

TROUT LAKE NATURE CENTER



See what's coming to TLNC for you!

Last Chance for Jungle Feast Tickets!

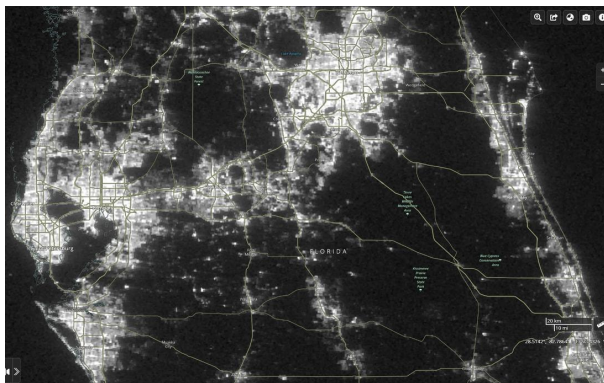
The 2023 Jungle Feast Fundraiser will start with animal encounters featuring an African serval (which is a small cat species), monkey, eagle, caracara, skunks, eastern indigo snake (endangered), alligator, crocodile and more. You can take a selfie with the animals and often get an opportunity to touch or hold the amazing creatures. You can also take the Edible Insect Challenge and taste a bug, eat a brownie made with insect flour. Challenge your friends to try a taste.

Includes is a Silent Auction which will start Monday, September 18 and conclude on the night of the event. A traditional auction of special nature experiences will follow a dinner supplied by Gourmet Today. Individual tickets are \$125.

[Click to get your ticket](#)

FNN: Dark Skies in Lake County

Starting Friday, Sept. 15, 6:30 PM



Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those that occur naturally. Light pollution disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and blocks our view of the universe. Following responsible and sustainable lighting, passing dark sky friendly ordinances, and conducting research in this field are just some of the ways light pollution can be solved. The Trout Lake Nature Center's Friday Night Naturalist Program on September 15 will be about Dark Skies in Lake County. This program will begin at 6:30 PM.

As Central Florida developed and continues to develop our skies have become anything but dark. Individuals, communities and developments desire outdoor lighting, we have been sold on the need for street lights that glow all night long, accent lighting that shines on our trees and shrubs, and other sorts of lighting.

Presenter Marty Proctor, Dark Sky advocate, will talk about the need for dark skies. He retired from a long and successful engineering career in the electronics industry and his passion was for LED lighting, solar energy, energy management and sustainable living and recreation. He will tell participants about the importance of dark skies for people, animals and plants. He will explain what individuals and communities can do to return our night skies to their natural starlit state while still providing lighting for safety and other necessary uses.

TLNC is located at 520 East CR 44, Eustis. For further information on this program, call 352-357-7536.

This program is free to attend but there is a \$5/vehicle entry fee for all non-TLNC members. For more information, call 352-357-7536.



Water Color Painting Classes Return

Our popular adult watercolor classes are returning in October. Nature has inspired many artists through the centuries and now is no different. As you walk through the woods, across a meadow or watch a butterfly flutter, you can become inspired.

Watercolor artist Ellen Westerholm will teach you how to paint and express yourself so the next time you're inspired you can capture it in water color.

Westerholm taught painting for many years with great success. She loves to share her passion for painting and creating.

Join us and experience the thrill of painting a watercolor inspired by nature. Cost is \$50/class but includes all needed supplies. Click on the button below to register. This will take you to TLNC's event calendar. The go to the month and day of the class you want and click on Inspired by Nature to get to the registration page.

Dates of classes are:

Wednesday, Oct. 18 Pumpkin and Mouse

Saturday, Oct. 28 White Heron in Flight, Wednesday, Nov. 8 Baby Bear

Wednesday Dec. 6 Holiday Cardinal. Additional classes will be held in 2024.

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We're Heading into the Home Stretch

The Trout Lake Nature Center is one of the non-profits located in Central Florida chosen by Target to participate in its Target Circle Community Giving Program. Target's guests in Central Florida can enroll in their Giving Program for free. There are 3 ways to sign up:

- * Sign up at target.com/circle.
- * Download the Target app.
- * Provide phone number at checkout.

Target Circle members earn and cast votes to help direct Target's charitable giving among participating non-profits (we hope you will choose TLNC.) Target will designate certain amounts to be allocated as grants to each participating non-profit based on member votes received. Guests earn one vote every time they make an eligible purchase at Target, online or in-store. (Note: Some purchases are not eligible to earn votes.)

Casting votes is a completely digital experience. Target Circle members may log into their accounts at target.com or on the mobile app and follow the prompts to vote. The voting period for TLNC is from July 1 to September 30, 2023.

Becoming a Target Circle member does allow you to receive various benefits and discounts beyond being able to vote for your chosen participating charity. Help support TLNC when you shop at Target from now until September 30th. During the next quarter, look for another charity to support with your regular shopping.



Homeschool Workshop for Parents

Saturday October 21, 9 AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM

Are you a homeschool parent looking for environmental activities to do with your children? Come to the Trout Lake Nature Center (TLNC) in Eustis on October 21 for a Homeschool Workshop and learn about a variety of fun and engaging activities that you can add to your curriculum to enhance your children's learning.

This workshop is broken into two sessions, a morning session from 9 AM to 12 PM focused on activities for children ages 5 to 10. Followed by an afternoon session from 1 to 4 PM focused on activities for children ages 11 to 16.

You are welcome to attend either or both sessions depending on the ages of your children and your interests. The cost is \$15 for a single session or \$25 for both sessions. Registration is required and is limited to 20 participants at each session. The workshop will be held at TLNC which is located at 520 East CR 44 in Eustis. For more information or to register click below.

[Register Here](#)



Hurricanes: Why they only twist in one direction

Have you ever wondered why hurricanes circulate in only one direction? Retired Lake County Schools Planetarium Director, Mike Ryan has the answer. Come to his presentation to find out the secret. Bring a small calculator or use your cell phone with to help complete a chart that gets to the answer.

This presentation will be on **November 18 starting at 1:30 PM** at TLNC. No reservations or tickets required. The presentation is free but a \$5/vehicle entry fee is charged to all non-TLNC members.



Plan Your Fairy House Now

Each November, TLNC holds a Fairy House Challenge. What's a Fairy House? They are small structures that fairies, gnomes and woodland creatures live in. These structures are built sustainably, using natural and dropped materials, to blend into the habitats where they live.

The houses are brought to TLNC by November 11 with judging taking place at the Sunday Funday: Nature Magic Day on Sunday November 12. All fairy houses are returned to the builder or placed on our trails to delight future visitors and provide a home for TLNC fairies.

So begin to plan your house. This is a fun project for young and old. Let your imagination go wild. Further information on what can be used to build a fairy house will appear on the TLNC Website soon.



New Photo Exhibit Hung

Our partners--the In Focus Photo Club has once again hung new photos. The theme is Clouds. Many of the photos were taken during the previous summer months when so many beautiful cloud formations could be seen.

This exhibit will provide visitors with a chance to appreciate our skies. In addition, TLNC's fifth grade student program focuses on Weather and one activity teaches about clouds, their causes, types, and how they can be used to predict the weather. This exhibit will be up until December.

Activity Schedule (not listed above)

September 20, 3:30 PM: Woodlanders Club meeting. Your child can join this club to learn about the environment. Email tlnc.info@gmail.com to learn more or register.

September 25, 10:30: Exhibit and Museum Committee meeting. You can become a part of this committee too.

September 27, 10:30 PM: Nature Sprouts for 2 to 5 year olds, must call 352-357-7536 to pre-register.

October 7, 8 AM: First Saturday Birding, meeting in parking lot. Cost \$5/vehicle entry for all non-TLNC members.

October 13 and 14, All Day: TLNC exhibit at the Eustis Home, Garden and Recreation Expo, Lake County Fairgrounds.

October 20, 9 AM: TLNC Education Volunteer meeting. You are invited to join and help us with our student programs.

October 20, 6:30 PM: Friday Night Naturalist, History of the area presented by Dale Smith.

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