

Camp Florida Property Owners Association

LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

THE CRITTER

January 2019 • Lakeview Clubhouse • (863) 699-4063

Website: campfloridapoa.org • Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

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Letter from our POA President – Bruce Ridley

Happy New Year!

Another Holiday Season comes and goes and we all are a little older and wiser.

The Camp should be at or near capacity by the time you read this, so watch out for the other guy. Watch your speed, 15 miles per hour and help us by following the rules. If you see something that isn't right, tell us so that we can fix it. I just noticed the Gopher Tortoise grazing on the bank just west of D Circle. Plenty of wildlife around. The horseshoe players reported that they saw an eagle alight in the field adjacent to the pits and the two resident great horned owls are back.

Be safe and have a wonderful 2019 winter season and a prosperous New Year!

The Prez, Bruce

“Critter” of the Month

Article submitted by Bruce Ridley

Well, just when you thought that it was safe to go in the water! Many people have seen this wary critter in the Everglades. Common names are the Skunk Man, Skunk Ape, Big Foot, Sasquatch and many other nick names. This creature's color ranges from black to dark brown, a lighter reddish-brown, and even silver (in the case of an aging creature). Their eyes are very reflective and show red at night, as these creatures have become mostly nocturnal. In daylight, their eyes appear to be mostly brown. The whites of the eyes are much less prominent and the iris is much larger in comparison to those of humans. They range in height from three to nine feet and can weigh up to 800 pounds according to the depth of footprint casts. They are omnivorous but prefer fruit and plant life and will kill and consume prey when other food sources are not available or plentiful. The Sasquatch makes sounds ranging from loud, guttural growls to a sounds resembling that of a woman screaming. They can whistle effectively and imitate a whistle pattern very well. The Sasquatch howls often and can also make sounds similar to that of a gorilla. They lived in the Anclote area for many years until recently when construction and development forced them out. They were seen numerous times traveling through the Anclote river area from 1966 through 1995, wading their way north and disappeared from there. After that the Sasquatch seemed to just vanish with no more sightings until recently in 2006 and the last sighting in that area was in 2010. They have been recently seen in Pasco and Pinellas County. Several of us saw one on I Circle the other night at I-22. Check it out! You may see one as well!



Florida Sasquatch

SPECIAL NOTES:

Volunteers are always needed. Guests as well as POA residents are encouraged to help. Please see postings at the clubhouse for various activities that need your help such as:

- Office Help and Ticket Sales
- Canteen and Poolside Grilling
- Special Events, Dinner Chairs, Committees

Tickets for dinners, shows, etc. may be purchased in advance M-F from 10-12 in the Library.

Tables and chairs are available for residents use. Sign out in the POA Office.

Medical and baby equipment is available for residents use. Sign out in the POA Office.

Bulletin boards at the bath houses are reserved for PARK functions ONLY. Please do not put personal flyers on them. There are bulletin boards in both club houses for personal and community flyers. In addition, we ask that flyers be kept to ½ pages.

Wheel and transport chairs are located inside the west side door for your use at the clubhouse.

Park Manager's Message – John Sims

Here we are in December, the holidays upon us and the weather is a little cooler than the last 2 years. We have a lot of new faces this year...I hope everyone enjoys the season here at CFR!

The Board voted at their December meeting to keep the entrance gate open between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday. With that in mind, please remember that the speed limit is still 15 MPH.

If you have a dog, please see that it is leashed and under control **at all times**.

A reminder to all that the pool will not be open if the temperature is below 65 degrees.

Several residents have asked me about the trimming of the palm trees. At the last Board meeting there was discussion whether or not to purchase our own lift and have our maintenance crew do the trimming (we currently use an outside contractor). We will notify you once the Board has reached a decision.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me in the office or, if I'm not there, my cell number is (863) 991-0313.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Sims
Park Manager

REMINDERS:

- Speed limit is 15 miles per hour
- Yard waste and construction debris is not to be put in the trash containers
- All additions/changes to the Activities Calendar need to be cleared with the Activities Chair

CPR/AED Training

The **Lake Placid Police Department** will be conducting **CPR/AED Training** in our Club House on Tuesday, January 29th at 5:30 PM. The course will consist of the latest CPR techniques and training on how and when to utilize an AED. You will be certified and receive a certification card.

There are 3 AEDs located in Camp Florida – one in the Club House, one in the Pool House and one in the Circle B laundry room.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. Sign-up **no later than Tuesday, January 22nd** on the sheet posted outside the office. Minimum of 10 people (14 max) to hold the class. **(Only sign up if you are sure you can make it.)** All money collected goes back to the Lake Placid Police Department.

Any questions or concerns contact Mike Semans at 12 Inner Lane or at (585) 415-1812.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room LB: Library

- 01/01 Iowa Party. 1:00 GR
- 01/02 1st Bible Study 10:00 CR
- 01/05 Pancake Breakfast 8-10:00 GR
1st Poolside Grilling 11:30-1:00 at the pool
Bunco 7:00 GR
- 01/03 POA Meeting 1:00 GR
- 01/06 1st Ice Cream Social 6:00 GR. Tickets \$3.00 a serving
- 01/08 Beading Bracelets 1:00-4:00 CR
- 01/09 1st Jammers 1:00-3:15 (12:45 set up) GR
- 01/10 Sky Med (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR
Welcome Back Potluck \$2.00 at the door 4:30 GR
- 01/12 Season Pass Show #1 – Mark Merchant 7:00 GR
- 01/14 Blood Drive. Big Red Bus. 10:00-2:00. Parking lot.
Sign up on bulletin board in LB.
Writing Fun 10:00 CR
- 01/17 Better Hands Home Health Care (Coffee & Donut Hour)
10:00 GR
- 01/18 Quilting – Special Project 10:00-4:00 GR
- 01/19 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 (doors open at 4:30) GR.
Tickets \$10.00.
- 01/22 1st Book Club - Pillars of the Earth 3:00 CR
- 01/24 Neighborhood Watch (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR
Pampered Chef 11:30 GR
- 01/26 Pancake Breakfast 8-10:00 GR
“FREE” for All 8-10:30 GR Stage Area
Season Pass Show #2 – Prana 7:00 GR
- 01/28 Let’s Talk Computers 10:00 CR
- 01/29 CPR/AED Training 5:30 GR. Sign up outside the office
- 01/30 Selection Election 10:00-12:00 CR
- 01/31 Edward Jones (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR

Menu

CANTEEN
January 2019

- 01/02 Beef Stew over Biscuits
- 01/09 Goulash Dinner
- 01/16 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
- 01/23 Fish Sandwiches
- 01/30 Meatloaf Dinner

*Soda, Water and Candy also available
at an additional cost.*

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Doors open at 4:30 and dinner will be served at 5:00. There is a cap of 200 tickets for this dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Volunteers are needed! Please check out the volunteer sheets at the office.



THANK YOU

Dear Karen, Paul and Camp Florida Singers,

Wow, what a beautiful video of wonderful people sharing wonderful Christmas deeds. We LOVED your singing and good wishes. Thank you so much for thinking of us. And we extend our best wishes to you for a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Our hope is to be there with you, singing and enjoying every moment of every day sometime later in this winter season.

Love to you all,

Diane & Jim Lucey



American Flag Etiquette



As we ride through our community, the American Flag can be seen proudly displayed on poles, cars and golf carts. But a few, unfortunately, are not properly displayed.

Here are a few tips you should always follow when displaying the American Flag:

- ❖ Nothing goes to the left of the American Flag. If you are facing your house, car, stage or golf cart, the American Flag should always be on the left. If you are facing the rear of your golf cart, etc., the flag will be on the right side (not the left).
- ❖ If you are displaying multiple flags, the American Flag is always posted to the left.
- ❖ When posting multiple flags and the American Flag is in the center, it should be posted higher than all others.

Question: There is only one flag which may be posted above the American Flag. Do you know when and why? (Hint: Navy Vets should be able to answer this one!)

American Flag on a Navy ship during a burial at sea.
Answer: The Christian Flag is flown above the

Sunshine Committee



Gail Mason (54 Beachfront Lane) will head up our CF POA Sunshine Committee again this year. Requests for cards, etc. can be made by calling Gail at (612) 834-3487 or by emailing her at wemason37@gmail.com.

Writing Fun! – with Karen Meyer

Do you enjoy writing...any kind...poetry, essays, letters, short stories? Let's meet and see if there's an interest in getting a group together. Join me on Monday, January 14th at 10:00 in the Card Room. Bring your ideas!

January 26, 2019



Have items you no longer want or take things you just can't live without. It's all "FREE"! What's left will go to Nu-Hope. You don't need to bring something to take something! Come check it out! 8:00-10:30 Great Room stage area.

Does this picture not exude complete happiness? That's what Camp Florida is all about, right?!



Photo submitted by Joyce Covington

Let's Talk Computers – with Karen Meyer

Has your computer got you stymied? Bring your laptop to the Card Room on Monday, January 28th at 10:00 and maybe together we can tame the beast! I'm no expert but let's share our knowledge.



Fitness Room Reminder

If you adjust the thermostat while in the room exercising, please remember to return the setting to 75 degrees before you leave.

Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE:

GR: Great Room CR: Card Room LB: Library

- 02/03 **Indiana Party** 12:30 GR
Ice Cream Social 6:00 GR
- 02/05 **Paul Christopher – Songs & Stories** 7:00 GR
Tickets \$6.00
- 02/07 **Comfort Covers** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR
Chili Cook-Off 5:00 GR
- 02/09 **Season Pass Show #3 – Gage & St. Denis** 7:00 GR
- 02/10 **Michigan Party** 1:00 GR
- 02/12 **Beading Bracelets** 1:00-4:00 CR
Grace Harmony – Christian Singers/Songwriters
7:00 GR FREE – Love Offering
- 02/14 **Valentine's Day**
Safe Klean (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR
- 02/16 **Annual POA Meeting** 10:00 GR
- 02/17 **Illinois Party** 5:00 GR
- 02/19 **Canada Day** 3:30 CR
CPR/AED Training 5:30 GR. Sign up outside the office
- 02/20 **Prevention Plus** 8:00-4:00 CR
- 02/21 **Hearing Aids** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR
- 02/23 **Pancake Breakfast** 8-10:00 GR
- 02/24 **Pet Parade** 2:30
- 02/26 **Book Club – A Gentleman in Moscow** 3:00 CR
Ladies Tea 7:00 GR
- 02/28 **AMS** (Coffee & Donut Hour) 10:00 GR 10:00 GR
Baked Potato Night 5:00 GR

Entertainment Committee

Just a reminder that the entertainment committee is always looking for information on entertainers you have enjoyed outside of Camp Florida.

If you know of an act you'd like to see perform for Camp Florida, please contact either Linda Reuter at ralreuter@aol.com or Janet Foley at janet.c.foley@gmail.com. Thank you for any ideas you can give to continue to make our shows the best!

Señor Bruce's Chili Cook-Off Contest



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Third Annual Señor Bruce's Chili Cook-Off Contest. The date is Thursday, February 7th at 5:00 P.M. at the Club House. Everyone is invited and asked to participate by cooking their favorite style of Chili. In the past, we have had white Chili, Texas Red, Hot, Mild, Vegetable Chili and even Chicken Chili! Every person who attends is asked to taste, judge and vote for their favorite-tasting concoction. The winner gets \$50.00 (American). Such a deal! Good food and cash prizes and a special door prize all for the low price of \$4.00. Last year, we had at least 150 people and we ran out of Chili! Everyone is encouraged to enter but it is not required. You can come and eat and judge too! Separate sign-up sheets will be available for cooks and eaters. Hasta la vista, Baby!



A little **"TWIST"** on
Friday Night Social!

Grab your bobby socks and bell bottoms and join us at the Club House on Friday, January 18th for a fun night of listening to Top 10 Hits from the 50's and 60's. As always, BYOB and a snack if you wish.

**WELCOME
BACK!**



Thursday, January 10, 2019
4:30 PM

Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to pass – enough to feed 10-12 people. Meat will be provided. There will be a \$2.00 per person charge to help cover the cost of the meat.

We are having a Baked Potato Dinner on Thursday, February 28 at 5:00 P.M. The plan is to have baked Idaho potatoes with a variety of toppings including sour cream, shredded cheese, onions, peppers, tomatoes, bacon bits and more. We're still working on pricing but believe the price will be between \$3 - \$4 for one potato and any fixings. A sign-up sheet will be available. No sales at the door because we need to know how many spuds to bake. Any questions should be directed to Dottie Ridley.



MONTHLY/WEEKLY EVENT NOTES:

Activities Committee meets Thursdays at 11:00 in the Card Room. Everyone is invited to attend and offer suggestions for events in the park.

BINGO will be every Wednesday at 7:00. Great Room.

Bocce Ball. Afternoon games Mondays 1:00 and Wednesdays 2:00; morning games Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00. Scheduled games but court is open other times to play on your own. Return equipment to shed when finished.

Bonfire at the Lake. Every Saturday at the fire pit. The fire will be ready by 6:00 for those who want to cook. Bring your own food.

Book Club. "Chocolate with Books on the Side". Club will meet on January 22, February 26 and March 19 at 3:00 in the Card Room. Book Club selections for 2019:

- January – Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
- February – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- March – Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom

Bridge. Will be on Mondays at 7:00 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.

Ladies Canasta: Canasta will be played every Wednesday at 1:00 in the Card Room. Experience is not necessary. We'll teach you!

Canteen: Canteen is served on Wednesdays before BINGO. Sign up for teams on bulletin board in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come for sandwiches, etc. You do not have to play BINGO to take advantage of our Canteen.

Country Western Couples Dancing: New beginner dances will be taught on Wednesdays, January 2nd through March, 10:00-12:00 in the Great Room. All are welcome!

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

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.

Golf: Foursomes, Couples, Guys, Gals. Everyone welcome. Placid Lake Course. Tuesdays. Leave park at 8:40 am. Special rates for CFR group. Join any week. 18 holes or 9 with cart. Non-committing, no pressure. Make your own game. Must know weekly by noon on Mondays. Joyce (309) 642-5881.

Horseshoes - Co-Ed: Wednesdays & Saturdays at 1:00. \$1.00 entry fee. Arrive by 12:45 to draw teams.

Jammers: Join us for some music "picking and grinning"! Wednesdays starting January 9. 1:00 – 3:15 (set up at 12:45) in the Great Room. All are welcome.

Library: Hardbacks are housed in the library of the clubhouse. Paperbacks are kept in the pool clubhouse.

Line Dancing: Mondays at 6:30 and Thursdays at 2:30 in the Great Room. Everyone is welcome! **Beginner Line Dancing** Tuesdays at 2:00 in the Great Room.

Mah-jongg. Players will meet in the Card Room on Sundays at 2:00. Bring a set if you have one.

McCracken Farms: Will be in the parking lot between the pool and clubhouse. Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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

Pickleball is played every M-W-F-Sat at 11:00 and Tues-Thurs at 9:00 on the tennis courts. Paddles and balls are available for your use.

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

Pool (Billiards) Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Pool House.

Pool Exercise: Water Exercise classes M-W-F at 10:00. **Swimnastics** M-W-F at 11:00. **Aqua Fit** classes Tue, Thur, Sat at 10:00. These are low impact exercises to help maintain or increase your range of motion.

Poolside Grilling Saturdays 11:30 – 1:30 beginning 1/5. Check the bulletin boards to sign up for "Grilling Teams".

Shuffleboard will be from 10-12 Mon thru Fri 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.

Sing for Fun: will meet and rehearse every Monday at 1:00 in the Card Room. Everyone is welcome.

Social Hour: Will be on Friday evenings from 6-9. Our CF DJs will play a variety of music!

Square Dancing: Mondays at 2:00 in the Great Room

"31" Easy card game. Meets at 7:00 on Thursday in Great Room and Friday in Card Room.

Quilting Guild: Group meets on Thursday from 1-4 in the Card Room. Beginners through advanced quilters are welcome. Bring your own supplies and projects. Learn new techniques from other Quilters!

Yoga: Stretch classes will be on Tuesday and Thursdays at 8:45 through March. Bring your mats, towel, and weights. Wear comfortable clothes.

Zumba: Dance fitness at its best. All are welcome. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Please Note: Activities are subject to change. Check bulletin boards for further updates.
Special Events will take precedence over the use of a facility.

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

OUTDOOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAYS				
▪ Mah-jongg	CR	2:00	▪ TBD	
▪ Darts	PH	6:30		
▪ Poker	CR	7:00		
MONDAYS				
▪ Sweating with the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ Tennis	TC 9:00
▪ Sing for Fun	CR	1:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC 10:00
▪ Square Dancing (2 nd & 4 th Monday)	GR	2:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool 10:00
▪ Line Dancing	GR	6:30	▪ Swimnastics	Pool 11:00
▪ Bridge	CR	7:00	▪ Pickleball	TC 11:00
			▪ Bocce Ball	BC 1:00
TUESDAYS				
▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Golf: Foursomes/Couples/Guys/Gals	PL 8:40
▪ Yoga	GR	8:45	▪ Bocce	BC 9:00
▪ Beginner Line Dancing	GR	2:00	▪ Pickleball	TC 9:00
▪ Open Game Night	GR	7:00	▪ Aquafit	Pool 10:00
▪ Cribbage	CR	7:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC 10:00
▪ Pinochle	CR	7:00	▪ Tennis	TC 11:00
▪ Pool (Billiards)	PH	7:00		
WEDNESDAYS				
▪ Sweating with the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ McCracken's Farm Stand	8:30
▪ Bible Study	CR	10:00	▪ Tennis	TC 9:00
▪ Country Western Couples Dancing (beginning 1/2)	GR	10:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool 10:00
▪ Jammers (beginning 1/9)	GR	12:45	▪ Shuffleboard	SC 10:00
▪ Ladies Canasta	CR	1:00	▪ Swimnastics	Pool 11:00
▪ Canteen	GR	5:00	▪ Pickleball	TC 11:00
▪ BINGO	GR	7:00	▪ Horseshoes: Co-Ed	HP 1:00
			▪ Bocce Ball	BC 2:00
THURSDAYS				
▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Bocce Ball	BC 9:00
▪ Yoga	GR	8:45	▪ Pickleball	TC 9:00
▪ Coffee & Donut Hour	GR	10:00	▪ Aquafit	Pool 10:00
▪ Activities Meeting	CR	11:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC 10:00
▪ Quilting Guild	CR	1:00	▪ Tennis	TC 11:00
▪ Line Dancing	GR	2:30		
▪ Euchre	CR	7:00		
▪ 31 (Cards)	GR	7:00		
FRIDAYS				
▪ Zumba	GR	8:00	▪ Tennis	TC 9:00
▪ Sweating with the Oldies	GR	9:00	▪ Shuffleboard	SC 10:00
▪ Dominoes	CR	1:00	▪ Water Exercise	Pool 10:00
▪ Social Hour	GR	6:00	▪ Swimnastics	Pool 11:00
▪ 31 (Cards)	CR	7:00	▪ Pickleball	TC 11:00
SATURDAYS				
▪ Bunco (1 st Saturday of each month)	GR	7:00	▪ Aqua-Fit	Pool 10:00
			▪ Pickleball	TC 11:00
			▪ Poolside Grilling (beginning 1/5)	Pool 11:30
			▪ Horseshoes: Co-Ed	HP 1:00
			▪ Bonfire at the Lake	FP 6:00

Legend:	BC: Bocce Court	FP: Fire Pit	HP: Horseshoe Pits	PL: Placid Lakes Golf Course	TC: Tennis Court
	CR: Card Room	GR: Great Room	PH: Pool House	SC: Shuffleboard Court	