

# TROUT LAKE

## NATURE CENTER



See what's coming to TLNC for you!



### **FNN: Bees and Wasps in Your Own Backyard**

**July 21 at 6:30 PM**

Almost all of us are aware of bees and wasps and the important roll they play in our environment, but not many know just how diverse and fascinating the dozens of local species are within our own town. This presentation aims to show a large sample of the various species of bees and wasps you can find in the central Florida area, as well as some of their special adaptations and identifying features.

Hopefully this will help you focus in and take a closer look at the environment and your surroundings, because there are many other things in nature just as secretly exciting just waiting to be noticed.

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.



### **Yoga Changes Coming**

**Starting Friday, August 4, 2 PM**

If you've wanted to try yoga but don't know where to start now you know--start with TLNC new back to basics yoga class.

Everyone can benefit with getting back to the basics. Bring your mat and any props you use, towel to kneel on, blanket, block and yourself. Enjoy this mat yoga class of mindful breath, mindful moves, and mindful calm.

Classes will be held on **Fridays from 2 to 3 PM**. Cost is \$5/person and includes the entry fee.

# Summer Stars in Florida



## July 22nd, 2pm

Join us for an afternoon of learning about the stars visible in the night sky during the summertime in Florida. The workshop will be filled with stories of the constellations and each participant will receive their own star chart to take home and continue their learning.

- 🌕 Cost: \$5/vehicle entry fee (TLNC Members enter for free)
- 🌕 Please email [tlnc.info@gmail.com](mailto:tlnc.info@gmail.com) or call 352-357-7536 to register to attend.
- 🌕 Workshop will be led by Mike Ryan, former Planetarium Director for Lake County Schools



*Trout Lake Nature Center, 520 East CR 44, Eustis*

## Shopping for a Cause

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. Targets 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](https://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](https://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.



## TLNC Closes for 1 Week

**August 7 to 11, 2023**

Getting ready for a new season is always hectic and this year is no different. The TLNC property will be closed for an additional **4 days from Aug. 8 to 11th** to allow staff to plan, prepare and get ready for the new season without interruption.

We are planning some new educational programs and keeping some favorites from previous years such as Sunday Fundays. Some newer programs will include Homeschool Parent workshops, Nature Magic, Arts and Craft Fair, our annual fundraiser--The Jungle Feast-- and more. We will **reopen for visitors on Saturday August 12 at 9 AM.**

## Boardwalk Reopens

The Trout Lake Nature Center Boardwalk is officially reopened for visitors to enjoy with a fresh new look. While efforts were paused for several years due to the pandemic, TLNC officially finished rebuilding and improving its more than 20-year-old boardwalk this summer with the help of generous donors. The project finished six weeks early and is now ready for visitors, students and volunteers.

Over the many years of use, approximately 380,000 people have taken the boardwalk to access Trout Lake to learn about marshes, aquatic insects and critters, participate in water quality sampling, and enjoy nature. It is an important part of TLNC's education programs and almost every visitor walks the boardwalk. Improvements were made as part of the renovation to expand and relocate Dragonfly Point – one of the group's teaching areas – replace the decking with composite or recycled plastic boards, extend the boardwalk to avoid flooding and reduce the slope to increase accessibility.

With its opening, visitors can quietly observe a female alligator (estimated to be about seven feet long) protecting her nest which she built during construction – it's not every day that people can safely observe an alligator and her nest. We estimate her eggs will hatch mid-August based on an alligator's 60 to 65-day gestation period.

The official opening is on July 28. **Donors of this project include Walt Disney World Resort, SECO Energy Foundation, Lake County Water Authority and the Michael L. and Michelle M. Murphy Charitable Trust.** We are extremely grateful for the support that has given our boardwalk a new life!



Entrance to renovated boardwalk

### **Activity Schedule (not listed above)**

**July 24, 10:30 AM:** Exhibit and Museum Committee meeting. You can become a part of this committee too.

**July 26, 10:30 PM:** Nature Sprouts for 2 to 5 year olds, must call 352-357-7536 to pre-register.

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

**August 12, All Day:** TLNC exhibit at Annual Outdoor Expo, in the World Equestrian Center, Marion County.

**August 18, 6:30 PM:** Friday Night Naturalist: Florida's Scenic Byway Program. Green Mountain Scenic Byway's Impacts in Lake County.

**August 16, 3:30 PM:** Woodlanders Club meeting. Your child can join this club to learn about the environment. Email [tlnc.info@gmail.com](mailto:tlnc.info@gmail.com) to learn more or register.

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