

Camp Florida Property Owners Association LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

THE CRITTER

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

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Singers Events:

"To be
Announced"

Letter from our POA President - Ron Goudy

As I write this, our resort's winter, and busiest season, is in full swing. Nearly all of our 397 lots are now occupied by owners or renters. Now is a good time to remind ourselves how, through living in close proximity to others, our actions or inactions might effect our neighbors. As President, I, along with other Board members, and the management team, routinely receives inquiries, praises and yes, complaints. Most all concerns expressed align with people breaking or bending rules or intentionally expressing themselves in ways others find offensive. Our standard for complaint investigation is to represent what is best for our entire community. Kindness shown to others, the lending of helpful hands, friendships being built and maintained, games being played, impromptu happy hours and more, all enjoyed in an atmosphere of sunshine has shaped our community into the best version of ourselves. Let our reflection shine brightly on our proud community of people.

The painting of bathhouses has begun. This and the new lighting at the pool is being well received. Feedback from newbies and visitors continues to report what a great place Camp Florida offers to any who choose to call it home or home away from home.

May each of us continue to enjoy each other and our resort throughout this season of winter in the healthiest of ways.

Sincerely...Ron Goudy

rgoudy158@yahoo.com



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SPECIAL EVENTS

**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
- 02/06 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR
Sky Med Presentation - 10:30am
- 02/06 POA Meeting - 1:00pm GR
- 02/06 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:00am CR
- 02/08 Performance Series #3 The Storytellers
Acoustic Classic Rock - 7:00pm GR
- 02/09 Indiana State Party - Noon-2:00pm GR
- 02/13 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR
Outsmart the Scammers - 10:30am

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
- 02/20 Pickleball Fun Day! - 8:30am - Tennis Courts
Rain Date - February 27th - Same time/place
- 02/20 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR
Gatorama - 10:30am
- 02/20 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:30am CR
- 02/21 Pool Party - 2-4pm
- 02/22 Performance Series #4 Jim Carter
Singer/Piano Player - 7:00pm GR
- 02/24 Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am-10:00am GR
- 02/27 Coffee & Donut Hour - \$2.00 Donation - 10am GR

After Hours Security

**If there is a security concern
you can contact the
Highlands County Sheriffs
Department at [863-402-7200](tel: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're having a great time here in your beautiful park. I'm sure you see the positive and wonderful changes which the board is making in the park, in order to make this park a desirable destination. The bathhouse projects are underway and will continue for a couple more weeks.

Please remember to come to the office to renew your storage lot if you have not done it yet. Please remember to break down your boxes before placing them in dumpsters in order to save space in the dumpster.

The yearly tree trimming in the park is scheduled to begin in April.

The shoreline irrigation project has been completed, the sprinklers will be running to get the area nice and green.

The blood drive is scheduled for March 6, 2025 - Hours are 10:00 to 3:00 PM.

The vegetable lady is here every Friday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Everyone stay safe.

Colsonn Jean, Park Manager

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



Save the Date

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room
LB: Library

- 03/01 Remembrance Celebration - 10:45am
- 03/02 Strawberry Festival - 6pm GR
- 03/03 Ladies Luncheon - Noon GR
- 03/06 POA Meeting - 1pm GR
- 03/06 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:00am CR
- 03/06 CF Blood Drive - 10:00am-3:00pm**
- 03/08 Performance Series #5 - 7pm GR
- 03/09 Sock Hop - Dinner 5pm Dance - 7pm GR
- 03/09 Nor'Easter Potluck - 12:00-4:00pm GR
- 03/14 Special Dance - 6:30-9:30pm GR
- 03/17 Pancake Breakfast - 8:00-10:00am GR
- 03/20 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:30am CR
- 03/22 Performance Series #6 - 7pm GR
- 03/24 Stroke Screening - 8am-5pm CR
- 04/03 POA Meeting - 1:00pm GR
- 04/10 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:00am CR
- 04/24 Activity Committee Meeting - 11:00am CR

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.

JAMMERS

Every Wednesday
1:00 PM - Great Room
Calling all Jammers!



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 Friday at 10:30am-1:00pm

They will also have Tamales available for purchase!

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



Menu

February 2025

02/05 Fish Fry - Fish, Shrimp or Combo
Fries + Cole Slaw \$12.00 - 4:30pm

02/12 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Green Bean Casserole + Rolls
\$10.00 - 5:00pm

02/14 **Happy Valentine's day!**
Lasagna, Vegetable
Salad + Bread \$15.00 - 5:00pm



02/19 Fish Fry - Fish, Shrimp or Combo
Fries + Cole Slaw \$12.00 - 4:30pm

02/26 Chicken or Ground Beef Enchiladas
Texas Rice, Refried Beans
\$12.00 - 5:00pm

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

Coffee & Donut Hour

Every Thursday 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)

Ladies Luncheon

Monday March 3rd at 12:00 Noon in the Great Room

Light Lunch with Dessert - \$10.00

**Menu: Chicken Salad • Onion Ham Wrap • Bonnie's Pasta Salad
Apple Carrot Cranberry Salad • Carrot Sticks & Celery • Fruit
Orange Cake • Hibiscus Iced Tea**

**Entertainment - Alpha Natural Food Company, privately owned and located at
214 N Main St. Lake Placid, will do a presentation on products for your health
and will be giving away a door prize!**

Each table will need two ladies to co-chair their table and come up with their TABLE THEME.

Hosted by: Bonnie Morris - goody2shoesbg@gmail.com

Joan Kolk - joankolk@gmail.com



TRIVIA

1. In Roman mythology, with whom does Cupid fall in love?
2. "Wearing your heart on your sleeve" has origins from honoring which Roman goddess?
3. Who wrote the oldest-known Valentine's Day message?
4. From where was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message sent?
5. When was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message written?
6. On average, how many marriage proposals are there on every Valentine's Day?
7. What brain chemical is known as the "cuddle" or "love hormone"?

(Answers on Page 11)



**March 14th - 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Dance in the Great Room**

Featuring: Randy Sullens

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

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

**Come Join the Fun!
CHAIR VOLLEYBALL HAS BEGUN**

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



**Martha Olberding
567-356-1515**

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 third show of the season, **The Storytellers**, will be on **Saturday, February 8**, at **7:00 p.m.** What sets the Storytellers apart is authenticity. With just two men, Paul Crotty and Rob Garcia, two voices and two instruments, this performance is 100% organic — no backing tracks or artificial enhancements. The duo will delight you with classic rock renditions, jokes, laughter and sing alongs.



Our fourth show of the season, **Jim Carter**, will be on **Saturday, February 22**, at **7:00 p.m.** Jim Carter is a singer/piano player with a background as a musical tribute artist, studio musician, lead and background band vocalist and dueling piano player. He was also a signed recording artist with Tree Records/Escape Label and a seasoned character and voice-over actor.



Other upcoming shows include:

Jimmy Travis, Comedy Show - March 8, 2025
William Florian, The Neil Diamond Story - March 22, 2025

Nancy Johnson, Entertainment Committee Chair

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



INDIANA Potluck Lunch

Sunday, Feb 9th
Noon - 2:00 pm - Great Room

Sign up sheet in Office
Bring your own drinks
Plates and table service
provided.

Linda M Amberger
ltamberger@yahoo.com



Illinois Potluck

Sunday February 16th
5:00 pm - Great Room



Bring a dish to share,
your beverage and
table service

Sign up sheet in office

Hosted by Debra & Rick Gregory
debra.gregory58@gmail.com

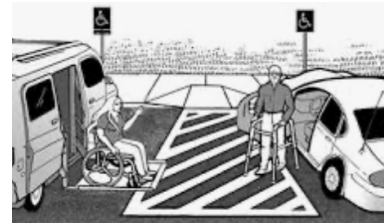
2025 State Parties

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room

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
03/09 Nor'easter Potluck Party - 12-4pm GR

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 1:00pm, arrive at
12:50pm with \$1.00 at the horseshoes pit,
weather permitting.

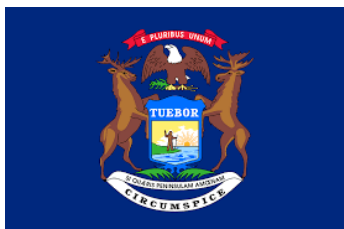


If you have any questions, please
contact Kraig Doran at **863 633 8130**
and leave a voicemail or a text. Thank you.

Michigan/Wisconsin State Party

Sunday February 16th - 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Great Room

**Potluck Dinner - bring your own drinks
and a dish to share!**



YOGA STRETCH

with Diane Lucey



We are well into the season
with our Yoga practice.
But, you can still join in
and give your body, mind and spirit a lift.
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45 am in the
Great Room. Please join us.

Diane Lucey - [315-524-8032](tel:3155248032)

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:8632439464)

Special Notice - Cancellation

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

Pancake
Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast
February 24th
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:6168348274)

Nor'easter POTLUCK

Sunday, March 9th

Noon - 4:00 pm - Great Room

The 2025 Nor'easter potluck for Camp Florida Residents and Renters who are from the North Eastern States...NY, NJ, NH, VT, ME, MA, CT, PA, RI, DE, MD and CANADA (and any folks without a State Party to attend.) This year's theme - St. Paddy's Day.

Sign up outside the Office and please indicate what dish you're going to delight us with!

We promise we'll make you smile...Karen & Paul, Monica & Neil, Linda & Gary.

If you can help set up or take down, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

Thanks!



***It's all happening
March 9th in the
Great Room***

Let's go to the Hop!

Dinner - 5:00 - 6:30pm

Iowa Maidrite Sandwich Dinner

Maidrite Sandwich (similar to a sloppy joe)

Maidrite Chips & Soda Pop

Meal Tickets - \$7.00 on sale at the office.

Get yours before March 3rd. Don't be left out.

Dance - 7:00 - 9:00pm

Richie Lee will take you back in time with

Rock n Roll hits from the 50's

Free will offering or donation appreciated.

Hosted by:

Sherrie & Dean Cretsinger

641-757-0520

Janet & Blair Adams

515-669-2170



WINNERS

The January 18th

50/50 winners are:

1st - \$40.00 - Buck Sherman

2nd - \$27.00 - Warren Nesler

3rd - \$15.00 - Sherri Schlaefer

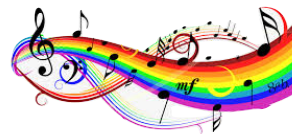
The next 50/50 drawing will be Feb. 8th

Thanks to all who contributed.

Congratulations!

Camp Florida Singers

We continue to meet and sing for fun (and sometimes for cookies!) each Monday from 1 - 2pm in the Card Room. We're still in need of an accompanist and a director. Please consider joining this merry band of songsters.



Diane Lucey - 585-465-7466

Karen Meyer - 585-727-4761

Booster Club

50-50 BOOSTER CLUB tickets are now on sale.

Buy tickets for \$20 each to win prize money.

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**



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

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 7:00 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



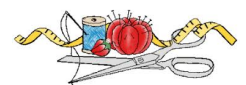
Quilters (and Sewists)

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!



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.



March 2nd - 6pm GR
Save the Date!

Check the **March/April CRITTER**
for more details.



2025 Camp Florida POA

Simple Pool Party

Friday, February 21st
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please feel free to bring snacks, but they are not required. Beverages are permitted in non-glass containers as glass is forbidden in the pool area.

Don and Neil will be spinning the tunes for your enjoyment. Swimsuits and casual attire are suitable for this event. Come join in the fun!



Fun Day!

February 20th at 8:30am
with a RAIN Date of
February 27th at 8:30am

Join us for our second Pickleball
Fun Day.

This event is for Camp Florida
Owners and Renters Only. Anyone
interested in participating should
contact **Judy Miedema** at
[616-834-8274](tel:616-834-8274).

There will be refreshments and
prizes for participants. All are
welcome to come and watch the
fun!

Sponsored by **Edward Jones**

BROWN BAG CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

We are continuing to meet each Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Card Room.

Pease feel free to join us.

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



Donate Blood

Thursday March 6, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BIG RED BUS

Between the Poolhouse & Club



POA

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 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 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

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)

1. Psyche 2. Juno 3. The Duke of Orleans 4. Prison
5. 1415 6. Oxytocin

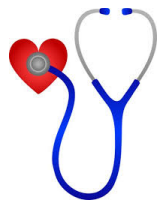
Stroke Screening

Monday March 24th - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

in the Card Room

Mark you calendar.

An appointment may be needed. Check back for more details in the March/April CRITTER!



Lakeside Writers Corner

Ancient Wonder

Staring down from distant space
Ancient wonder, full of grace
Your silent beams our souls receive
Your message sent our hearts believe
Your light without sends strength within
As reverently your light comes in
With plaintive hearts our whole life through
Our searching minds return to you
We see your face, it laughs and cries
With timeless grace, you hear our sighs.

KcMeyer



FORGIVENESS

Making peace with the past.

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



***Every Tuesday
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 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

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**



CRITTER of the Month

Common Name: Wood Stork. Scientific Name: Mycteria americana range from North America to Argentina. In the United States, wood storks nest in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. After breeding they may disperse north to North Carolina or west to Mississippi and Alabama. Wood storks inhabit mainly tidal waters, marshes, swamps, streams and mangroves. They hunt for prey in shallow, muddy-bottomed banks or wetlands. Their nests are ideally constructed in trees surrounded by water to limit depredation of the eggs. Adults usually measure one meter tall and can have a wingspan of over one and a half meters. They have a blackish bill, accompanied with a scaly-looking, featherless head and neck which sticks out straight when flying. The majority of the birds' body is white except for the primary, secondary, and tail feathers which are black. Immature wood storks have a pale yellow bill and dull gray-colored head and neck. The eggs are incubated for one month and the newborn chicks hatch weighing only 57 grams. They are completely helpless except for the feathered umbrella that the parents provide with their wings to shield them from heat and rain. There is sibling competition for food and under stressful conditions only the first-born and largest will survive. During times of heavy rains, nestlings often die or are deserted by their parents. Pairs often mate for life and return to the same nest each breeding season to raise their offspring. Breeding occurs from December to April. Nests are constructed out of sticks high atop cypress, mangrove, or other trees in marshy woodlands. Wood storks nest colonially with from 5 to 25 nests in a single tree. Females lay 2 to 4 (usually 3) eggs per clutch. Incubation lasts 28 to 32 days and the young fledge after 55 to 60 days. Woodstorks do not begin to breed until they are 4 years old. Both the male and female take part in nest building, incubation and the feeding of their semi-altricial young. Chicks are fed regurgitated fish and are dependent on their parents for 55 to 60 days after they hatch. This article is small and there is so much more you can learn about these amazing creatures. Click on this link for more information: <https://myfwc.com/wood-stork>



Chair Yoga

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

If interested in chair yoga, please click on the link below which describes just what this class is all about.

[Camp Florida Yoga Classes](#)

If you come to join the class, it is helpful but not mandatory to bring a weight of 3 lbs or less, or a full water bottle works also.

The class is slightly different for every session so that the class does not become boring or repetitious. This helps the class to stay interesting so that it is more enjoyable.


While we seek to have calm and quiet classes, we usually manage to have a bit of fun and humor too.

Please come and join us at any class.

Try it...you might like it!

Linda Newton, Instructor
[716-937-7345](tel:716-937-7345)



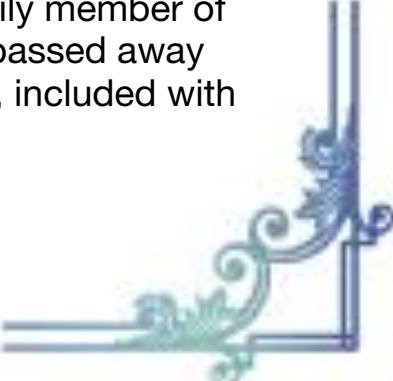


Veterans and Remembrance Ceremonies

Saturday March 1, 2025 - 10:45 AM

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.

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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



February 26th is the THE CRITTER DEADLINE!

The last day to text/email/FAX **SAM** to have your Event in the March/April "**CRITTER**"

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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/email/FAX me. My contact info is listed below.

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♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥



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**. 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 4:30/5:00.

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 6:30 in the Card Room.

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 12:50.

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 Friday at 10:30. Fresh produce conveniently available in the parking lot by the pool. They will also have Tamales available for purchase.

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 6:30 in the Great Room and Fridays at 6:30 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		
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	Bocce Ball	BC	1:00
Billards	PH	7:00			
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	11:00	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	6:30			
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	7:00	Pickleball	TC	11:00
31	CR	6:30	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
			Revised 1-31-25		