

## 2023 LAGOONFEST ACTIVITY OUTLINE

LagoonFest takes place on November 4, 2023, along Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach. It's a free event celebrating the beauty of the Lake Worth Lagoon.



Bring the entire family out to enjoy a day of fun with educational activities and find your connection to our natural treasure – Lake Worth Lagoon! Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy wildlife presentations, participate in Kayak Clean-Up Tours, scientist-guided tours of the Lake Worth Lagoon aboard the Hakuna Matata Catamaran and Aqua Adventures. In addition, there will be Exhibitor booths, demonstrations, a Kids Zone with face painting, lawn games, kids casting, gopher tortoise burrow, artful crafts and more! Pick up your FREE Lake Worth Lagoon calendar with spectacular photos featuring local, professional photographers. Enjoy the parade of mascots and be ready with your camera for photo ops with the mascots for your memorable selfies. Happening right next door is the West Palm Beach Green Market, featuring delicious foods, locally grown seasonal fruits, and veggies.



## SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES



### **AQUA ADVENTURE BOAT TOUR – NORTH DOCK (Clematis)**

(9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 12 PM)

Come aboard Aqua Adventure's FREE guided boat tour for a fun and enlightening viewpoint of Lake Worth Lagoon. Local scientists will share some lagoon history and talk about current LWL restoration projects. You'll certainly create a unique connection and have a new perspective about how we all benefit from a healthy Lake Worth Lagoon! Sign up for FREE tours at: The North Dock, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve.



### **HAKUNA MATATA CATAMARAN TOUR – NORTH DOCK (CLEMATIS)**

(9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM)

Enjoy a 45-minute mini-tour of the Lake Worth Lagoon aboard the 50' open-air Hakuna Matata Catamaran! Local scientists & eco-experts will share some of the important information about the history of the lagoon, the eco-system and the various plant, bird, and sea life habitats of the area. Refreshments are available for purchase onboard. \$10 adults/ FREE kids under 12 or Student with school ID. Tours depart at 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm. Register in advance [www.visitpalmbeach.com](http://www.visitpalmbeach.com).

Check-in at "The Hut" on the Waterfront where you can also book other Visit Palm Beach rentals & tours, purchase sundries and souvenirs or enjoy refreshments and various cold beverages.





## **FREE KAYAK CLEAN UP TOURS – NORTH DOCK (CLEMATIS) (9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM)**

Join Visit Palm Beach for a FREE kayak tour of the South Cove estuary and assist with clean-up efforts in the Lake Worth lagoon. Visit Palm Beach’s Kayak & Clean our waterways program provides participants the opportunity to be in direct contact with nature and to learn about the impact of litter on wildlife, water quality and the environment of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

ALL participants will learn the basics of paddling with the opportunity to explore the South Cove Natural Area with waterside views of the Downtown WPB and Palm Beach Island. Through kayaking, you will discover how litter accumulates in the water and leave with a better understanding of the importance of doing our part to protect and keep our South Florida waters clean and healthy.

Visit Palm Beach will provide tandem kayaks, nets, gloves and bags for litter. Tours are 45 minutes and depart at 9am; 10:30am & 12pm. Register in advance [www.visitpalmbeach.com](http://www.visitpalmbeach.com)



## OTHER FEATURED ACTIVITIES:

FREE KIDS ZONE – Sponsored by Marine Industries Association



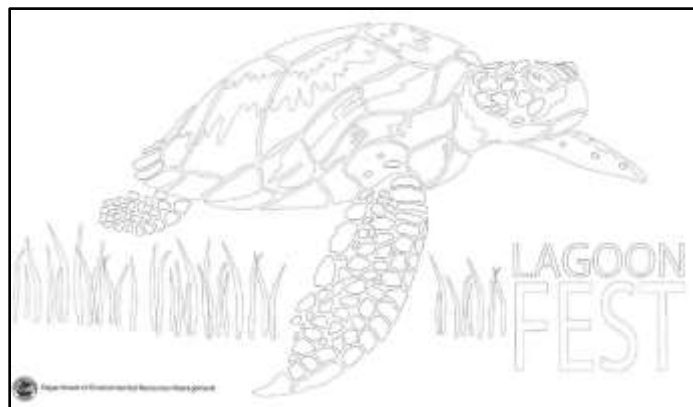
**List of activities:** Lawn Games and Toys, Gopher Tortoise Burrow, Face Painting, Kids Casting, Arts and Crafts activities and more!



Face Painting



## MURAL PAINTING



## GOPHER TORTOISE BURROW

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ERM's Natural Area scientists' have created an above ground gopher tortoise burrow for kids and maybe adults to crawl through and meet the gopher tortoises burrow roommates.



### **KIDS CASTING**

Kids can safely learn how to “cast” on land with practice poles, lures and “land fish”. Give it a try! Casting a line! It’s FUN and challenging! There will be about 4-6 kids casting stations with volunteer anglers to help.



### **ISLAMORADA BEER BOOTH**

**NO WAKE ZONE – Key Lime Coconut Ale**  
*A subtle coconut aroma invites you in for a sweet well-rounded beer that finishes clean leaves you craving another sip! The perfect beer for relaxing under a palm tree or at your favorite vacation spot.*



*Located on the waterfront near boat dock, you can stop by the Islamorada Beer Company booth and purchase their Sandbar Sunday American Wheat Ale, No Wake Zone Coconut Key Lime Blonde Ale, Islamorada Ale Island Citrus Ale and Channel Marker IPA Session IPA.*

## ANGARI FOUNDATION – SOUTH DOCK



ANGARI Foundation (*AS SEEN ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL'S SHARK WEEK*) is a nonprofit dedicated to creating a global community interested, knowledgeable and invested in marine and environmental science by fostering greater trust and dialogue between scientists and the public. ANGARI's research vessel and crew will be at the southern public dock, ready to welcome you onboard for a vessel tour and to learn more about their programs. They will be featuring their *Coastal Ocean Explorers: Sharks* at-sea education program in partnership with scientists from Florida International University via a simulated shark workup!



**BUSCH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY** will be offering the opportunity to learn about Florida's native wildlife through hands-on activities including animal identification, hospital help and more!



An owl encounter\_ The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary



## PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Come and engage with ERM scientists in all aspects of Lake Worth Lagoon! LWL is the largest estuary in Palm Beach County, an important natural resource and home to many species of plants and animals as well as human cities built along its shorelines. Its vast watershed, miles beyond the shoreline, connects us all to Lake Worth Lagoon!



## FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (FWC)

FWC will have an interactive "touch tank" exhibit including animals from the Lake Worth Lagoon, information about manatees and the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program in addition to a Manatee Rescue Truck visual display. Also providing outreach and education for the FWC manatee program including fun facts about manatees, a poster on why they rescue manatees, manatee bones for attendees to look at/touch, and stickers.



## GUMBO LIMBO NATURE CENTER



Marine conservation including, but not limited to, sea turtle rehab and conservation, marine debris issues, and educational opportunities. We will have a test your knowledge wheel for adults and kids, with prizes, hands-on displays, and take-home craft kits.



## LOGGERHEAD MARINE LIFE CENTER



Sharing Rescue to Release Virtual Reality experience with participants. Through VR headsets, this experience allows LMC staff to give participants a tour of Loggerhead's protocol with rescuing, rehabilitating, and eventually releasing our sea turtle patients. They will see our indoor and outdoor hospitals, as well as virtually attend a sea turtle release, and finally, see a loggerhead sea turtle resting on a local reef. Loggerhead will also bring materials to educate guests on what they can personally do to help marine life.



## MARINE MEGAFUNA FOUNDATION

Learn about research on our local population of manta rays! We will have a manta matching game where kids can play at being a marine biologist and match manta ray individuals using their unique spot pattern and win a shark fossil. We also have another game for people to test their knowledge on manta rays. We will be selling merchandise and our children's book "A Manta Ray's Journey", and all proceeds will help support our research and conservation efforts.



## PALM BEACH COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE



Education on beach and water safety. Interactive games to test and learn water safety knowledge. spinning a wheel, cornball toss, and beach set-up board. Rescue equipment demonstration and basic first aid.





## TARAS OCEANOGRAPHIC FOUNDATION



Dolphin and Ocean Conservation Research and Education. Community outreach programs, such as our dolphin expeditions and our Ocean Sentinels Club.



## USCG – COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FOTILLA 54

Promote boating safety and marine safety and care of the marine environment to the boating public and bringing a marine pollution game and coloring books geared to the children



## PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB – SOUTH DOCK

Palm Beach Sailing Club will provide FREE 30-minute sailing excursions on a J22 Keelboat on a first come first serve basis to Lagoon Fest guests beginning at 9AM.



## CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY



The City of West Palm Beach Office of Sustainability is taking proactive steps to address the plastic pollution issue and promote sustainable living. Plastic pollution is indeed a significant environmental concern, and initiatives like providing free reusable items and distributing native trees can have a positive impact on reducing plastic waste and enhancing the local ecosystem. ([wpb.org/plasticfree](http://wpb.org/plasticfree))

By offering reusable items, the city encourages residents to reduce their dependence on single-use plastics and make more environmentally friendly choices. Reusable items such as shopping bags, water bottles, and containers can help individuals minimize their plastic consumption and contribute to a cleaner environment.

Additionally, the distribution of native trees to residents with proof of address is a great way to enhance local biodiversity and improve air quality. Trees play a crucial role in capturing carbon dioxide, providing habitat for wildlife, and creating a more pleasant urban environment.

Engaging the community in such initiatives is essential for raising awareness about plastic pollution and the broader concept of sustainability. Encouraging individuals to adopt plastic-free practices and embrace eco-friendly alternatives can lead to positive behavioral changes that extend beyond the immediate impact of the initiatives.



## 4ocean – SOUTH DOCK

4ocean is a purpose-driven business on a mission to end the ocean plastic crisis. They will have their 20' Angler and 2 jet skis at the south dock supporting members of the WPB Dive Team that will be cleaning the lagoon during the festival. Guests will get a firsthand look at what goes into local waterway cleanups. Additionally, 4ocean will be offering educational opportunities to learn about plastic pollution, as well as free swag to celebrate the recent accomplishment of removing over 25 million pounds of trash from the ocean, rivers, and coastlines since 2017.





**SEA TURTLE ADVENTURES** booth is filled with educational items used to talk about sea turtle conservation. Sea Turtle Adventures will also offer a FREE seashell necklace craft and visitors can play Giant Plinko to test their sea turtle knowledge.



The Home Depot Kids Workshops were interactive and educational events designed for children ages 5 to 12, hosted by Home Depot stores across the United States and Canada. These workshops provided a unique opportunity for kids to engage in hands-on DIY (do-it-yourself) projects while learning about various tools, materials, and basic construction skills. Hands-On Experience: During the workshop, children would follow step-by-step instructions provided by the workshop leaders. They would use tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, and glue to assemble their project.

**Learning and Creativity:** The workshops aimed to teach kids basic woodworking skills, encourage problem-solving, and nurture their creativity. Kids had the opportunity to make design choices, personalize their projects, and take pride in their finished creations.

**Take-Home Project:** At the end of the workshop, each child got to take home the project they had constructed, along with a certificate of achievement and a commemorative pin or patch.

**Community and Social Interaction:** These workshops also provided a platform for kids to interact with their peers, parents, and Home Depot staff. It was a way to foster a sense of community and encourage family involvement in DIY activities.



The Florida Wildflower Foundation protects, connects, and expands native wildflower habitats through education, research, planting and conservation. Join us at LagoonFest, a vibrant and eco-conscious event dedicated to celebrating nature and promoting pollinator populations. At LagoonFest, we're excited to offer free pollinator plants (while supplies last) to attendees, contributing to the well-being of our local ecosystem and supporting the essential work of pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds. LagoonFest is not just a festival; it's a community initiative to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators in maintaining biodiversity and ensuring the health of our environment. Free Pollinator Plants: Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free pollinator plants that are carefully selected to provide food and shelter for various pollinator species. These plants will not only beautify your surroundings but also contribute to a thriving local ecosystem.