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Loxahatchee Chapter, Florida Trail Association

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

First Monday of every month
Social 7:00 p.m.; Program 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 - Hannah Campbell-Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center

Dec. 2 - TBA +(cookie exchange)

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

Located in Okechee Park on Forest Hill Blvd. east of the turnpike. Follow the main park road for about a mile, turn left at the Nature Center sign and continue to the building.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Volunteering, The Essence of Sharing Love of the Outdoors

The conference is coming, the conference is coming!

Each year we have a Southern Regional Conference with six chapters of FTA helping in presenting the event along with sharing in the cost, and hopefully a little profit.

This year we are the lead chapter and the preparation is going reasonably well. However, to make this event work we need you to **Register, Participate,** and yes, **Volunteer** to assist in what's going on. This is the one time during the year when we can best interact with members of other chapters, sharing the responsibilities of volunteering, participating in the hikes, presentations and the general camaraderie that comes from working and playing together. Our Chapter is going to be changing as some of us age and others step up to fill the voids. Part of that change and part of the stepping up needs to be you: stepping into your volunteer shoes, being active at our promotional and educational events, attending our board meetings and yes taking on new leadership roles. Let's set aside the weekend of December 13 through the 15th and make this a great conference.

Our November program will feature Hannah Campbell, Director of Education from the Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center

Annual Cookie Exchange

Every December at our regular meeting we hold our annual cookie exchange. Bring cookies, eat cookies and take cookies.

Chapter Holiday Party

Our annual Chapter Holiday Party will be held Sunday, December 8, 11AM -3PM at Okechee Park in the Tuskegee Pavilion. *This shelter is in the north part of the park.* (From the west entrance on Forest Hill, take the first right, proceed over the bridge and take the left just past the soccer field. The parking lot is at the bottom of the hill on the left with the shelter at the top of the hill. From the east entrance on Forest Hill, proceed past the golf course entrance and take the next right. The parking lot is at the bottom of the hill on your left with the shelter at the top of the hill.)

This is a potluck with the chapter furnishing meat, potatoes & gravy, dressing, along with plates and utensils. **We will eat at NOON.** This is open to FTA members and their families. We'd appreciate an RSVP with number and a rough idea of what you are bringing (if you are at a meeting, we'll have a sign-up sheet.) or email Shannon at shanroy@bellsouth.net or call 561-422-2189.

Regional FTA Conference Update

The Lox Chapter is still working our upcoming conference to be held the weekend of December 13th through December 15th at the Tanah Keeta Scout camp In Jupiter/Tequesta.

See the attached application! *Send in you application now!*

The team has been busy rounding up speakers and entertainment. Among the speakers are: Terry White talking about geocaching, Kelly talking about FTA updates, Bea Rogers telling about building the OTLHT, Sanjay discussing connecting computers to the trail, and our featured speaker, Judge Nelson Bailey, who will talk about Florida History.

Judge Bailey, now retired, served as a county judge, an attorney with the Florida Department of Agriculture, an Assistant Attorney General for the State of FL, and a criminal defense lawyer. His passion and knowledge for Florida history and storytelling is what brings him to us.



Photo of Judge Nelson Bailey by Robert Walker, Loxahatchee, Florida

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP. You can help the chapter by planning to participate, by volunteering to help with the many tasks involved, and by helping find sponsors for the event. Ask at places that you shop or places that you work if they would be willing to be a sponsor. Gift certificates can be used in fun/fund raising at the conference. Gift baskets are also a welcome addition.

At the conference we will need volunteers to assist in the kitchen, dining room, registration, activities, etc.

If you are willing to help, contact Paul Cummings (561-596-4423) or Roy Moore (561-422-2189)

Help Wanted-
Chapter Public Relations Chairman.
Contact Roy

Okeehelée Nature Center Produce Wish List

As a help to the Nature Center, we've been asked to bring a FEW items to help stretch the Nature Center budget for feeding the "critters" when we attend our monthly meetings. Spoilage is a concern; so if you want to donate, keep that in mind. A piece or two of fruit, some greens or a couple of sweet potatoes, but not all, would be greatly appreciated. Here's a list of acceptable items that the "critters" can eat and enjoy.

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| <u>Fruits:</u> | <u>Greens:</u> | <u>Vegetables:</u> |
| Apples | Romaine | Carrots |
| Bananas | Kale | Bell or Sweet peppers |
| Grapes | Collards | Tomatoes |
| Berries | Swiss Chard | Sweet potatoes |
| Mangos | Dandelions | Green beans |
| Melons | No Iceberg Lettuce | Squash |
| non-citrus fruit | | Cucumber |

T-Shirt Sales

Our supply of Chapter T-Shirts has been replenished and they are now available on all sizes. They will be for sale at the Chapter meetings. \$20 each.

Thank you

On behalf of the Loxahatchee Chapter we'd like to thank John Fenner for his excellent help with our public relations. Our chapter has benefited greatly from John's continued effort to keep our chapter in the public eye. He's continually submitted our hike schedule to the media, presented several educational programs, manned many booths, and done a variety of other tasks. We will miss you, John. Your shoes will be hard to fill.

2019 Big 'O' Cancelled

For those that have not heard, the Big 'O' is off for this year. Both of the Moores have stepped aside as leaders of the event. Stay tuned for next year.

Newsletter Articles

Many thanks to those who responded to my call for newsletter articles. Because of the multitude of topics that needed to be touched upon in this issue, we've placed those articles in the queue for future use. Thank you so much! -Shannon



FTA
South Regional Conference
Hosted by Loxahatchee Chapter
December 13 - 15, 2019



Registration #PERSONS X FEE TOTALS

Adults	_____	\$15.00	_____
Children (12 years or younger)	_____	\$8.00	_____

Camping #PERSONS X Days

Tent (per night/per person)	_____	Fri _____ Sat _____	\$10.00	_____
RV (per night/per person) <i>(no hookups provided)</i>	_____	Fri _____ Sat _____	\$10.00	_____
Cabin (per night/per person) <i>(no pillows or linens provided)</i>	_____	Fri _____ Sat _____	\$15.00	_____
<i>(Choose MALE or FEMALE)</i>				
Dorm (per night/per person)	_____	Fri _____ Sat _____	\$30.00	_____
Double occupancy / (Preferred roommate : _____)			\$10.00	_____
<i>(1st person \$30, 2nd person \$10 / no pillows or linens provided)</i>				

Meals - Deadline for ordering meals is December 6 #PERSONS X

Friday	Dinner - POTLUCK - Bring a disk to share.			
Saturday	Breakfast	_____	\$7.00	_____
	Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Fresh Fruit, Coffee			
	Lunch buffet	_____	\$8.00	_____
	Breads, Sandwich Meats, Cheeses, Toppings, Potato Salad, Chips, Fruit			
	Dinner	_____	\$12.00	_____
	BBQ Chicken Leg Quarters, Corn bread, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli with Garlic, Garden Salad, Dessert			
Sunday	Breakfast	_____	\$7.00	_____
	Pancakes, sausage, coffee, etc.			

No alcohol or beer on camp property.
No pets.
No smoking in campsites. *The only "Smoking area" is the main parking lot.*
Practice **Leave No Trace** principles.
Shoes must be worn at all times.
No firearms are allowed.
No fireworks.
No vehicles are to be parked in campsites.
Parking in the main parking area only.
Campfires are *to be in the approved campfire ring within the campsite and overseen by an adult at all times.*
Campfires must not go over waist-high.

Cabins are 8 bunks per cabin.
Dorms are 2 beds per room sharing a bathroom with one other dorm room.
Cabins and dorms are air conditioned.

Meals must be ordered by **12/6/2019**.
Vegetarian option available upon request.

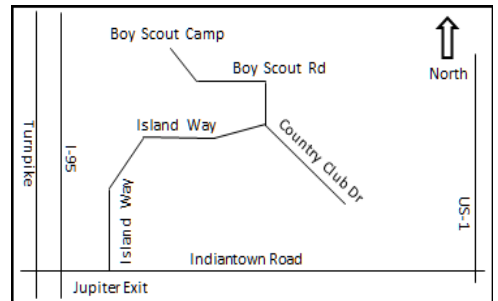
Canoe Rental (includes paddle, life jackets)

Full day	_____	\$15.00	_____
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Canoe rental must be prepaid

Total

Badge Information (Print Name to Appear on Badge - First & Last Name)	Please Check if 1st time attending
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**Address: Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation
8501 Boy Scout Road
Tequesta, FL 33469**

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Chapter Affiliation _____

Directions to Tanah Keeta Boy Scout Camp From the **Turnpike** - exit 116 at the Jupiter Interchange or from **I-95** exit 87A at Jupiter exit. East on Indiantown Road to the first traffic light - Island Way. Turn left (north) on Island Way and follow the curvy road for 4.3 miles. Left (north) at the 3rd stop sign onto Country Club Drive which will turn into the Boy Scout Road that will dead end at the entrance to the Tanah Keeta Scout Campground.

Mail registration form with check made payable to: **FTA / Loxahatchee Chapter**
Addressed to: Paul Cummings; 9887 Cross Pine CT; Lake Worth, FL 33467
For questions, call Paul Cummings @ 561-596-4423 or Roy Moore @ 561-307-7792

Please retain a copy for your records.
Check out our website for program details:
<http://www.loxftrail.org> Rev 11/22/19

Chapter Activities for November/December

Nov

11/2 JOHN PRINCE PARK, 2520 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth, FL. Take a slow stroll or pick up speed as you choose your own hiking pace. One hour hike with friends. 7:15 AM, Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

11/3 JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK HIKE, 16450 S.E. Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL. Enjoy this popular hike of 7-12 miles. Meet at the front gate of the park at 8:00 AM. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate-Strenuous.

11/4 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Okeehetee Park Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Social 7:00 PM. Meeting at 7:30 PM. Program: Hannah Campbell. Contact: Roy Moore, 561-307-7792.

11/9 MAINTENANCE Join our trail maintenance crew and help trim the verge. Location to be determined at the annual meeting, or contact: Fred Davis, 561-779-0273 to register. Public/Leisure-Strenuous.

11/10 GREEN CAY WALK 12800 Hagen Ranch Road Boynton Beach. Enjoy birds, gators & wild life. Arrive before start at 7:00 AM. Contact: Paul Cummings 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure

11/16 OKEEHETEE PARK SOUTH,, 7500 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL Walk 4 miles. Meet at Okeehetee south parking lot (turn south off Forest Hill Blvd). 7:30 AM. Contact: Bruce Brown, 772-333-1837. Public/Leisure

11/16 BLUEFIELD RANCH NA, 10270 Bluefield Rd, Okeechobee , FL. 10.5 mile hike in this beautiful former ranch. Expect wet, muddy and rough terrain, sun exposure. At least 2L of water & sun protection. Contact: Rita Black 772-985-0579. Public/Strenuous.

11/17 OKEEHETEE PARK WALK. 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL Take a walk in this expansive park. Meet at Okeehetee Nature Center parking lot. 7:20 AM. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.

11/23 APOXEE TRAIL, 3125 N Jog Rd West Palm Beach, FL. Join Amy Saperstein at 7:45 AM. for an 8 - 10 mile hike to enjoy this beautiful area that usually has a lot of wildlife to view. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: Amy at 561-289-5551. Public/Moderate.

11/24 ROYAL PALM BEACH PINES NATURAL AREA, 110 Nature's Way Royal Pal Beach, Florida. A leisurely hike through this WPB wilderness. Meet by 7:30 AM. at the trailhead. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: Alan Collins 561-586-0486. Public/Leisurely

11/30 OKEEHETEE PARK NATURE CENTER Clip And Walk, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Meet at 7:30 AM to help keep the Okeehetee Nature trails clear. Contact Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 for details. Public/Leisure.

Dec

12/2 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Held at the Okeehetee Park Nature Center 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Social: 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Topic to be announced. Contact: Roy Moore, 561-422-2189. Public is invited.

12/7 JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. Hike for an hour at your own pace. Starts at 7:30 AM. John Prince Park 2520 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth, FL. Enter at west entrance off Congress. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/all levels.

12/8 CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY - See newsletter article. Okeehetee Park. Tuskegee Pavilion. FTA members and family.

12/8 HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. 16450 S.E. Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL. Hike 7 to 12 miles at a good pace. Meet at front gate 8:00 AM. Bring lots of water. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/strenuous.

12/13-12/15 The Loxahatchee Chapter will be hosting the annual FTA South Regional Conference. Visit our website: loxfltrail.org for schedule. The public is invited. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423.

12/21 RIVERBEND PARK WALK, 9060 Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL. Meet at the main parking lot and Visitor Center. Arrive before start at 7:30 AM. Contact: Bruce, 772-333-1837. Public/Leisure.

12/22 MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS EVERGLADES HABITAT, 3491 Flying Cow Ranch Road Wellington, FL 33414. WALK with Paul and FTA members in this wildlife preserve. Arrive before 8 AM. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.

12/28 HIKE Jonathan Dickinson State Park. 8 to 10 mile hike in JD. Please bring at least 2 liters to drink & snack. Meet at the front parking lot at 8 AM.- we may drive to another location to start the hike. Contact Amy Saperstein - 561-289-5551. Public/Strenuous.

12/29 HYPOLUXO SCRUB NATURAL AREA Enjoy a morning stroll through south county's Hypoluxo Scrub, 150 Hypoluxo Road, 7:30 AM. Contact: Alan Collins 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.

1/1 CYPRESS CREEK NATURAL AREA 10035 Indiantown Road, Jupiter. Start your new year off with a nature hike! Meet at the Cypress Crk Nat Area Lot entrance, north side of Indiantown Rd just west of Jupiter Farms Rd. Join us for Bea's annual NY day hike. Varying routes 2 to 12 miles. 7:45 AM. Contact: Bea Rogers 561-644-0777 Public/Moderate

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Chapter Web site: <http://loxfltrail.org/>*

*Coming to the monthly meeting? Don't forget
treats for the Park's critters!*

