



WILDERNESS LAKE  
P R E S E R V E

# NATURE'S NEWS



**5 FASCINATING FACTS  
ABOUT COTTONMOUTHS**

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**FUN THINGS TO DO IN  
LAND O' LAKES**

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**COMMUNITY  
GARAGE SALE  
APRIL 13TH @ 8AM**

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**NEW IDEAS FOR  
ADVENTURES IN  
LAND O' LAKES**

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PRINTED COPIES  
AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE





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DID YOU KNOW?

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT COTTONMOUTHS

1

**Distinctive Appearance:** Cottonmouths are named for the white lining of their mouths, displayed as a warning when threatened. They have dark crossbands along their bodies, making them easily recognizable in their swampy habitats.

2

**Semi-Aquatic Lifestyle:** Cottonmouths are highly adapted to aquatic environments, often found near swamps, marshes, and slow-moving streams. Their strong swimming abilities and submerged hunting prowess make them formidable predators.

3

**Aggressive Defense:** When feeling threatened, cottonmouths may coil, display their white mouths, and emit a loud hissing sound. However, they typically prefer to retreat rather than engage in confrontation with humans.

4

**Venomous Bite:** Cottonmouths possess potent venom that can cause tissue damage and swelling. While encounters are rare due to their reclusive nature, a bite requires prompt medical attention.

5

**Role in Ecosystem:** As apex predators, cottonmouths help regulate prey populations and serve as indicators of ecosystem health. Understanding and respecting these snakes can foster coexistence between humans and wildlife in Florida's wetlands.

# ADVENTURES

## 5 FUN ADVENTURES YOU CAN HAVE IN LAND O' LAKES IN APRIL

1

### Explore Crews Lake Wilderness Park

Embark on a nature-filled adventure at Crews Lake Wilderness Park. Take a leisurely hike along the park's trails, spot native wildlife, and enjoy a picnic surrounded by the beauty of the outdoors. Don't miss the chance to visit the park's butterfly garden, providing an educational and enchanting experience for children.

3

### Splash into Fun at The Wilderness Lodge Lagoon & Lap Pool

Beat the April heat by spending a day at the Lodge. Let your kids cool off in the splash pad area while you relax under the shade. The community also offers shaded playgrounds, tennis courts, and fishing dock, ensuring hours of fun for the whole family.

5

### Farm Adventures at Sweetfields Farm



Take a short drive from Land O' Lakes to Sweetfields Farm for a day of farm-themed fun. April is the perfect time to visit, with activities such as hayrides, petting zoos, and farm tours available. Let your kids immerse themselves in the agricultural experience while learning about farm life and sustainability.

2

### Educational Excursions at the Florida Pioneer Museum

Delve into Florida's rich history at the Florida Pioneer Museum. Engage your children with interactive exhibits showcasing pioneer life, including vintage artifacts and reconstructed historical buildings. Participate in hands-on activities such as butter churning and candle making, providing a unique blend of fun and education.

4

### Creative Workshops at Land O' Lakes Library

Spark your children's creativity with the workshops and events hosted by the Land O' Lakes Library. From craft sessions to storytelling hours, there's something for every young mind to enjoy. Check the library's schedule for upcoming events tailored specifically for kids in April.



## Rosemary Roasted Salmon w/Asparagus & Potatoes

### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 ¼ pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- ¾ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 4 (5 ounce) skinless salmon fillets, preferably wild
- 1 medium lemon
- 2 tablespoons balsamic glaze
- ½ teaspoon whole-grain mustard



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Stir together oil, rosemary and garlic in a small bowl.

Place potatoes in a large bowl and toss with 1 tablespoon of the oil mixture and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

Arrange the potatoes in an even layer on a large rimmed baking sheet.

Roast until lightly browned and tender, about 20 minutes.

Push the potatoes to one end of the pan.

Place asparagus in the large bowl and toss with 1 tablespoon of the oil mixture, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper.

Arrange the asparagus on other end of the baking sheet.

Roast until the asparagus is bright green, about 3 minutes.

Push the vegetables to either end of the pan, leaving space in the center.

Brush salmon with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil mixture and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper.

Place the salmon in the center of the pan.

Thinly slice half the lemon and tuck the slices around the salmon and vegetables.

Roast for 5 minutes more.

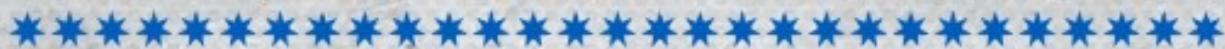
Cut the remaining lemon half into wedges.

Whisk balsamic glaze and mustard in a small bowl.

Brush 1 tablespoon of the mixture on the salmon.

Continue roasting until the salmon is just cooked through and the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Drizzle the vegetables with the remaining sauce. Serve with the lemon wedges.





*Join Us For A*



# Memorial Day BBQ

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 25TH  
NOON**

**FOOD  
DRINKS  
MUSIC**

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**Please RSVP @ (813) 995-2437.**

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# FUN EVENTS



## PHOTOGRAPHY *Club*

Capture the Magic: Join the WLP Photography Club!

**What to Expect....**

- ★ Expert Guidance.
- ★ Craft Stories with Every Click.
- ★ Supportive Photography Community.
- ★ Structured Meetups with Hands on Learning.

**Agenda:**


- ➔ Introductions, sharing, and learning goals.
- ➔ Bring your camera gear and show case your work.
- ➔ Explore new photography facets each week.

**Future Prospects:**

- ★ Surprise Guest Photographers.
- ★ Offsite Field Trips.

**Reserve your spot today!** ➔

**Meeting:**  
Wednesday, April 3rd  
6:00 PM  
Location: Theatre



Email: [jaden@nonegatives.pro](mailto:jaden@nonegatives.pro)  
Call/Text: (813) 485-5015



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Taco Dinner**

Friday, April 12th  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

**\$1.00 Each**



RSVP with the Lodge @ (813) 995-2437.

*Delicious*  
**SNOW CONES**

**7 FUN FLAVORS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st  
2:00 PM

Location:  
Lap Pool Deck

Cost: Free!!



**WILDERNESS LAKE RESIDENTS**



**SWIM KIDS USA SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

CLICK THE YOUTUBE LINK FOR INFO THEN CALL:

**(813) 991-6258**

MS. SARIAH TEACHER

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

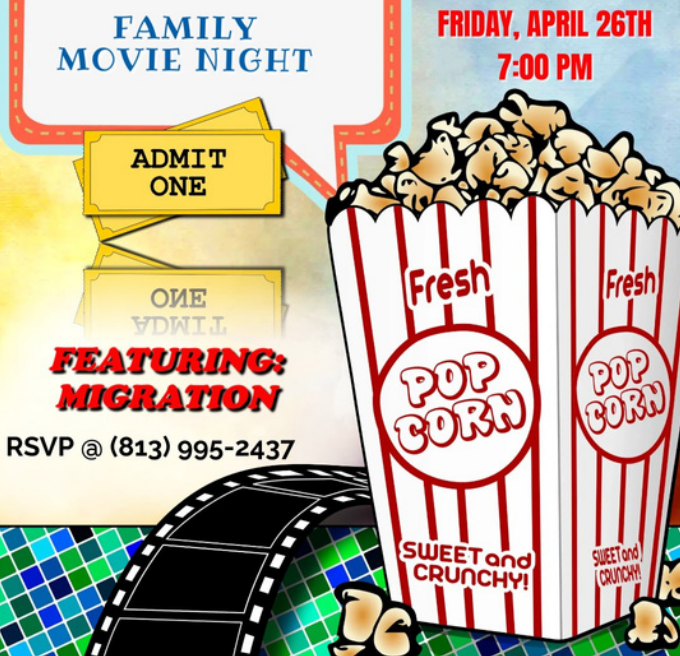
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 7:00 PM**

ADMIT ONE

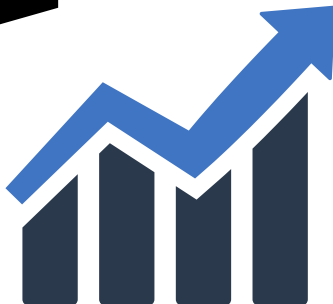
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**FEATURING: MIGRATION**

RSVP @ (813) 995-2437



## GROW YOUR BUSINESS



Nature's News is working toward a new print-edition funded by advertisers. We are currently accepting registration of interest at the lodge. Please call or stop in if you are interested in promoting your business to the residents of our community. Specialty pricing does apply to residents of the district. Space is limited.

813-995-2437 - ASK FOR TISH





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ARC MEETING



**APRIL 8TH  
6:30PM**

AT THE ACTIVITIES CENTER

## HOA MEETING



**April 23rd  
6:30PM**

AT THE ACTIVITIES CENTER

## Art Class



**Saturday, April 6th, Noon-3PM**

RSVP @ (813) 995-2437

## SIP & PAINT



Instructor:  
**Joe Bastasich**


**COST:  
\$30**

**FRIDAY, April 19th  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

RSVP @ (813) 995-2437



# WHAT'S HAPPENING



CALLING ALL  
RESIDENT BALLERS  
**HOOPS  
AND  
SCOOPS**  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 14 @ 2 PM  
CONTACT THE  
LODGE TO SIGN UP

**DUNK CONTEST, SWISH CHALLENGE, LAYUP TOURNEY  
FREE ICE CREAM CONE WITH PARTICIPATION**



**THE  
HEAT  
IS ON**

**LAP POOL HEATED  
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT**

**WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE  
INTERCHANGEABLES  
WORKSHOP** SCAN TO SHOP



**Home Sweet Home**  
Framed Home Sweet Home Sign 16 x 10 **\$50**

Saturday April 20th  
@6:00pm  
Wilderness Lake Preserve Lodge  
21330 Wilderness Lake Blvd



Each project comes with 2 inserts of your choice!

**HOME SHAPED SIGN** 16 x 19 **\$60**

**REGISTER BEFORE 4/17**  
[www.mywildflowerdesign.com](http://www.mywildflowerdesign.com)  
look under events

**JOIN US!** **Community Garage SALE**

**SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
**8:00 AM**

**SIGN UP NOW TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MAP!**

**Registration Fee: \$5.00**  
**Includes: Local Ads, Maps, & Sign Permit**



Please register with the Lodge by Thursday, April 11th.



# SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

MAY  
18TH



BOOTH  
RENTAL  
\$10

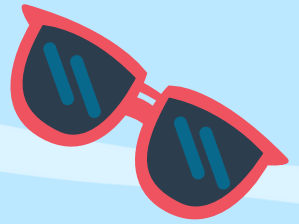
REGISTER @  
813-995-2437

10:00 AM -  
3:00 PM



# POOL SEASON

POOL RULES ARE DETERMINED BY FLORIDA STATUTES AND MUST BE OBSERVED,  
ENFORCED AND POSTED AT ALL TIMES



## Reminders for Spring & Summer Fun

Pool season is upon us, and the pools are a great place to unwind and enjoy a relaxing BBQ with your family and friends. Upon arriving at the pool, you will notice a pool attendant stationed at the front gate. The pool attendant will ask to see your Lodge Access Card ID; at that point you will sign in yourself, family and guests. After signing in, the pool attendant will issue you a wrist band. The wrist band must be worn at all times. This process ensures compliance with the Board mandated Aquatics rules. (Pool attendant on staff March - September).

POOLS & JACUZZI CLOSE AT DUSK EACH NIGHT

NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES WITHIN 10 FEET OF POOLS

SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOLS OR JACUZZI

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED

ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

NO RECREATIONAL FLOATATION DEVICES IN THE POOLS

RESIDENTS AGES 12 - 17 ARE ALLOWED ONE GUEST WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION.

GUESTS MUST BE AT LEAST **12** YEARS OF AGE.

RESIDENTS AGES 12 - 17 MUST CHECK IN WITH THE LODGE STAFF AND OBTAIN A WRISTBAND UPON  
ARRIVAL AT THE LODGE.

**KID'S ACCESS WRISTBANDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR KIDS AGES 12-15 YEARS OF AGE. THE  
WRISTBANDS WILL ALLOW DIRECT ACCESS TO THE POOLS AND TENNIS COURTS.**

SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS IN PLACE TO MEET FL. STATUTES AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR  
RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

EACH WLP FAMILY IS ALLOWED TO BRING UP TO 5 NON-RESIDENT GUESTS.

SWIMMING FROM THE COMMUNITY OWNED DOCKS IS PROHIBITED.

AT THE  
pool





# SPA SERVICES



## BASIC MANICURE

Nails will be shaped, cleansed and pampered. You will receive a hand and arm massage and finished with your choice of polish.

**\$15**



## ISLAND GETAWAY

Enjoy tropical fragrances as you are pampered! After nails are shaped and cleansed, you will receive an invigorating anti-aging hand exfoliation that is completed with a hot towel wrap. A soothing arm and hand massage will relax you and will be finished with polish of your choice.

**\$20**



## BASIC PEDICURE

Shaping of nails and exfoliation begin this pedicure followed with thorough cleansing of feet, a relaxing massage and polish. Aromatherapy will heighten the senses leaving you feeling refreshed and beautiful!

**\$28**



## MILK AND HONEY PEDICURE

After your feet are soaked and cleansed, you will lose yourself in the experience of a mud mask for the feet and long massage for total relaxation.

**\$35**



# SPA SERVICES

## NO POLISH PEDICURE

Using a blend of Peppermint and Pine Oils, feet will be soaked, toenails filed and feet exfoliated. A long massage will complete the experience.

**\$28**

## MINI MANI PEDI COMBO

This package is an abbreviated combination of the traditional manicure and pedicure. Fingernails will be shaped, buffed and polished. Feet will be soaked, toenails shaped and buffed and a light massage will be given. Polish will be applied.

**\$30**

## PRINCESS PAMPERING

This is a combination mani-pedi specifically designed for the young ladies! Nails will be shaped and cleansed and polish will be applied to hands and feet. (Ages 14 and under)

**\$22**

## CND SHELLAC MANICURE

14-day wear polish with ZERO dry time which is finished with a hand and arm massage.

**\$28**




## ADD ON SERVICES

Buff and Polish Change \$8  
Add a French manicure \$3  
Nail Repair \$2  
Rhinestones and decals (per nail) \$2



# APRIL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	2	3 CDD MEETING 9:30 AM  FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 5 PM  PHOTO CLUB MEETING 6 PM	4	5 LADIES NIGHT 6 PM  	6 ART CLASS 12 PM	7
8 STORYTIME FOR TOTS 10 AM  ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	9	10 FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 5 PM	11	12 TACO DINNER NIGHT 6 PM	13 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE 8 AM	14
15 STORYTIME FOR TOTS 10 AM	16	17 FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 5 PM	18	19 SIP AND PAINT 6 PM	20 WOOD CRAFTING CLASS 5 PM	21 SNOW CONES 2 PM
22 STORYTIME FOR TOTS 10 AM  ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	23 HOA MEETING 6:30 PM	24 FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 5 PM	25	26 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM	27 TEEN MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM	28
29 STORYTIME FOR TOTS 10 AM	30					



CLICK ON PURPLE EVENTS TO VIEW  
THE FLYER





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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FROM THE DISTRICT



**01**

### **CDD Grass Parking**

There is to be no parking on CDD property in grassy areas. Vehicles parked on CDD property may be towed.

**02**

### **Pasco County**

Additional testing required of paved areas for final approval from Pasco county to take place.

**03**

### **Read Full Meeting Highlights**

READ MORE 



CHECK OUT THESE RESIDENT & VENDOR  
CLASSES AND CLUBS AT WILDERNESS

# CLASSES & CLUBS



## Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesdays 10 AM

Contact Shuyan at: 970-978-7568

Contact Janice at: 727-776-5723



## Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:40 AM & 9:55 AM

Contact LuAnn at: 813-846-0874

Email: [imgagain@yahoo.com](mailto:imgagain@yahoo.com) (COST: \$5)



## Water Aerobics

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 10 AM



## Walking

Walking, Strength & Toning Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday 9:30AM - 10:45 AM



## Pickleball Rocks

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 PM

Contact Susan at: 602-315-0757



## Chat'hers Club

Ladies' Social Club - This year the Chat'hers  
are sponsoring Hospice.

Contact Telicia at: 786-301-4506



## Rummikub

Thursday 1 PM at the Activities Center



## Mahjong

Monday 1 PM at the Activities Center

# WELCOME TO STORYTIME



Meet us in the Nature Center every Monday at 10 AM for a morning filled with reading, singing, making crafts, and a delicious snack.



SPRING BREAK

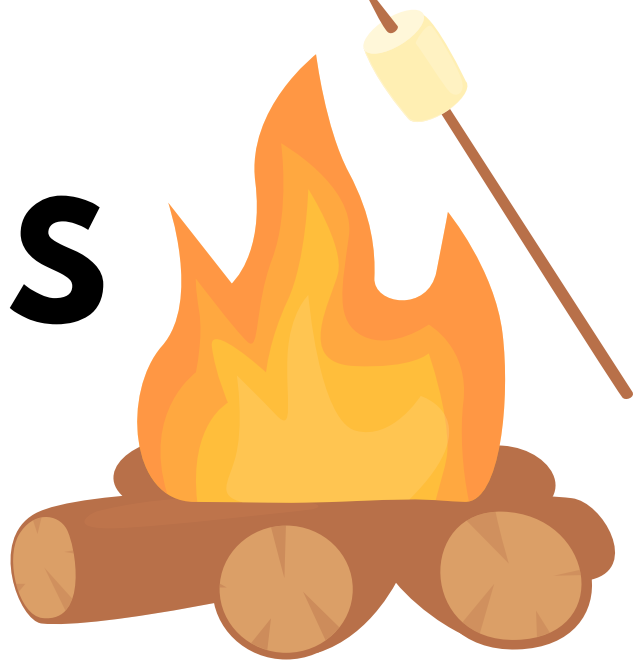
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EVENING FUN

# S'MORES NIGHT





SPRING BREAK

# TIE DYE PARTY





SPRING BREAK

# PIZZA GARDEN





ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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## **LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION**

SUNDAY: NOON - 9:00 PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

## **GARBAGE PICKUP - WASTE CONNECTIONS**

TUESDAY & FRIDAY AM

### **RECYCLING**

WEDNESDAY AM

**727-847-9100**

## **FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION**

OPEN 365 DAYS WITH ACCESS CARD

5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

## **EVENT BOOKING & SPACE RENTALS**

CALL THE LODGE

## **NAIL TECHNICIAN:**

SERVICES AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY





MARCH 6, 2024

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PRESERVE AT WILDERNESS LAKE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WAS HELD AT 9:30 AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.  
THE OFFICIAL MINUTES WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE, ONCE APPROVED BY THE  
CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE NEXT MEETING.

## 01 AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- NO AUDIENCE COMMENTS

## 02 SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

- PARKING ON CDD PROPERTY

## 03 STAFF REPORTS

### LANDSCAPING REPORT

- COMMON AREA ENHANCEMENT
- MULCHING, ROCK AND SOD PROJECTS
- LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL REVIEW

### DISTRICT ENGINEER

- ROADWAY CLOSEOUT WITH COUNTY
- DOCK INSPECTION
- SWFWMD PERMIT INSPECTION

### DISTRICT COUNSEL

- REVIEW OF STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR ETHICS TRAINING

### MANAGERS REPORT

- DEERFIELDS POND DISCUSSION (RESIDENT REQUEST)
- NATURAL AREAS POLICY
- PARKING ON CDD PROPERTY AND TOWING PROCESS
- SHADE NEEDS AT VARIOUS PARKS
- 2025 BUDGET
- STAFFING AND NEW HIRE PROCESS

## 04 BOARD CONSIDERATIONS & APPROVALS

- THE BOARD APPROVED THE MINUTES
- THE BOARD TABLED FINANCIALS

## 05 SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

*Reminder!*

**NEXT CDD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - 9:30 AM**