

2024 LAGOONFEST ACTIVITY OUTLINE

LagoonFest takes place on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9 am to 2 pm along Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach. Lagoonfest celebrates the natural beauty as well as the ecological and economic value of the Lake Worth Lagoon!



Join us for a Family Fun Day at **Lake Worth Lagoon!**

Discover the panoramic backdrop of Lake Worth Lagoon with a day packed with FUN, learning, and cool interactive activities for ALL ages. Explore this fascinating aquatic treasure through exciting wildlife presentations, Kayak Clean-Up Tours and several guided boat tours of the lagoon aboard the Hakuna Matata Catamaran and Aqua Adventures.

Bring the whole family to enjoy a variety of attractions, including exhibitor booths, hands-on demonstrations, and a **FREE Kids Zone** packed with face painting, lawn games, kids casting, gopher tortoise burrow explorations, creative crafts, and much more! Don't forget to grab your **FREE** LagoonFest tote bag and the stunning 2025 Lake Worth Lagoon calendar that captures life in the lagoon by local professional photographers.

Snatch memories as you watch the parade of mascots and take selfies throughout the day. For a complete downtown experience, right next door is the West Palm Beach Green Market, offering a delicious selection of foods, along with fresh, locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables.



SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES



AQUA ADVENTURE BOAT TOUR – NORTH DOCK (CLEMATIS)

(9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:30 PM, 12:30 PM)

Come aboard Aqua Adventure's FREE guided boat tour for an inspiring experience of Lake Worth Lagoon. Local scientists will share some lagoon history and talk about current LWL restoration projects. You will gain a new perspective and feel a personal connection as you learn about how we all benefit from a healthy Lake Worth Lagoon! Sign up for FREE tours at the NORTH DOCK, 1st come 1st serve.



HAKUNA MATATA CATAMARAN TOUR – NORTH DOCK (CLEMATIS)

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

Enjoy a 45-minute mini-GUIDED tour of the Lake Worth Lagoon aboard the 50' open-air Hakuna Matata Catamaran! Local scientists will share some of the fascinating 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. Register in advance at 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. Register in advance: <https://www.visitpalmbeach.com/lagoonfest/>



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 restoration islands 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. Visit Palm Beach will provide tandem kayaks, nets, gloves and bags for litter. Tours are 45 minutes. Register in advance: <https://www.visitpalmbeach.com/lagoonfest/>



OTHER FEATURED ACTIVITIES

FREE KIDS ZONE – Sponsored by Marine Industries Association



FUN Activities include Lawn Games and Toys, Gopher Tortoise Burrow, Face Painting, Kids Casting, Shell Hunt, Species Splash, Arts and Crafts activities and more!

FACE PAINTING



GOPHER TORTOISE BURROW

ERM scientists' have created an above ground gopher tortoise burrow for kids to explore.



KIDS CASTING

Kids can safely learn how to "cast" on land with practice poles, lures and "land fish". Give it a try! It's FUN, challenging and go home with a new rod & reel combo!



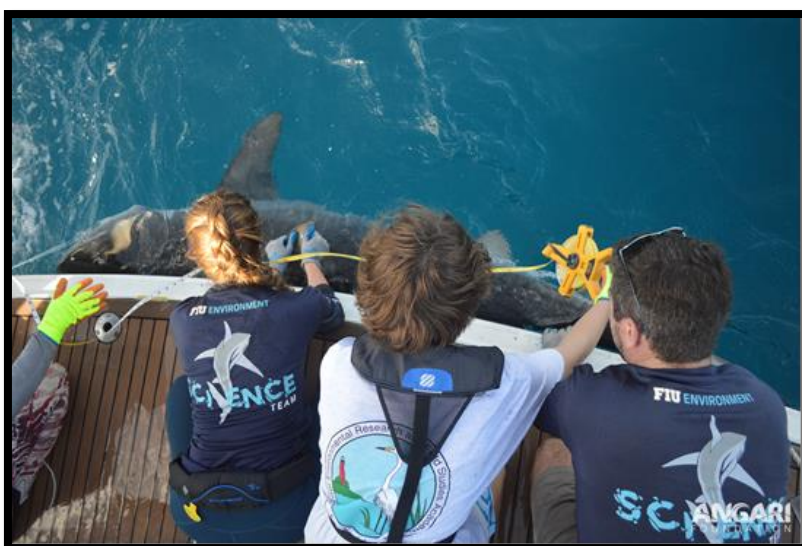
SHELL HUNT, PLAY AREA, MASCOT PARADE, CRAFTS AND MORE...





ANGARI FOUNDATION – SOUTH DOCK

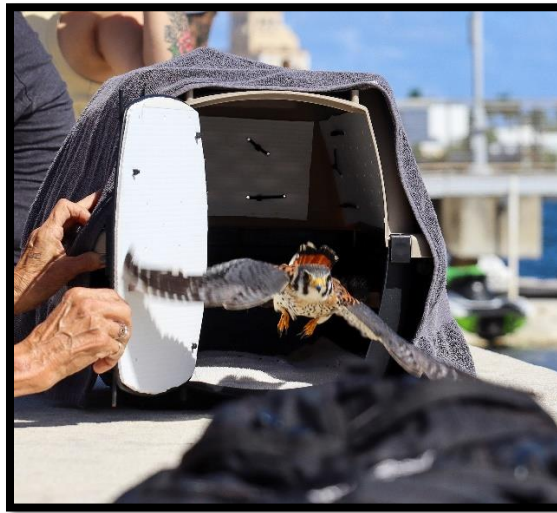
ANGARI Foundation (AS SEEN ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL'S SHARK WEEK & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S SHARKFEST) is a West Palm Beach based nonprofit dedicated to creating a global community that is interested, knowledgeable, and invested in marine and environmental sciences by directly supporting research initiatives that foster a greater trust and dialogue between scientists and the public. ANGARI's team welcome you onboard their research vessel for a tour and to learn more about their hands-on STEM programs, including activities like a simulated shark workup as part of their Coastal Ocean Explorers: Sharks at-sea program and becoming a citizen scientist for the upcoming Lagoon Drift experiment!





BUSCH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY ESTD 1983
AT ABRAMSON & SCHLAGGAR RESERVE

BUSCH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY will be offering the opportunity to learn about Florida's native wildlife through a live, rehabilitated bird release at LagoonFest!



CALENDAR PRINT GIVEAWAY

Test your knowledge about the fun and interesting facts about Lake Worth Lagoon and you can win a calendar print!





PALM BEACH COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Come and engage with ERM scientists working 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. Learn “How do you build a Restoration Island” in Lake Worth Lagoon and if you build it, will they come back?



FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (FWC)

FWC will have an interactive “touch tank” exhibit including animals from the Lake Worth Lagoon, with information about the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program. Additionally, FWC will have the Manatee Rescue Truck visual display with information about manatees including manatee bones to touch, and stickers.





INWATER RESEARCH GROUP

"We are dedicated to fostering marine and coastal conservation through a combination of research and education. At our booth, visitors can engage in interactive, sea turtle-themed activities designed to raise awareness about the threats these endangered creatures face. We will feature model sea turtles for hands-on learning, distribute educational materials, and offer select merchandise from our online gift store to support our conservation efforts."



LOGGERHEAD MARINE LIFE CENTER

Experience a Virtual Reality experience about sea turtle "Rescue to Release" This experience allows participants a tour of Loggerhead's protocol with rescuing, rehabilitating, and eventually releasing our sea turtle patients. This includes a tour of the indoor and outdoor hospitals and finally see a loggerhead sea turtle resting on a local reef. LMC will also exhibit and educate guests on what they can personally do to help marine life.





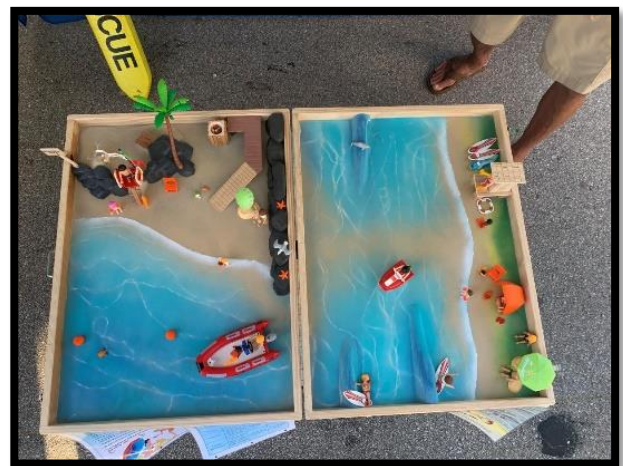
MARINE MEGAFUNA FOUNDATION

Learn about cool research on our local population of manta rays! Play manta matching games where kids and adults can be a megafauna's marine biologist! Match manta ray individuals using their unique spot pattern and win a shark fossil. You can purchase our children's book "A Manta Ray's Journey" and cool shirts, proceeds help support our research and conservation efforts.



PALM BEACH COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE

Gotta LOVE the Ocean Rescue lifeguards teaching about ocean beach safety, rescue equipment and basic first aid demonstrations. Try the spinning wheel, corn hole toss and beach set-up board games to test your water safety knowledge.





USCG – COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FOTILLA 54

Promote boating safety and marine safety and care of the marine environment to the boating public. Enjoy a marine pollution game and youth coloring books.



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; Trees will be available to City of West Palm Beach residents and businesses with proof of address. Walk-ups are welcomed, but pre-registration is recommended. You can register at: wpb.org/10ktrees.



PALM BEACH COUNTY – WILDFLOWER / POLLINATOR PLANT GIVEAWAY

Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management manages over 31,000 acres of protected natural areas. Staff are 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. The Florida Wildflower Foundation protects, connects, and expands native wildflower habitats through education, research, planting and conservation





Stop by and learn all about the Florida Manatee! Come take a picture with HOPE – our 18-foot inflatable Manatee, you can't miss her! While you're here, join us with a manatee fact puzzle and manatee puppet craft for kids. Maybe you would be interested in our Adopt-a-Manatee® program? Manatee merch available too!



PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION – OKEEHHEELER NATURE CENTER



**OKEEHHEELER
NATURE CENTER**



**GREEN CAY
NATURE CENTER**

Okeehheelier Nature Center Environmental education is the primary mission of Palm Beach County's Nature Centers. Staff will educate visitors on Green Cay, Daggerwing & Okeehheelier Nature Centers and Riverbend Park, all owned and operated by Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department. Staff will be present with a couple of animal ambassadors from Okeehheelier Nature Center for photo opportunities and will have some giveaways from the 4 facilities including program guides, brochures, stickers and more! "We (PBC Parks and Rec) make the quality of life for Palm Beach County residents and visitors better by providing diverse, safe and affordable recreation services, welcoming parks, and enriching social and cultural experiences. We achieve this by promoting wellness, fostering environmental stewardship, contributing economic value, and by improving our community every day for this and future generations."





Join Youth Environmental Alliance and explore our hands-on environmental programs! Challenge yourself to outsmart a sea turtle by identifying pollution among nature's treasures. Spend time with Petey the Pelican and discover why being a responsible steward is so trendy. Plus, you can flaunt some eco-chic jewelry while contributing to fundraising and awareness efforts.





2024 LAGOONFEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(Times may change according to weather)

- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Angari Research Vessel (South Boat Dock)
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Palm Beach Sailing Club Lessons (North Boat Dock)
- 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM- Aqua Adventures Boat Tours (North Boat Dock)
- 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM Kayak Clean-Up (North Boat Dock)
- 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hakuna Matata Catamaran Tour (North Boat Dock)
- 9:30 AM - Morning Mascots Parade around LagoonFest (along Flagler)
- 11:00 AM - Morning Mascots - Kids Zone Walkabout
- 12:15 pm – Mascot Parade (along Flagler)
- 12:30 PM - Busch live bird release and LWL Calendar Print Giveaway ; Photo OP with LWLI Steering Committee Members, Dignitaries and MASCOTS.