



Leisure Services Department **Parks and Recreation**

The Great American Campout

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 2 p.m. to Sunday, November 6, 9 a.m.
Lake Mills Park, 1301 Tropical Avenue, Chuluota, FL 32766

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Great American Campout?

The National Wildlife Federation promotes the "Great American Campout" in June each year. The event is designed to help communities promote camping and healthy outdoor activities in a safe, educational environment.

As part of the tradition, Seminole County Leisure Services is hosting our own Great American Campout. The event will provide opportunities for preschool and school-aged children and their families to get outdoors and learn about nature, camping, conservation and the environment through hands-on educational activities. Supervised overnight family camping will help families get comfortable to start their own Great Outdoor Adventure!

The Seminole County Great American Campout is scheduled a few months before the national event to take advantage of our great spring weather!

Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 per family (must live under the same roof)

What activities will be offered at the event?

Educational activities from our partners, including:

- **Nature Walk**
- **Animal Encounter**
- **Tent Pitching** - The camping experts from Not A Clue Adventures and the Boy Scouts will be onsite to teach you and your children how to pitch a tent *without* the frustration! Not a Clue Adventures will also have tents available to rent!
- **Scavenger Hunt** – collect "camping points" on your way to becoming a **Junior Ranger**
- **Cookout** - A hot dog dinner (hot dog, chips and a drink) will be provided for campers.
- **Singing and S'mores** – After all, it's not a real campout without s'mores! Join us in singing around the campfire! Bring your instruments and play along.
- **Stargazing**- look at the stars through a telescope and see how many constellations you can identify
- **Breakfast** - In the morning, a hearty breakfast will be provided.
- **....and more surprises!**

Schedule of Activities

2:00 – 6:00 pm Registration, campsite set up and educational activities
5:30 – 7:00 pm Hot dog cook out
7:30 – 8:30 pm S'mores
8:30 – 10:00 pm Campfire singing and stargazing - lights out at 11 p.m.
7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 am Pack up and Event ends

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Sounds like fun! Can I drop my kids off?

No. The Great American Campout is a family activity. We'll have lots of activities to engage you and your kids in outdoor adventures. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Adults will not be permitted to camp without children.

Do I need to register ahead of time?

Yes. Due to the need to purchase food and supplies, registration and pre-payment is required via eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seminole-county-great-american-campout-tickets-28340451052?aff=erelexpmlt> When you arrive at the campout you will be checked in, sign a liability waiver, receive a wrist band to identify you as an overnight camper, and receive instructions regarding where to unload and set up your campsite.

How early can I set up my campsite and tent?

Campsite and tent set-up will begin at 2 p.m., after you are checked in. Assistance will be available for tent set-up. Please do not leave any valuables in or around your campsite. Please note that open campfires will not be permitted at this event.

What if I don't have a tent?

Tent rentals are available through our partner, Without a Clue Adventures. Please visit their website @ <http://notaclueadventures.com/> to reserve your tent.

Are there restroom facilities at the park?

Yes. The park features new, large restrooms, and we will supplement with port-o-lets. However, there are no showers.

What other amenities are available at the park?

Other amenities at the park include large picnic shelters, a dock and kayak launch on the Wekiva River and nature areas. Feel free to bring your fishing pole!

Is there security?

Yes. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office will be onsite for the duration of the event (day and overnight).

What should we bring?

Overnight campers should bring a tent, sleeping bag or bedroll, flashlight, toiletries, bug spray and water.

What you cannot bring:

DVD players, CD players, and other "comfort" electronics are discouraged. Electricity is not readily available, and you're supposed to be "roughing it"! No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. We love our pets, but please leave them at home for this event.

Is there parking?

There are about 50 paved spaces. If the paved lot is full, volunteers will be onsite to direct overflow parking.

What's the menu?

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Traditional camping fare: Hotdogs, chips, "bug juice", s'mores and pancakes for breakfast! If you have special dietary restrictions please plan accordingly.

What happens if it rains?

There is no rain out day. If there are light afternoon showers, the event will go on as scheduled. However, if thunder or lightning should occur, the event will be canceled and we'll meet again next year! If you are unsure and the forecast calls for rain, call (407)665-2180 for event updates.

Directions

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