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# Sarasota County

*Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources*

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES GUIDE

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# General Information

## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources warmly invites you to explore our expansive park system, covering 55,000 acres of diverse natural areas and unique recreational venues. Whether you're looking for a safe space to play, learn or grow, our parks offer something for everyone. From pickleball and nature walks to signature events like the annual Fire Fest, we're confident you'll discover the perfect activity for you.

We're thrilled to introduce the latest Events and Activities Guide, designed to help you make the most of all we offer. Inside, you'll find Recreation and Athletics, Beaches and Water Access, and Natural Areas and Trails sections.

Whether you're looking to reconnect with nature, stay active, meet new friends, or simply unwind, our wide range of events and activities has you covered. With playgrounds, beaches, trails, natural areas, athletic facilities, recreation centers and water access parks, Sarasota County provides endless opportunities to stay healthy and engaged for both residents and visitors alike.

Please enjoy the many events and activities that the Sarasota County park system has to offer.



**SHAWN YEAGER**

Interim Director  
Sarasota County Parks,  
Recreation and Natural Resources

## IMPACTS OF LEISURE AND RECREATION SERVICES

In this guide, we've categorized every event or activity according to the benefit, value and impact it offers. We urge you to dive into the broad spectrum of opportunities within leisure and recreation services that pave the way for positive results.



**Community:** Fosters a sense of community and belonging by bringing groups of people together for cultural, recreational and entertainment activities and experiences.



**Education:** Includes outdoor and hands-on learning opportunities, skills development, workshops, lectures and other engaging learning experiences for a wide range of topics and subjects.



**Environmental:** Provides a natural classroom for environmental education, nature exploration and hands-on learning experiences for participants while acting as environmental stewards and protecting local native habitats and wildlife.



**Health and Wellness:** Offers physical, mental and emotional wellness benefits to the individual and/or group participants; helping reduce stress, anxiety and promoting healthier lifestyles.



**Physical:** Opportunity for participants to engage in various forms of exercise and physical activity to encourage healthier lifestyles and improve overall fitness.



**Social:** Provides opportunity for people of different backgrounds, ages and abilities to interact and build social connections, engage with others and build relationships.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**Signature Events:** Large-scale events with broad community appeal that often involve partnerships and volunteers, making a significant cultural or economic impact.



**Sponsored Events:** Businesses or individuals can support these events through donations and gain brand visibility and audience engagement in return, with flexible sponsorship options available.

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### 18+ Open-Play Basketball

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 6 p.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: \$5 / [\(941\) 270-1219](tel:9412701219) / [canonstahl23@hotmail.com](mailto:canonstahl23@hotmail.com)**

Join us for some indoor basketball in the Englewood Sports Complex gym on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.!

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



### Beach Yoga with Katja

**Jun. 01, 2026 - Apr. 06, 2027 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [katja@beachyogafl.com](mailto:katja@beachyogafl.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Enjoy yoga on the quiet white sand beaches on the Gulf. Awaken your senses with yoga for all abilities and every body. It's fun, friendly and casual. Classes are held on Manasota Beach and Nokomis Beach. Class times vary, contact instructor for more information.

**Nokomis Beach Park,  Plaza -100 Casey Key Rd. Concession-208 S. Casey Key Rd. ., Nokomis**



### Dynamic Walking Fitness

**Jun. 01 - Nov. 28, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 10 a.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: Free / [\(941\) 626-2399](tel:9416262399)**

Join this adult fitness class that mixes walking with unique techniques and a variety of exercise incorporating cardio, balance, flexibility, coordination, core and upper body strength. Instructor based fee.

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



### Fitness with Julie

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: All / Fee: \$5 / [Julie@chesapeakekeyyoga.com](mailto:Julie@chesapeakekeyyoga.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join Julie on Turtle Beach, located on the south end of Siesta Key, for an all-levels morning practice. Class will be set up on the sands located in front of the stairs/ramp in the north side of the parking lot. Classes are held at 8:30a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Turtle Beach Park,  8918 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota**



### Good Morning Sunrise, Yoga with Christal

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [infinityyogasrq@gmail.com](mailto:infinityyogasrq@gmail.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Start your day right with a free yoga session on the soft white sand of Siesta Beach located between the green and blue lifeguard stands. All ages and levels welcome. Bring a mat, towel or blanket along with a hydrating beverage. Classes are held every weekday at 7a.m.

**Siesta Beach,  948 Beach Road, Sarasota**




### History in the Park - Open House: Dr. C.B. Wilson House



**Jun. 01 - Jun. 30, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 10 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Every Saturday in June: Take a self-guided tour through the historic Dr. C.B. Wilson House to learn about the house, the Wilson family and Sarasota County history. Volunteer docents will be on-site to guide you through the house and answer your questions.

**Urfer Family Park,  4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota**



**Jellys Volleyball **

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 5 p.m. / Ages: 8-18 / Fee: Free / [\(941\) 284-1075](tel:(941)284-1075) / [coachchar@jellysvolleyball.com](mailto:coachchar@jellysvolleyball.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Jellys volleyball is a girl's youth indoor and sand volleyball club who practices in both Venice and Englewood. We offer indoor competitive travel volleyball for girls ages 8-18. Instructor based fee.

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



**Primitive Tent Camping   **

**Jun. 01 - Jun. 30, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 3 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: \$10 / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Camping is available at Carlton Reserve, offering three distinct experiences. The Cabbage Palm Loop has four tent sites in a shady cabbage palm and oak hammock near the main parking lot. The Homestead Site is a remote backcountry location approximately four miles from the trailhead, nestled near the Myakka River. The Windy Sawgrass Site is for the adventurous, featuring a rustic bunkhouse and cook shack, or you can bring a tent for a night under the stars. This site is about seven miles from the park entrance.

**Carlton Reserve (T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve),  1800 Mabry Carlton Pkwy, Venice**



**Radiant Moves Siesta Beach, Fitness with Kathy   **

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [kathyoravec@gmail.com](mailto:kathyoravec@gmail.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join us for a gentle, guided movement practice incorporating elements from martial arts, dance and relaxation techniques to bring together the mind, body and spirit. Any age or fitness level is welcome as we create space for health, wellness, ease and relaxation. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Siesta Beach,  948 Beach Road, Sarasota**



**Shamrock Park Nature Center is open on Saturdays all month long!   **

**Jun. 01 - Jun. 30, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Drop in to the Shamrock Park Nature Center any Saturday from December through June between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Browse fossil, shell, animal and artifact displays, or visit the kids' corner with toys, books and a touch table. The program is open to all ages.

**Shamrock Park and Nature Center,  3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice**



## Special Olympics

**Jun. 01 - Jun. 30, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: 8 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 404-0361](tel:+19414040361) / [alyssaisaksen@sofl.org](mailto:alyssaisaksen@sofl.org) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Special Olympics Florida offers year-round sports training and competition for children and adults ages 8 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sports include basketball, bocce, bowling, cycling, tennis, track and field, stand-up paddleboarding and swimming. Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information and locations, call 941-404-0361 or visit [SpecialOlympicsFlorida.org](http://SpecialOlympicsFlorida.org).

**Other (Off-site)**



## SuperKids Martial Arts

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: 5 and up / Fee: Free / [\(941\) 258-7254](tel:9412587254)**

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu program for youth. Call or text "Info Kit" to the instructor for more information, including instructor based fees: 941-258-7254

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



## Table Tennis

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 9 a.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: \$3 / [\(941\) 861-1980](tel:9418611980)**

All sessions are open play to all skill levels. Open Play: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-11 a.m. Balls and loaner paddles are available. \$3 drop-in fee or punch pass available.

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



## Tranquility by the Sea - Yoga with Lynn

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times) / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [lhagen3820@gmail.com](mailto:lhagen3820@gmail.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join Lynn Hagen for beach yoga at Siesta Key Beach, located between the green and red lifeguard towers. With years of experience and a calm, supportive approach, Lynn creates a welcoming space for all ages and experience levels to enjoy yoga by the sea. Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Sunday–Tuesday and Thursday–Saturday. Wednesday classes are held at 5 p.m.

**Siesta Beach,  948 Beach Road, Sarasota**



## Yoga for Every Body

**Jun. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 9 a.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: Free / [\(941\) 468-7327](tel:9414687327) / [Manguse44@verizon.net](mailto:Manguse44@verizon.net)**

Yoga with Denise welcomes "every body," embracing all skill levels with compassion and support. Bring your yoga mat and water bottle as you move, breathe and grow at your own pace in this inclusive, welcoming space.

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



## Kids' Summer Beach Runs

**Jun. 02 - Jul. 28, 2026, 5 p.m. / Ages: 17 and below / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 415-4222](tel:+19414154222) / [acarson@scgov.net](mailto:acarson@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**



Kids Summer Beach Runs take place Tuesdays in June and July at Siesta Beach under the Sunset Pavilion from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be no run June 30. Participants can register onsite at 5:30 p.m. The run begins at 6:30 p.m. Participation is free. Runners receive a ribbon each week and earn a T-shirt after completing four runs.

**Siesta Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota**



### Kids' Summer Beach Runs

**Jun. 03 - Jul. 29, 2026, 5 p.m. / Ages: 17 and below / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 415-4222 / [acarson@scgov.net](mailto:acarson@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Kids Summer Beach Runs take place Wednesdays in June and July at North Brohard Park, meeting under Sharky's on the Pier from 5:30 to 7 p.m. No run July 1, 2026. Participants can register onsite at 5:30 p.m. The run begins at 6:30 p.m. Participation is free. Runners receive a ribbon each week and earn a free T-shirt after completing four runs.

**North Brohard Park, 1400 S. Harbor Drive, Venice**



### Sarasota Fencing Academy

**Jun. 03, 2026 (Varied Dates/Times), 8 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / (941) 861-7275 / [srqfa1@gmail.com](mailto:srqfa1@gmail.com)**

Experience the fast-paced world of Olympic fencing with a Sarasota Fencing Academy trial class. Whether you are looking for a unique fitness activity or aiming to compete, fencing combines art, dance, dueling and sparring into one dynamic sport. For details on pricing and class times, visit SRQFA.com or email [srqfa1@gmail.com](mailto:srqfa1@gmail.com).

**Longwood Park, 6050 Longwood Run Blvd., Sarasota**



### Cultural Crafts

**Jun. 04, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 861-7275 / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net)**

Love quilting and its cultural heritage? Fabric arts and stitching date back thousands of years. Join fellow quilters of all skill levels and backgrounds to sew, share and learn new techniques. This indoor program takes place on the first and third Thursday of each month.

**Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood**



### Demonstration Garden Tour

**Jun. 05, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 11 and up / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 861-9901 / [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Master Gardeners will be in the Demonstration Garden at Shamrock Park to answer questions, offer free tours and provide expert advice on Florida-friendly landscaping. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 941-861-5000.

**Shamrock Park and Nature Center, 3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice**



### Pop Up in the Park: Ashton Trailhead

**Jun. 05, 2026, 10 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 861-7275 / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Get ready for National Trails Day and bring the kids to get their creativity moving. Kids will create a one-of-a-kind hiking stick that they can take on the trail for future adventures. This event is free and no registration is required. Parental assistance is required and space is limited to the first 50 participants. For additional information, call 941-861-PARK (7275).

**Ashton Trailhead, 📍 4301 Ashton Road, Sarasota**



### Pop up in the Park: National Trails Day 📖 🗣️ 🌿

**CANCELED** Jun. 05, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 861-7275 / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)

Celebrate National Trails Day and bring the kids for a creative adventure. Children will make a one-of-a-kind hiking stick to take on future trail excursions. The event is free, and no registration is required. Parental assistance is needed and limited to the first 50 participants. Meet at the playground. For more information, call 941-861-7275.

**Ashton Trailhead, 📍 4301 Ashton Road, Sarasota**



### World Oceans Day 🗣️ 🌿 📖

Jun. 06, 2026, 8 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / +1 (941) 861-7275 / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net)

The World Ocean day event at North Jetty Park aligns with the internationally recognized World Ocean Day to celebrate the significance of our oceans and marine environments. This annual local event brings together families, ocean enthusiasts, and eco-conscious individuals who are eager to learn about and protect our beloved marine world. The festival uniquely educates the public on the crucial role of oceans in our ecosystem and the urgent need for conservation. From interactive exhibits and educational presentations to hands-on activities and a beach cleanup, World Ocean Day is sure to be a fun-filled morning of learning and stewardship. Whether you're a seasoned ocean advocate or someone looking to learn more about marine life, the World Ocean Day promises an enriching and enjoyable experience for all.

**North Jetty Park, 📍 1000 S Casey Key Road, Nokomis**



### Taco Tuesdays in the Park 🗣️ 🗣️ 🗣️

Jun. 09, 2026 - May 13, 2027 (Varied Dates/Times), 5 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free

Join us every second Tuesday of the month at Nokomis Community Park for a laid-back evening of great food and time outdoors. We're bringing in a local food truck vendor serving up fresh, delicious tacos — perfect for a casual night out with friends, family or neighbors. Grab your tacos, then make the evening your own. Bring your gear and enjoy everything the park has to offer — whether that's pickleball, tennis, basketball, cycling, kayaking, picnicking or simply relaxing outside. There's no set schedule — just good food, fresh air and the freedom to enjoy the park your way. Come hungry and make it your kind of night!

**Nokomis Community Park, 📍 234 Nippino Trail E, Nokomis**



### Hearts Up for IDD Bingo Party 🗣️ 🗣️

Jun. 12, 2026, 6 p.m. / Ages: 16 and up / Fee: Free / [heartsupforidd@gmail.com](mailto:heartsupforidd@gmail.com)

Enjoy a fun night with friends, bingo and prizes for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ice cream sundaes and water will be served. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay for the duration of the event.

**Venice Community Center,  326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**



**Plant Clinic at Shamrock Park Nature Center**   

**Jun. 13, 2026, 10 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Do you have questions about why a particular plant in your yard is dying? Or maybe you're new to the area and wondering what to plant. UF-IFAS Master Naturalists are available every second Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the nature center to answer your questions. No registration is necessary.

**Shamrock Park and Nature Center,  3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice**



**Pop-up in the Park: Free Fishing Days - Fishing Clinic**   

**CANCELED Jun. 13, 2026, 8 a.m. / Ages: 5 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Gear up and head to Urfer Family Park to participate in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Free Freshwater Fishing Days. The FWC offers several days each year when people may fish legally without a fishing license. At Urfer Family Park, fishing lessons will teach participants how to bait a hook, cast a line and hopefully catch a fish. The event also provides an opportunity to contribute to community science by helping collect data on fish species found in the park's ponds. Grab a rod and reel and meet at the two-pole shelter by the pond for a day of fishing fun. Free bait will be available while supplies last.

**Urfer Family Park,  4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota**



**Cultural Crafts**  

**Jun. 18, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 18 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net)**

Love quilting and its cultural heritage? Fabric arts and stitching date back thousands of years. Join fellow quilters of all skill levels and backgrounds to sew, share and learn new techniques. This indoor program takes place on the first and third Thursday of each month.

**Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center,  570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood**



**EcoWalk: Meditation in the Parks - Urfer Family Park**   

**Jun. 18, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 11 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-9901](tel:+19418619901) / [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join us for a contemplative walk where you will practice mindfulness, breathwork and using all your senses to connect with nature. Experience one of Sarasota County's most spectacular natural areas during a mostly silent, meditative walk. Studies around the world have found a connection between time spent in nature and benefits to mental and physical health. A UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County educator or volunteer will guide the walk, helping you explore finding peace in nature while promoting wellness.


**Urfer Family Park,  4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota**



**Florida Cracker Cattle: A Walk Through Time**   

**Jun. 20, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Step back in time and meet the heritage “cracker” cattle of Urfer Family Park during a special interpretive walk the third Saturday of the month. Learn how the ancestors of these hardy Florida cattle arrived with early Spanish explorers in the 1500s and adapted to Florida’s wild landscapes over centuries. Discover the story behind the name “cracker cattle,” the role these resilient animals played in Florida’s history, and why their return to the park is an important connection to our cultural and natural heritage. Meet at the C.B. Wilson House.

**Urfer Family Park,  4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota**



**Forever Friends Fun Day**  

**Jun. 20, 2026, 1 p.m. / Ages: 10 and up / Fee: Free / [foreverfriendsinc@yahoo.com](mailto:foreverfriendsinc@yahoo.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join the volunteers of Forever Friends on the third Saturday of each month for an afternoon of fun, inspiration and activities. Activities may include music, crafts, snacks, games, special visitors and more. This free event is open to individuals ages 10 and up with special needs. Family members and caregivers are also welcome.

**Colonial Oaks Park,  5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd., Sarasota**



**EcoWalk: Unique Preserves - Sleeping Turtles South**  

**Jun. 22, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 11 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-9901](tel:+19418619901) / [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Take a “walk and talk” class showcasing unique Sarasota County areas, including plants, wildlife and local environmental issues. Stroll through some of the county’s most beautiful and environmentally sensitive preserved lands with a UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County educator. Learn about local ecosystems, what makes these areas unique and important, the plants and animals that inhabit them, how to be watershed-wise, and the challenges of preserving these lands for future generations. Registration is required.

**Sleeping Turtles Preserve South,  2800 N. River Rd, Venice**



**Demonstration Garden Tour: Visitor Center at Osprey Junction Trailhead**  



**CANCELED Jun. 24, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 11 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-9901](tel:+19418619901) / [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join Master Gardener volunteers on the fourth Wednesday of every month for a free tour of the demonstration gardens at Osprey Junction Trailhead Visitor Center. The garden blends beautifully into the natural environment and showcases Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ techniques you can adopt for your home or business. The tour is free, but please register at [ufarasotaext.eventbrite.com](https://ufarasotaext.eventbrite.com) to RSVP and receive notice of any changes. Much of the garden is ADA accessible, but some parts of the tour may involve walking on uneven terrain, including grass, gravel or mulched areas. If you require special accommodations, contact 941-861-5000 or [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) in advance. For questions or more information, call 941-861-9901 or email [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu). Note: Classes and events may be canceled at any time due to low registration or other circumstances. Paid-event refunds will be issued in full, and similar classes or events are often offered on future dates.

**Osprey Junction Trailhead,  939 E. Bay Street, Osprey**



### **Butterfly/Native Plant Walk**

**Jun. 26, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: 5 and up / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [ksturjeon@scgov.net](mailto:ksturjeon@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Butterfly/Native Plant Walk Celebrate Pollinator Week (June 22-28, 2026) by taking a walk with a Sarasota County Environmental Specialist and a UF/IFAS agent through the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center pollinator garden. The tour will point out pollinator plants and the pollinators, such as butterflies and birds, that depend on them. - Meet at the picnic tables near the Sarasota Audubon Society nature center gardens.

**Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility,  6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota**



### **Pollinator Week Celebration**

**Jun. 27, 2026, 8 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-7275](tel:+19418617275) / [parksonline@scgov.net](mailto:parksonline@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join us at Urfer Family Park to celebrate Pollinator Week 2026! Enjoy crafts, a pollinator-focused BioBlitz, free native seed packets, plant and pollinator ID guides, and learn from environmental specialists how to support pollinators in your own backyard. The event is free and fun for all ages. Crafts are available while supplies last. Meet at the Urfer Pavilion. Co-hosted with UF/IFAS.

**Urfer Family Park,  4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota**



### **Light Up Lemon Bay Fireworks Display**

**Jul. 04, 2026, 9 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 474-5511](tel:+19414745511) / [Douglzzo@EnglewoodChamber.com](mailto:Douglzzo@EnglewoodChamber.com)**

One of Englewood's most anticipated summer traditions returns this July as Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary presents the "Light Up Lemon Bay" 4th of July Fireworks Celebration honoring America's 250th Birthday. The annual celebration has become a beloved community event, bringing everyone together along the beautiful waterfront for an unforgettable evening of patriotism and community spirit. This year's event promises to be bigger than ever as the nation celebrates 250 years of independence and unity. The fireworks display will launch from Blind Pass Beach on July 4th and light up the skies above Lemon Bay beginning at 9:05pm. Residents and visitors are encouraged to arrive early to secure viewing spots around Lemon Bay and nearby beaches. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, patriotic attire and plenty of community spirit.

**Blind Pass Beach Park,  6725 Manasota Key Road, Englewood**



### **Siesta Beach Community Fireworks Display sponsored by Siesta Key Chamber**

**Jul. 04, 2026, 7 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 349-3800](tel:+19413493800) / [events@siestakeychamber.com](mailto:events@siestakeychamber.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Help Light Up Siesta Key This Fourth of July! The Siesta Key Fourth of July Fireworks are one of our community's most cherished traditions — bringing thousands together on the white sands of Siesta Beach to celebrate freedom, unity, and hometown pride. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we honor 250 years of American independence during the America250 Semiquincentennial. It's a historic milestone and we invite you to be part of making it unforgettable.

**Siesta Beach,  948 Beach Road, Sarasota**



### **The Soccer Resort Beach Soccer Tournament**

**Jul. 11 - Jul. 12, 2026 / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(917\) 721-7860](tel:+19177217860) / [nswann@soccerresort.com](mailto:nswann@soccerresort.com) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join us in Siesta Key on July 11 & 12, 2025 for the third year of Beach Soccer Siesta Key / Sarasota. The adult tournament will take place the same time as the youth tournament on Saturday July 11 and Sunday 12 starting at 8am.

**Siesta Beach,  948 Beach Road, Sarasota**



### **Christmas in July Arts and Crafts Show**

**Jul. 18, 2026, 10 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [VCC@scgov.net](mailto:VCC@scgov.net)**

Entry is free! Come enjoy a day of shopping and fun at the Christmas in July Arts and Crafts Show featuring a variety of local arts and crafts vendors, unique handmade items, gifts, home décor, and more. Guests can also enjoy free parking and cool air conditioning while supporting local artists and small businesses.

**Venice Community Center,  326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**



### **Back to School - Youth Activity Fair**

**Aug. 01, 2026, 10 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-1380](tel:+19418611380) / [VCC@scgov.net](mailto:VCC@scgov.net)**

Gather all the resources you need to prepare for your family's return to school. Enjoy activities, demonstrations, entertainment, food trucks and free swag, and visit multiple vendor booths

**Venice Community Center,  326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**



### **Woodmere Bark**

**Sep. 19, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 486-2780](tel:+19414862780) / [ksummers@scgov.net](mailto:ksummers@scgov.net) / [Register/More Info](#)**

Join us for Woodmere Bark, a fun-filled community event celebrating all things dogs. This free event is open to the public and promotes local animal shelter adoptions, pet supplies and services, and responsible dog park etiquette. Attendees can browse a variety of vendors, meet adoptable pets from local shelters, and enjoy live demonstrations from K9 Search and Rescue. Vendors can visit the registration link to sign up beginning July 1.

**Woodmere Park,  3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice**



### **Turtle Beach Campground - Family Fall Fest**

**Oct. 23 - Oct. 25, 2026, 1 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: \$75 / [turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net](mailto:turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net)**

Turtle Beach Campground is excited to host its 12th annual Family Fall Fest. Numerous fun family activities throughout the camping weekend. Available sites are limited. Anyone interested can contact the campground office at 941-861-2267, or [turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net](mailto:turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net).

**Turtle Beach Campground,  8862 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota**



### **Veterans Day Camping Weekend**



**Nov. 06 - Nov. 08, 2026, 1 p.m. / Ages: All / Fee: \$75 / [turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net](mailto:turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net)**

Turtle Beach Campground will be hosting its 8th annual Veterans Weekend Camping Event. Activities include, but are not limited to, fishing tournament, combat conscious yoga, live music, and a catered dinner. Donation and Sponsorship opportunities are available. Anyone interested can contact the campground office at 941-861-2267, or [turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net](mailto:turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net).

**Turtle Beach Campground,  8862 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota**



**Englewood Sports Complex Holiday Arts and Crafts Show  **  
**Dec. 05, 2026, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-1980](tel:+19418611980) / [skittle@scgov.net](mailto:skittle@scgov.net)**

This is an indoor arts and crafts show featuring over 80 local vendors. Vendors will be displaying and selling a wide range of handmade items including jewelry, embroidery, decor, baked goods and more!

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



**Englewood Sports Complex Garage Sale  **  
**Jan. 23, 2027, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-1980](tel:+19418611980) / [skittle@scgov.net](mailto:skittle@scgov.net)**

Join us for a fun-filled Community Garage Sale at Englewood Sports Complex! Browse a wide variety of treasures, from household items to unique finds, all in one convenient location. Come out, meet your neighbors and score some great deals. You never know what gems you might discover!

**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**



**Englewood Sports Complex Spring Arts and Craft Show  **  
**Mar. 06, 2027, 9 a.m. / Ages: All / Fee: Free / [+1 \(941\) 861-1980](tel:+19418611980) / [skittle@scgov.net](mailto:skittle@scgov.net)**

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**Englewood Sports Complex,  1300 S. River Road, Englewood**