. In his opinion, now would be the time to do it, while our road surfaces are still structurally sound. He cautioned that if we wait until the sub surface starts to crumble (edges are already showing such wear), then our repair costs would greatly increase. He acknowledged that, yes cracks could be filled and the surface resealed one more time at a cost of \$74,000, but we should be thinking to resurface sooner than later. His quote to do so at this time is \$440,000. He went on to say that once the road base is compromised that cost inflates quickly to 1.5 million dollars.

None of us likes to learn such news but know that through the strength of numbers, we as a community, can make big expenses more manageable. The board will continue to research all of our options as to how we should proceed and will keep everyone posted.

On a positive note, I recently met a couple that was going to be retiring soon. They were traveling the state of Florida exploring different campgrounds and resorts. They expressed to me that out of all the places they had visited, by far ours was the nicest community of its type they have seen yet. I felt great pride to hear such an unsolicited comment. Kudos to all who in the past, present and future have and will continue to insure how we present to any who visit, stay or live in Camp Florida.

Sincerely...Ron Goudy

rgoudy158@yahoo.com



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SPECIAL EVENTS

GR: GREAT ROOM CR: CARD ROOM
LB: LIBRARY



01/01

01/01 Iowa State Party - 11am-2pm GR

01/02 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR

01/02 Donate **Blood** - 10am-3pm - **BIG RED BUS**

01/04 Bunco - 7pm GR

01/08 Jammers - 1pm-3pm (Setup 12:30pm) GR

01/09 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR

01/09 POA Meeting - 1pm-3:30pm GR

01/11 Performance Series #1 George Casey 7pm GR

01/16 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR
Edward Jones (Coffee & Donut Hour)
10:30-11:00am

01/18 Spaghetti Dinner

Dinner - 5:30 PM GR - Tickets \$15

01/18 Camp Florida Yard Sale - 8am - ???

01/23 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR

01/24 Special Social Hour Dance - Calico Band 7pm GR

01/25 FREE FOR ALL - 8 - 10am GR

01/25 Performance Series #2 The Alans 7pm GR

01/26 Pet Parade - 3pm (final lineup 2:45pm) Circle C

01/27 Pancake Breakfast - 8-10am GR

01/28 Shoreline Drive Party (Potluck) - 4:30-7:30pm GR

01/28 Ohio State Party - 4-6pm CR

01/30 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR
Grassy Lake Scrub Restoration w/Sam Erckson
(Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:30-11:30am

After Hours Security

If there is a security concern
you can contact the
Highlands County Sheriffs
Department at **863-402-7200**



Low Impact Water Classes

Classes will be at 10:00AM on Monday,
Wednesday and Friday providing
outside temperature is at least 65°.
Classes will be....and are open to both
women and men. Classes last about 45
minutes.

Most of the exercises are from the
Arthritis and Fibromyalgia Foundations.
The exercises work on balance, range of
motion, strengthening, and hopefully
lessening pain.

Hope to see
you there!

Peg Vedder
10 Hidden Cove



Park Manager's Message

Hello, everyone. I hope you and your family enjoyed the 2024 Holiday season in your beautiful park. Here it is 2025, how time flies!

I want to remind those with a storage lot that you must come into the office and renew your lease for another year before the end of January 31, 2025.

Please remember to dump paper goods, such as boxes, into the four dumpsters on the hill.

All property owners, I ask that if you have a contractor coming into the park to work, please have them come to the office. We will issue them a contract worker vehicle pass. If you have a renter coming in, please make sure they know to go to the office and register with us.

As you can tell, the grass does not need cutting as often as in the summertime due to the season. The maintenance crew is only cutting the irrigated areas; however, if you need your lawn cut, please let me know, and we will take care of it.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Colsonn Jean, Park Manager

[863-273-7775](tel:863-273-7775)



Save the Date

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room
LB: Library

- 02/01 F Circle Lunch - 11:30am-1:30pm GR
- 02/02 Southern Gospel Concert - 9:30am GR
- 02/08 Performance Series #3 The Storytellers,
Acoustic Classic Rock 7pm GR
- 02/09 Indiana State Party - Noon-2pm GR
- 02/10 Ladies Luncheon - 10:00am-5:00pm GR
- 02/14 Valentine's Day**
- 02/15 POA Elections - 10:00am-3:00pm GR
- 02/16 Illinois State Party - 4:00pm-7:00pm GR
- 02/16 Michigan/Wisconsin State Party
1:00pm-3:00pm GR
- 02/22 Performance Series #4 Jim Carter,
Singer/Piano Player 7pm GR
- 02/24 Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am-10:00am GR



RECYCLING IN LAKE PLACID

25 West Royal Palm Street
(off Main Street)

Monday & Wednesday 2 - 5:30 PM
Saturday 8 AM - 1 PM

Bring ***CLEAN*** Glass, Paper & Plastic (1&2)
Metal and ***FLATTENED*** Cardboard



2025 POA Directory Coming Soon



Now's the time to look over your information in the current directory and let Colsonn Jean know if there are any discrepancies. The new directories will be distributed at the February Board Meeting.

Entertainment Committee

The 2025 Performance Series season tickets (\$55) and individual show tickets (\$15) are available for purchase Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the POA Office.

Our first show of the season, **George Casey**, will be on **Saturday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.** George was born in a remote seaside village on the west coast of Ireland legendary for its storytelling. For over 30 years, George has been entertaining audiences all over the US with his self-deprecating sense of humor and clean jokes and stories.



Our second show of the season, **The Alans**, will be on **Saturday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m.** Jason and Stacy Alan, husband and wife duo from Ohio, have over 20 years of combined experience captivating audiences all over the world with their unique and modern blend of magic and mentalism.



Other upcoming shows include:

The Storytellers, Acoustic Classic Rock - February 8, 2025
Jim Carter, Singer/Piano Player - February 22, 2025
Jimmy Travis, Comedy Show - March 8, 2025
William Florian, The Neil Diamond Story - March 22, 2025

Nancy Johnson, Entertainment Committee Chair

Camp Florida's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM (Doors open at 4:30 PM)

Dinner will be served Buffet Style and will include Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

Tickets are \$12.00 per person and will be on sale in the POA Office beginning January 6th.



(Fantastic! You will like it.)



2025 State Parties

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room

01/01 Iowa State Party - 11am-2pm GR
01/28 Ohio State Party - 4-6pm CR
02/09 Indiana State Party - 12-2pm GR
02/16 Illinois State Party - 4-7pm GR
02/16 Michigan/Wisconsin State Party - 1-3pm GR



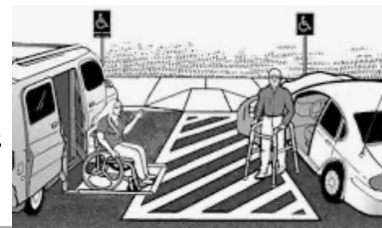
IOWA State Party

**Wednesday January 1st
11am - 2 pm • Great Room**

Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share!

Gentle Reminder

When driving your golf cart to shop at Winn Dixie please be considerate and avoid parking in the triangle places next to the handicap parking places to allow room for ramps or lifts for a wheelchair.





BINGO

In the Great Room
7:00PM Every Wednesday

See you there!

**No one under 18 years can participate in BINGO under
Florida State Law!**

The **Camp Florida Singers** are in need of a
Director and an **Accompanist**. If interested,
please get in touch with the Activities Committee.

This great group of Singers are a
friendly and fun group to work with.
If Interested, please get in touch with
Debbie Owen at **(217) 821-8777**.



Horseshoes

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 12:45 PM at the
horseshoes pit weather permitting.

If you have any questions, please
contact Kraig Doran at 863 633 8130
and leave a voicemail or a text. Thank you.



January 24th - 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Dance in the Great Room

Featuring: CALICO

Get your tickets in advance in the office - \$8.00
\$10.00 at the door.

**Bring your dancing shoes and boogie
the night away!**

Special Notice - Cancellation

**Due to illness, the February 14th Dance
with "ALMOST LIVE"
has been cancelled.**

YOGA STRETCH

with Diane Lucey

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 8:45 - 9:45 AM in the
Great Room.**



Welcome back to our winter
season at Camp Florida. It would be great if you
included joining our Yoga Stretch class during our
January through March 2025 season. We have all the
yoga props you will need. If you have your own mat,
strap, etc., you are welcome to bring them. This
season, we will focus on strengthening our muscles and
bones. And the best part of Yoga is that you do what
you can, no pressure, and we end with a soothing
relaxing meditation. We look forward to seeing you in
January. Namasté

Diane Lucey - [315-524-8032](tel:315-524-8032)

Poolside Grilling

Saturdays 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Check the Bulletin boards to
SIGN UP for "Grilling Teams"

Chairperson - Bonnie Poeschel
bpoeschel57@gmail.com



Line Dance for Fun!

Monday Nights - 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Great Room

All are welcome!
Doing older dances
and some new.



Sharon Kinder - [863-243-9464](tel:863-243-9464)

Coming Soon...
Mark your Calendars

The Nor'Easter POTLUCK
Sunday, March 9th
Great Room

Details to Follow



Booster Club

50-50 BOOSTER CLUB tickets are now on sale.
Buy tickets for \$20 each to win prize money.

Drawings will begin January 4, 2025

There are 10 weekly drawings:

**2 - \$25 Winners, 1 - \$30 Winner, 1 - \$40 Winner
1 - \$50 Winner and 1 - \$75 Winner each week
for 10 weeks.**

***Buy more than one ticket for
extra chances to win!***



Jerry Bowers
jlsrbowers@yahoo.com

Walking & Fitness Class

Monday-Wednesday-Friday
9 am - Great Room
with Kathy Holser - 517-522-8665

Tuesday-Thursday
8 am - Great Room
with Sharon Kinder - 863-243-9464

**Includes Walking & Fitness Exercises
with Leslie Sansone DVD's**



TRIVIA

1. What are the triangles on the Times Square ball made of?
2. What do Italians wear on New Year's Eve to bring good luck and love?
3. On which day do many people give up on their New Year's resolutions?
4. What famed poet is credited with transcribing and rewriting the song "Auld Lange Syne"?
5. What does Father Time represent?
6. What 1972 disaster movie takes place on New Year's Eve?
7. Which female singer released her version of the Frank Loesser song "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" in 1960?

(Answers on Page 10)

Come Join the Fun!

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL HAS BEGUN

**Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
in the Great Room**



Martha Olberding
567-356-1515

JAMMERS

Wednesdays

Beginning January 8th

1:00 PM - Great Room



Calling all jammers! Jam sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Great room. Everyone is welcome. Bring your instrument and music and let's have some fun! Set up starts at 12:30 PM.

Marty Moreland - [573-578-2073](tel:573-578-2073)

Nickels Game



All are Welcome!

Grab your favorite beverage and a couple rolls of nickels and join us in the Great Room on Mondays at 1:00 PM for an afternoon of socialization and fun!

Lynn Patty - [561-329-6312](tel:561-329-6312)



DARTS

Sunday Evenings

6:30 PM in the Pool House

All Adults are welcome.

If you have not played, we will help you and show you how!

Donna Zittel

donnazittel10@gmail.com

Mayra Products
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Every Thursday
Between 10:00 - 11:30 am

Fresh produce conveniently available to you in the parking lot by the pool!



January 2025



01/01 No Canteen

01/08 Fish Fry - Fish, Shrimp, Combo
Fries + Cole Slaw \$12.00 - 4:30pm

01/15 Soup + Baked Potato Bar
\$10.00 - 5:00pm

01/18 Camp Florida's Annual
Spaghetti Dinner!



01/22 Fish Fry - Fish, Shrimp, Combo
Fries + Cole Slaw \$12.00 - 4:30pm

01/29 Meatball or Chicken Parmesan
Bombers, Fries + Salad
\$10.00 - 5:00pm

All meals come with dessert. Drinks also available at an additional cost.

Coffee & Donut Hour

Every Thursday beginning January 2nd
at 10:00 am in the Great Room

Check the "Special Events"
Calendar for Guest Speakers



A \$2.00 donation is appreciated
to help defray the cost for this event.

Shar McConeghy - [989-640-7597](tel:989-640-7597)
Marilyn Martin - [517-320-7280](tel:517-320-7280)

CRITTER of the Month

Florida Scrub-Jay - (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) The round-headed, blue and gray Florida Scrub-Jay is the only bird species that lives exclusively in Florida, where it occurs in patches of low-growing scrub oak in sandy soils. Individual members of a Florida Scrub-Jay family take turns watching for hawks while the rest of the family looks for food. If a dangerous hawk is seen, the sentinel gives an alarm call and everyone dives for cover. A different call alerts the family to ground-level dangers such as snakes. The entire family will join in mobbing a predator. Florida Scrub-Jays are homebodies; they don't migrate, rarely move more than a few miles from where they hatched, and they don't like to move across areas that aren't scrub oak. Increased fragmentation of their habitat means that Florida Scrub-Jay populations are now very isolated. Jays from the Atlantic Coast, central Florida, and southwestern Florida have different vocalizations despite being separated by less than 100 miles. One longtime Florida Scrub-Jay researcher is Dr. John Fitzpatrick, who has also served as the director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology since 1993. Fitzpatrick has studied the jays since 1972, and he still visits central Florida every year to study the jays. The oldest recorded Florida Scrub-Jay was at least 15 years old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in Florida in 1990. Despite the Florida Scrub-Jay's tenuous environmental position, they're still easy to find if you get to the right spot. Visit a Florida reserve such as Archbold Biological Station or Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, and keep your eyes out for a medium-sized, long-tailed, blue songbird that perches high atop shrubs or pine snags, or hops along the road edge in search of crickets. This species is federally listed as threatened, in large part due to loss of habitat and decades of fire suppression that allowed scrub habitat to become overgrown. Prescribed burning helps maintain the bare ground and shrub height vital for scrub-jay survival. The current Florida scrub-jay population is estimated at about 7,700-9,300 birds. Read more about the Scrub-Jay here: [https://myfwc.com/Florida Scrub-Jay](https://myfwc.com/Florida%20Scrub-Jay)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



FOR THE PET PARADE 2025

Anyone interested in helping to organize is welcome to the first planning meeting that will be held on January 6th at 4:00 at E54.

THE PET PARADE 2025

Sunday January 26th
Beginning at 3:00 PM in Circle C
(Final Line up 2:45 PM)

Registration forms available
at C6 in January

Joan Fisher
Pet Parade Chairperson

Activities Committee Meetings

Thursdays • 11:00 AM • Card Room

The Activities Committee will meet twice monthly in January, February and March. If you have a proposal for a new activity, join us at one of our meetings to present your proposal for the Activities Committee to consider. We welcome new ideas and we like to hear thoughts on making any of our current activities even better. Please call Debbie Owen at [\(217\) 821-8777](tel:2178218777) at least two days prior to the meeting to get added to the agenda.

Mahjong

All Levels:

Mondays & Wednesdays - 10:00 AM - Noon
Pool House

Sharon Doran - [863-465-4613](tel:8634654613)

Experienced:

Sundays - 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Card Room

Marge Ruprecht - [262-343-3086](tel:2623433086)



If you are interested in learning the game, stop by the pool house for more information.

Bring a set if you have one!

Books with Chocolate



2025 Book Selections

January 21, 2025 - 3pm

Card Room

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
(Discussion to be lead by Paulette Kallstrom)



February 18, 2025 - 3pm - Card Room
A Land Remembered by Patrick Smith
(Discussion to be lead by Monica Shoemaker)

March 18, 2025 - 3pm - Card Room

First Ladies by Marie Benedict & Victoria
Christopher Murray
&

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
(Discussions to be lead by Karen Meyer)

Kathy Holser, Coordinator
kholser@yahoo.com

Beginner & Beyond Line Dance

with Lynne Blakeslee

Every Tuesday at 11:00 am

Every Thursday at 2:00 pm

In the Great Room

We begin our time dancing to beginner dances and move to more difficult dances as our sessions progress. We'll be dancing to a wide variety of music, introducing new dances all of the time.



Lynne Blakeslee - [\(616\) 318-3986](tel:6163183986)

Have nothing to do on Friday Nights???



Come on down to the club house at 6:30 PM to spend time with your friends, enjoy your favorite Beverage, and enjoy great music at the Friday Social Hour!!!

(Actually, more than an Hour)

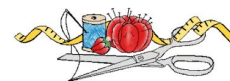
Don Keeler
40 Freedom Way
dwarrenkeeler@aol.com



Quilters (and Sewists)

We meet every Friday from 12:00 - 4:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Join us with your project or just stop by and see what we're doing. All are welcome (sewing machine required).

This year's learning project is Paper Piecing hosted by Kathy Holser on Feb 28th. Hope to see you there!



BROWN BAG CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer is a word no one wants to hear or worse yet, be diagnosed. But, taking this journey or being a caregiver of your loved one with cancer, brings you into an entire new realm. Through our various journeys, we have a commonality of experiences. Please feel free to join us in **January** on **Wednesdays** in the **Card Room** at **11:30-1:00**. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch. Our weekly gatherings focus on different topics, certainly not always cancer or cancer related. New members are always welcome.



Diane Lucey - [315-524-8032](tel:315-524-8032)

Trivia Answers: 1. Waterford Crystals 2. Red Underwear 3. The 2nd Friday in January, "Quitters Day" 4. Scottish poet Robert Burns 5. The passing of the outgoing year 6. The Poseidon Adventure 7. Ella Fitzgerald

POA

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025
1:00 - 3:30 PM - Great Room



LAKESIDE WRITERS GROUP

Do you like to write poetry, journals or essays? You don't have to be published or perfect...you just have to have a pencil and paper or your laptop and an appreciation for the written word. If you do, please join us for the Camp Florida Lakeside Writers Group meetings every Tuesday in January, February and March from 11:00-12:00 in the Card Room.

Also, be sure to check out a new "CRITTER" feature, the "Lakeside Writers Corner," a place where we feature poems, short stories or writings from our talented group.

Karen Meyer, Coordinator
(email: k_meyer5491@yahoo.com)

Shuffleboard

Beginning January 6th
10:00 AM - Monday - Friday - CF Courts



ALL ARE WELCOME!

No Experience Necessary
Equipment is Provided
We draw for partners before
each of the 4 games

Lynn Burgman - [607-423-5107](tel:607-423-5107)

Chair Yoga

Tuesday & Friday - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
in the Great Room

Classes have started!

Click the link below to learn more.

[Camp Florida Yoga Classes](#)

Linda Newton
716-937-7345



Lakeside Writers Corner

Happy Winter Places

Brilliant sunshine ripples across Grassy Lake
Sand cranes, eagles, mourning doves, painted buntings
Nature's welcoming committee delights the eye
A forever home for some, a winter home for others
This is our friendly, comforting happy place.
Yet in my mind's eye I see another happy winter place
Sparkling frost radiating through spun sugar fog
Across the giant, snow covered birthday cake lawn
Spindly tree candles marking the passage of time
Cardinals quickly flitting from branch to branch
Decorating the brilliance with splashes of crimson
Birdsong in the crisp morning air catches my breath
Memories of winters past still warm my heart.

KC Meyer 2024

FORGIVENESS

Making peace with the past.

Beginning January 7th

Come Join CFR Bible Study every Tuesday in the
Card Room at 1:00 PM.

We will reflect on this together.

All are welcome regardless of where you are in your
relationship with God.

Books are \$9.00 and are available from your Host



Doris Ervin
11 Beachfront

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER LINE DANCE



Beginning January 7th
Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM
with Pam Thomas

Come join Pam in the Great Room on Tuesdays at
2:00 pm where she'll teach us all how to ball-
change, shuffle and stomp, as well as offer very
basic steps in line dancing. If you're brand new to
line dancing or know just a step or two, this class is
for you.

Pam Thomas - (859) 409-2204

BUNCO!

The first Saturday of the month beginning
January 4th in the Great Room at 7:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 per person at the door. All are
welcome. If you have never played, come
anyway. It is an easy game to play. Bring a
snack to share.



Kathy & Calvin Holser
517-522-8665
kholsen@yahoo.com



Organized Bocce Ball

Mondays & Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00 am

The court is always open for play as usual.

Please direct any questions to:

Rick Gregory (217) 549-5557

I am still collecting food, toiletries, men and
women's clothing, and bedding. The Highland's
County Veteran's Services will only take food now. I
know the woman that keeps the food organized for
them and she lets me know when they are in need
of something specific, which I will let you know or
if I have received a recent cash donation, I will
purchase those items for them. My other
connection is with a Sering Pastor that has a
connection with the needy veterans, male and
female, and he takes all of the donations I
mentioned before. I can't thank you enough for the
donations you have given me before and I know you
won't quit now.

God bless you all!

Peg Vedder
10 Hidden Cove



Veteran Donations

PARTY

Shoreline Drive Residents
are invited to
The Shoreline Drive Street Party!
(Instead of a Circle Party)

When: January 28, 2025

Time: 4:30 - 7:30pm

Where: The Great Room

We are having a Potluck
Sign-Up: RSVP On "The Dish to Pass"
sheet on Bulletin Board by Office

Questions?

Call Jeanine Keenan
(616) 337-3249

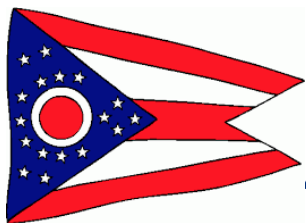


A SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT

The Lester's from St. Louis, MO will once again be with us at Camp Florida Resort on Sunday morning, February 2, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in The Great Room (Clubhouse). The Lester's have a full time ministry traveling all across the United States sharing the gospel in song. Brian, his son Jon, and daughter-in-law Bailee presently make up their ministry. Their children will also be performing a few songs. Please make plans to attend this great event. You will be blessed beyond measure. A love offering will be taken to help support their ministry. They will also have products for sale... CD's, T-shirts, etc.



OHIO PARTY



Tuesday, January 28, 2025
4:00 - 6:00 PM • Card Room

Bring your own drinks and finger food to share, plates, napkins and silverware will be provided.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the POA office around January 10th or so.

Joan Wizgard - [567-201-0285](tel:567-201-0285)



CAMP FLORIDA YARD SALE

Saturday January 18th - 8 AM - till?
(Held in Resident's Driveways)

Saturday January 25th - 8 to 10 AM

FREE FOR ALL

Held at the Clubhouse

bring what you **DON'T** want
take what you **DO** want

It's all FREE!

You don't need to bring something to
take something.

Please make sure everything is clean and in
working condition.

NO LARGE ITEMS...PLEASE!

Come check it out. You'll be glad you did!

Donate Blood

Thursday January 2, 2025
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BIG RED BUS

Between the Poolhouse & Clubhouse




The first Pancake
Breakfast will be
held on January 27th
from 8:00 - 10:00 am
in the Club House

The cost is \$8.00. Tickets will be sold prior to
each date in the POA office.

It's a great time for good food
and fellowship. See you there!

Judy Miedema
[616-834-8274](tel:616-834-8274)

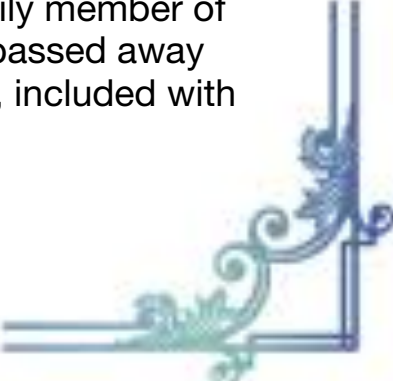


Veterans and Remembrance Ceremonies

Saturday March 1, 2025 - Save the date!

Please get in touch with Diane Lucey or Karen Meyer, by February 22nd or sooner, if you would like someone who was part of Camp Florida, or a family member of someone from Camp Florida, who has passed away since our last Remembrance Ceremony, included with those we remember this year.

Diane: dlucey60@gmail.com
Karen: kcmeyer058@gmail.com



Played on the Tennis Courts

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 11am

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9am

Beginner Pickleball

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Beginning at 5pm - January 2nd

ELECTION COMMITTEE

I am sure that by now you're tired of any election news. Fortunately we here in Camp Florida have one more election coming up. The one that actually affects our homes. I am speaking of the board election this coming February. One of the reasons that our community is so pleasant to live in is that we govern ourselves by ourselves. This means that every year one or more of our neighbors has to step forward to make decisions for all of us. This year we have three vacancies occurring so we will need at least three or more candidates. The only qualification is that they are property owners. So at this time, I am asking once again for volunteers. Please forward to me, Fred Myall at 32 Sand Pine Circle, your name and a brief résumé so that this information can be distributed to all our owners. The election committee would like this done by January 15, 2025. It is imperative that we have a board in place so that the state of Florida does not have to take over our park. Thank you.

Fred Myall, Election Chairman



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The **CRITTER** is a monthly newsletter published November through March/April for Camp Florida property owners and renters. If you have an article, with or without photos, that you would like to submit, please text or email me. My contact info is listed below. You may also complete a **CRITTER** request form, available at the POA office. Your article must be received by me no later than the deadline date listed above.

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MONTHLY/WEEKLY EVENT NOTES:

Activities Committee meets twice monthly in January, February and March at 11:00 in the Card Room. Everyone is invited to attend and offer suggestions for events in the park. First meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 11.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the Card Room January through March, beginning January 7.

Billiards Monday at 7:00 in the Pool House

BINGO will be held on Wednesday at 7:00 in the Great Room beginning December 4.

Bocce Ball: afternoon games Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00. Teams play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00. Scheduled games but court is open other times to play on your own. Return equipment to shed when finished.

Books with Chocolate Book Club will meet on January 21, 2025, February 18, 2025 and March 18, 2025 at 3:00 in the Card Room. Selections for the 24-25 season are:

- January - Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
- February - A Land Remembered by Patrick Smith
- March - First Ladies by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray and Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Bridge: will be on Mondays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

Brown Bag Lunch (with Diane Lucey). For cancer survivors to get together to share stories and support each other while eating lunch. Bring your own lunch. Meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 in the Card Room.

Bunco will be on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00. Cost: \$5.00. Bring a snack to share between rounds! Great Room. 1st session January 4.

Camp Florida Singers will meet and rehearse every Monday at 1:00 in the Card Room beginning January 6. Everyone is welcome.

Canasta (Ladies): Canasta will be played on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 in the Card Room. Experience is not necessary. We'll teach you!

Canteen: Served on Wednesdays before **BINGO** beginning December 4. Tickets are sold in the library. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to play **BINGO** to take advantage of our Canteen. Meals begin at 5:30.

Chair Volleyball: Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Great Room. Begins October 30.

Coffee and Donut Hour: Join us for coffee & donuts while we listen to presentations from various speakers. Thursdays at 10:00 in the Great Room. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated to help defray costs. Our first Coffee & Donut Hour begins January 2.

Cribbage: Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

Dancing: Classes offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Great Room.

- **Beginner and Beyond Line Dance** Tuesdays at 11:00 and Thursdays at 2:00 with Lynne Blakeslee. Classes begin November 5.
- **Line Dance for Fun** Mondays at 6:00 with Sharon Kinder, (863) 243-9464. Everyone welcome! Beginners too! Doing older dances and some new. November - April.
- **Absolute Beginner Line Dance** Tuesdays at 2:00 with Marj Hayter. Begins December 3.

Darts: Join your fellow dart throwers. Meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 in the Pool House. Come check it out!

Euchre: Thursdays at 7:00 in the Card Room. Begins November 30.

Golf: Foursomes, Couples, Guys and Gals. Everyone welcome. Special rates for CFR group. Join any week. 18 holes or 9 with cart. Non committing, no pressure. Make your own game. Game on Tuesdays; must know several days ahead in order to arrange tee times. Text or call Joyce Covington at (309) 642-5881, if no answer please leave a message and she'll return the call.

Horseshoes: Wednesdays and Saturdays. All games begin at 1:00. \$1.00 entry fee, arrive by 12:45.

Jammers: Join us for some music "picking and grinning"! Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 (set up at 12:30) in the Great Room beginning January 8. All are welcome.

Lakeside Writers Group will meet every Tuesday in January, February & March from 11:00 - 12:00 in the Card Room.

Lawn Games: Join us down at Skinny Dipping Point for lawn games such as bean bag baseball, etc. every Sunday (weather permitting) from 3:00-5:00. Bring your own beverages and chairs.

Library: Hardcover books are housed in the library of the club house. Paperbacks are kept in the pool club house.

Mahjong: All Levels - Mahjong plays on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 in the Pool House. More experienced players meet in the Card Room on Sundays at 1:00. Bring a set if you have one.

Mayra Products Fruits & Vegetables will be here every Thursday from February 1st - April 25th between 10:00 - 11:30 am and Saturdays from May 1st - September 26th between 10:00 - 11:30 am. They are planning to be in the park year-round on the parking lot by the pool.

Mexican Train: Join the group on Fridays at 1:00 in the Card Room for a challenging game of dominoes.

Miscellaneous Card Games. Players will meet in the Card Room on Thursdays at 1:00. We'll be playing a different game each week depending on how many attend.

Nickels Game: Mondays at 1:00 in the Great Room. Everyone Welcome!

Open Game Night Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Great Room. Bring your own game.

Pickleball is played every M-W-F at 11:00 and Tues-Thurs-Sat at 9:00 on the tennis courts. **Beginner Pickleball** is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 beginning January 2. Paddles and balls are available for your use.

Poker will be held on Sundays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

Pool Exercises: Water Exercises - Low Impact classes M-W-F at 10:00 beginning December 2. These are low impact, stretching and strengthening exercises that are especially good for arthritis. **Water Exercises - Aerobics** a more aerobic water exercise class is held M-W-F at 11:00 beginning January 1.

Poolside Grilling: Saturdays 11:30 - 1:30 beginning December 7. Check the bulletin boards to sign up for **"Grilling Teams"**.

Quilters Group: Group meets on Fridays on 12:00-4:00 in the Great Room. Beginners through Advanced quilters are welcome. Bring your own supplies and projects. Learn new techniques from other Quilters!

Shuffleboard will be on Mondays through Friday at 10:00 on the CFR Courts. We draw for partners before each of the 4 games. No experience is necessary and all are welcome to play. Equipment is provided for players.

Social Hour: Held every Friday evening from 6:30-9:00 PM. Join us for a variety of music, karaoke and dancing. Great singing, conversation and a perfect place to practice all dance rhythms and types of dancing you've learned in Camp Florida.

Tennis: Meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11:00.

"31" Easy Card Game: Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 in the Great Room and Fridays at 7:00 in the Card Room.

Walking Class: Come join the group as they follow along to walking tapes by Leslie Sansone. It's a great workout! Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes are facilitated by Kathy Holser in the Great Room at 9:00 beginning December 2. Tuesday and Thursday classes are facilitated by Sharon Kinder in the Great Room at 9:00 through December then switch to 8:00 January - March. Hope to see you there.

Yoga: Yoga Stretch with Diane. Diane Lucey will be holding classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45. Bring your mats, towel and/or weights. For those who have difficulty getting on the floor, try **Chair Yoga** taught by Linda Newton. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a 1 to 3 lb weight (or a full water bottle) to each class.

Note: Many of these activities and events were/are on hiatus during the off season months. Please check with the group/person organizing these park functions as this information is continuously updated.

| Indoor Events & Activities | | | Outdoor Events & Activities | | |
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| SUNDAYS | | | | | |
| Mahjong | CR | 1:00 | Lawn Games | SDP | 3:00-5:00 |
| Ripple Golf | GR | 1:00 | | | |
| Darts | PH | 6:30 | | | |
| Poker | CR | 7:00 | | | |
| MONDAYS | | | | | |
| Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy | GR | 9:00 | Tennis | TC | 9:00 |
| Mahjong | PH | 10:00 | Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact) | Pool | 10:00 |
| Camp Florida Singers | CR | 1:00 | Shuffelboard | SC | 10:00 |
| Nickels | GR | 1:00 | Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic) | Pool | 11:00 |
| Line Dance for Fun w/Joyce | GR | 6:30 | Pickleball | TC | 11:00 |
| Bridge | CR | 7:00 | Horseshoes | HP | 1:00 |
| Billards | PH | 7:00 | Bocce Ball | BC | 1:00 |
| TUESDAYS | | | | | |
| Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Sharon | GR | 8:00 | Bocce Ball | BC | 9:00 |
| Stretch Yoga w/Diane | GR | 8:45 | Golf | GC | Tee Times Vary |
| Chair Yoga | GR | 10:00 | Pickleball | TC | 9:00 |
| Lakeside Writers | CR | 10:00 | Shuffelboard | SC | 10:00 |
| Line Dancing Beginner & Beyond w/Lynne | GR | 11:00 | Tennis | TC | 11:00 |
| Bible Study | CR | 1:00 | Pickleball (Casual/Beginners) | TC | 5:00 |
| Absolute Beginner Line Dancing w/Marj | GR | 2:00 | | | |
| Open Game Night - Pinochle/Cribbage | CR | 7:00 | | | |
| WEDNESDAYS | | | | | |
| Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy | GR | 9:00 | Tennis | TC | 9:00 |
| Mahjong | PH | 10:00 | Shuffelboard | SC | 10:00 |
| Senior Volleyball | GR | 10:30 | Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact) | Pool | 10:00 |
| BB Lunch Cancer Support Group | CR | 11:30 | Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic) | Pool | 11:00 |
| Canasta (Ladies) | CR | 1:00 | Pickelball | TC | 11:00 |
| CF Jammers | GR | 1:00 | Horseshoes | HP | 12:45 |
| Canteen | GR | 5:00 | Bocce Ball | BC | 1:00 |
| Bingo | GR | 7:00 | | | |
| THURSDAYS | | | | | |
| Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Sharon | GR | 8:00 | Bocce Ball | BC | 9:00 |
| Stretch Yoga w/Diane | GR | 8:45 | Pickleball | TC | 9:00 |
| Activites Meeting (Bi-weekly) | CR | 11:00 | Fruits/Vegetables | PPL | 10:00 |
| Coffee & Donuts | GR | 10:00 | Shuffelboard | SC | 10:00 |
| Miscellaneous Cards | CR | 1:00 | Tennis | TC | 11:00 |
| Line Dancing Beginner & Beyond w/Lynne | GR | 2:00 | Pickleball (Casual/Beginners) | TC | 5:00 |
| 31 | GR | 6:30 | | | |
| Euchre | CR | 7:00 | | | |
| FRIDAYS | | | | | |
| Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy | GR | 9:00 | Tennis | TC | 9:00 |
| Chair Yoga | GR | 10:00 | Shuffelboard | SC | 10:00 |
| Quilting | GR | 12:00 | Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact) | Pool | 10:00 |
| Dominos-MexicanTrain/Misc Cards | CR | 1:00 | Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic) | Pool | 11:00 |
| Friday Social W/Don Keeler | GR | 6:00 | Pickleball | TC | 11:00 |
| 31 | CR | 7:00 | Poolside Happy Hour | Pool | 4:00 |
| SATURDAYS | | | | | |
| Bunko (1st Saturday of each month) | GR | 7:00 | Pickleball | TC | 9:00 |
| LEGEND: BC: Bocce Court GC: Golf Course GR:Great Room CR: Card Room HP: Horseshoe Pits FP: Fire Pit PH: Pool House TC: Tennis Court PPL: Pool Parking Lot SDP: Skinny Dipping Point SC: Shuffleboard Court | | | Tennis | TC | 11:00 |
| | | | Poolside Grilling | PH | 11:30 |
| | | | Horseshoes (Co-Ed) | HP | 12:45 |
| | | | Fire by The Lake | FP | Open |
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