

Morale, Welfare & Recreation Department at Naval Air Station Whiting Field

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July

NEWSLETTER

2021



Win Prizes for Summer Reading!

**MWR Summer
Olympics!**

**- Swim like a champion
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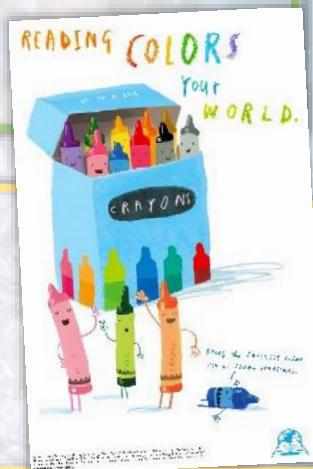
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A patron enjoying the Biggest Swimming Pool in Town here at NAS Whiting Field! Now is a great time to practice your skills for our very own Olympic Games – see page 10.



WATCH FOR THESE ICONS!

CLICK!



➤ Click to sign up or register for an event through our secure website

➤ Click to explore all the information about the event or program through our website

CLICK!



Summer Reading Program!

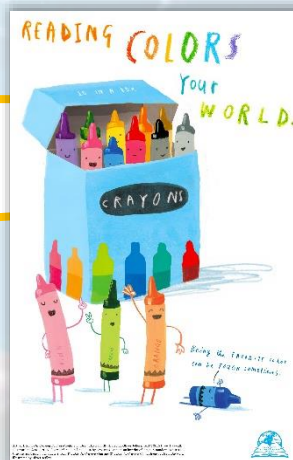
OPEN TO ALL AGES!

Win Prizes

Sign up at

<https://whitingfield.beanstack.com/reader365>

- Click the "Register" button
- Register yourself or a child
- Enroll in the Reading Program for the reader's age group



Summer Reading Program Events – 2021

Monday, June 14th 4:00-6:00 pm (Library) – In-Person Registration Event – Drop by the library to register your family for the Summer Reading Program! Library staff will be available to assist you in downloading the Beanstack app and getting you started on your way to a summer of reading.

Wednesday, June 16th 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Monday, June 21st – (Library) Summer Reading Program officially begins and readers can begin logging their reading time in the Beanstack app

Monday, June 21st 10:00 am (Atrium) – Art Program with Smile Face Painting (registration required)

Wednesday, June 23rd 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wednesday, June 23rd 4:00 pm (Library) – Adult Book Club featuring *If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson

Monday, June 28th 10:00 am (Atrium) Music Program with Kindermusik by the Bay (registration required)

Wednesday, June 30th 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wednesday, June 30th 4:00 pm (Atrium) – Kickin', Flippin', and Trickin' with Martial Arts America (registration required)

Wednesday, July 7th 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Monday, July 12th 4:00 pm (Atrium) – Music Program with Kindermusik by the Bay (registration required)

Wednesday, July 14th 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wednesday, July 14th 4:00 pm (Atrium) – Art Program with Smile Face Painting (registration required)

Thursday, July 15th 4:00 pm (Atrium) – Local Author Program with Lt. Onnie Resky, author of *Flight Out of Darkness* will talk about her book and her experiences as an aviator

Tuesday, July 20th 4:00 pm (Aces Pub) – Body Art and Tattoo program with John Stafford, tattoo artist and owner of Not A Cool Tattoo Studio, Pace, FL. This is a family-friendly event. (registration required)

Wednesday, July 21st 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Saturday, July 24th 10:00 am (Atrium) Music Program with Kindermusik by the Bay (registration required)

Thursday, July 29th 4:00 pm (Library) – Adult Book Club featuring *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

Saturday, July 31st 10:00 am (Atrium) – Art Program with Smile Face Painting (registration required)

Monday, August 2nd – Last day to log your reading minutes in the Beanstack app!

Wednesday, August 4th 10:00 am (Library) – Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Thursday, August 5th 4:00 – 5:30 (Atrium) Summer Reading Closing Program *A Celebration of Readers*. Blue Anchor Belles will perform, face painting, balloon art for the children, certificates and prizes will be awarded



Please call us for more info at:

850-623-7861

www.navymwrwhitingfield.com

Summer Reading Program is sponsored by:



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Body Art and Tattoo Event

with Not A Cool Tattoo of Pace, FL
Tuesday, July 20 – 4:00-5:30

Join Us in the Library!



Family Friendly

Art Program Events with Smile Face Painting

Monday, June 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Monday, July 14, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, July 31, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Us in the Atrium!



Limited to 15 participants
Registration Required

Music Program Events with Kindermusik by the Bay

Monday, June 28, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Monday, July 12, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, July 24, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Us in the Atrium!



Limited to 15 participants
Registration Required

Summer Reading Program – 2021 A Celebration of Readers

Join in the Summer Reading Program Closing Program

Thursday, August 5, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Family Friendly Event in the Atrium!



FEATURING THE BLUE ANCHOR BELLES!

- Enjoy beautiful music as the Blue Anchor Belles perform!
- Face painting and balloon art for the children.
- Certificates and prizes will be awarded for our top readers!

Events

Get Outside Have Some Fun!

FREE Fun at our FAMILY MOVIE!

Date and Time: Friday, July 3, 7:30pm

Location: Whiting Park

Description: Celebrate our Independence Day Weekend with a family movie at Whiting Park!

The movie will begin just after dark, around 7:30 pm - follow the scent of freshly popped popcorn!

Feel free to bring your own blanket, chairs, snacks and drinks!!

We'll be screening the PG rated movie The Monuments Men in which an unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners.

Fee: FREE Event

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

CLICK!

EXPLORE!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



WHITING PARK

Friday, July 3rd - 7:30pm

Celebrate our
Independence
Day Weekend
with a family
movie at
Whiting Park!



CALL US FOR MORE
INFORMATION

850-623-2383

WATCH
THE MONUMENTS
MEN
ON THE
BIG SCREEN!



Kids

Build & Play

Nature Quest

Monday
July 12, 11am-1pm

\$10 per
child



Decorate a
Birdhouse!

Play on the Water!



850-623-7032

Register by:
July 9

Community Recreation

Kids Build & Play: NATURE QUEST

Date and Time: Monday, July 12, 11:00am-1:00pm

Location: Whiting Park

Description: Celebrate summer by decorating birdhouses, then explore the Blackwater River with one of our watercraft.

Provided: Price includes a birdhouse and all decorating supplies and the use of a human powered watercraft (canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard) for one hour.

What to bring: Water, lunch or snacks, sunscreen, hat. Ensure attire is weather appropriate and water safe.

Fee: \$10 per child

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SIGN UP NOW
BY USING
MYFFR



Register: by Friday, July 9th call Community Recreation at 850-623-7032 or online
<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbws/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>



Get Outdoors

JOIN US!

Sun, Jul 11
-and-
Sat, Jul 31

2 Guided Kayak Tours



Date and Time: Sunday, July 11 and Saturday, July 31 beginning at 12:00pm

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

Location: Meet us at Whiting Park, 5499 Old River Road, Milton, FL 32583

Description: Kayak the beautiful Blackwater River with our fabulous guides. This event is suitable for all skill levels. We'll return about 4:00pm to Whiting Park.

What to bring: Water, lunch or snacks, sunscreen, hat. Ensure attire is weather appropriate and water safe.

Fee: \$8 – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Register: by July 9th and July 30th at 850-741-8746 or online at

<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Youth Paddleboard and Junior Clean Boater Certification!

Date and Time: Saturday, July 17 beginning at 12:00pm

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members ages 4-8

Location: Meet us at Whiting Park, 5499 Old River Road, Milton, FL 32583

Description: Get the kids outside! Learn to use a stand-up paddleboard and get a Junior Clean Boater Certification. Whiting Park is hosting this free lesson recommended for ages eight and above. The training takes a bit over an hour and includes a light snack.

What to bring: Water, lunch or snacks, sunscreen, hat. Ensure attire is weather appropriate and water safe.



Fee: **FREE** – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Register: by July 16th at 850-741-8746 or online at

<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Get Outdoors

Learn basic rules of the road and learn to navigate the Blackwater River safely in one of our Pontoon Boats.

PONTOON BOAT LESSONS

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MWR Patrons Age 18+

Date and Time: Sunday,
July 18, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Fee: \$10-

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY
BY FRIDAY, JULY 16**



Ladies Only!

Date and Time: Friday,
July 23, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Fee: \$10-

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY
BY THURSDAY, JULY 22**

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Sign Up!

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What to bring: Weather appropriate and water safe clothing, and sunscreen.

Meet us at: Whiting Park (5499 Old River Road, Milton, FL 32583) Our lesson takes about an hour. Upon completion, if you meet all the requirements as outlined on our website

"<https://www.navymwrwhitingfield.com/programs/b5da2722-8d35-4d0f-a117-d47d363e2053>", you may be able to complete our boater safety course and receive a "Boater Safety Card".

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

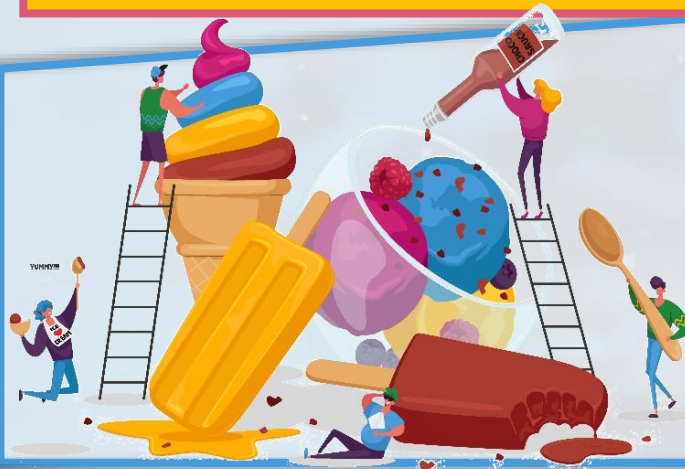
Fee: \$10- **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Register: Call Whiting Park at 850-623-2383 or 850-741-8746 or online at

<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Liberty News

* LIBERTY PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY AND GEO-BACHELORS *



Outlying Field Summer Celebration

Date and Time: July 19-23

Eligibility: Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

We're taking a Summer Celebration of fun on the road to visit with our OLF's. Food, fun and a little friendly competition to help pass the time during these long summer days.

Liberty's Corn Hole Competition

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 14th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Eligibility: Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

Location: In front of NAS Fitness Center

Description: Join Liberty as we celebrate summer with a little friendly Corn Hole Competition. Stop by the Liberty table and show us your beanbag skills.

Fee: Free

Provided: Corn hole boards and bags.

What to bring: Beanbag Skills!



LIBERTY CENTER REMAINS CLOSED



Hang In There Folks!

It won't be long until we relocate to Airdales Recreation Center.

- ✓ New Food & Beverage Operation
- ✓ Huge Gaming Areas
- ✓ Kid's Play Zone
- ✓ Stadium Seating Movie Theater
- ✓ and so much more!

Fitness / Sports

FITNESS CENTER:

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 4:30am-9:00pm

Sat, Sun & Hol 8:00am-4:00pm

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EXPLORE!



Fitness News

Let us help you Stay Fit!

Follow along on our



ALWAYS READY

WHITING FIELD MWR FITNESS CENTER

Filled with top of line Fitness Equipment, our Fitness Center is designed to keep you Mission Ready. Speak with a certified trainer about any of your fitness needs today.

M-F 0430-2100
S/S- 0800-1600
HOLIDAY- 0800-1600
PHONE: 850.623.7412

Follow us! eWFMWR

for up to date info,
equipment highlights,
workout tips,
challenges,
and more!

Or download our APPs



www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com

It's Softball Season

Every Wednesday we have three sets of scheduled games: 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm

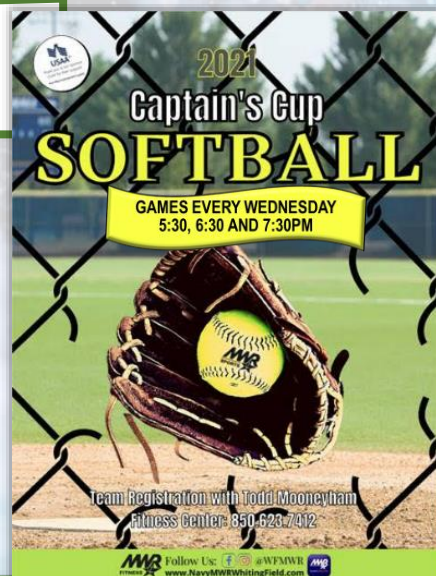
Join the energetic fan club and root the teams on!

Arrive early if you'd like to jump in an open spot on a team if one's available.

Call us at the Fitness Center for details at 850-623-7412.

Thank you to our sponsor USAA! #sponsored by @USAA, to learn more about USAA please visit:

www.usaa.com/inet/wc/insurance-products.



Aquatics



Red, White & POOL PARTY
at the Biggest Pool in Town!

Sunday, July 4th
12pm-4pm

Play some games!
> Eat FREE Food!
Bring your floats
> make a splash!

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MWR
NAVAL AIR STATION
WHITING FIELD

NAS WhitingField Swimming Pool 850-623-7412

Join the Fun at the Biggest Pool in Town!

Food, Fun and Splashes!

Sunday, July 4, 12pm-4pm

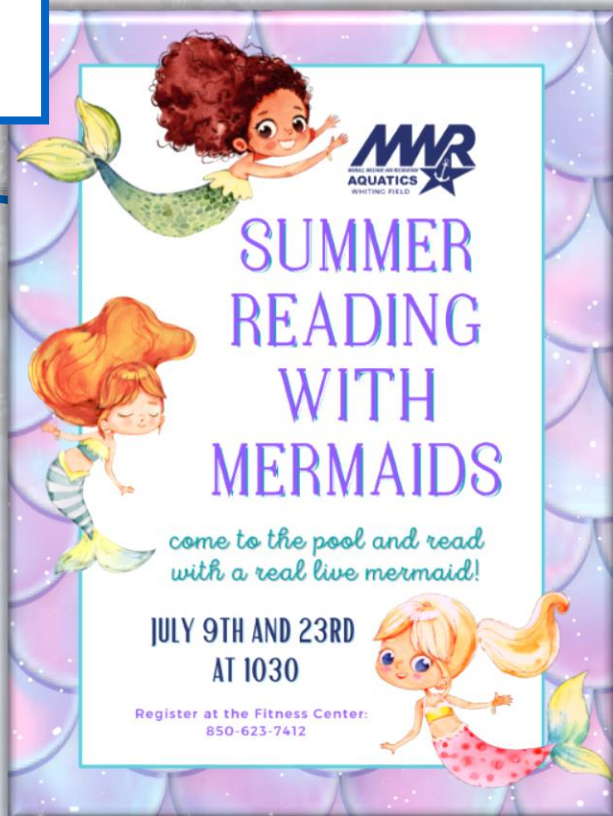
Come play with us in the pool on the 4th of July! Meet some new friends, play some games and enjoy the day.

Special Guest

Mermaid Story Time - at the Pool

Fridays, July 9 & 23
at 10:30am

Come join us out at the pool as our very own mermaid reads us a book! Register in the Fitness Center.



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AQUATICS
WHITING FIELD

SUMMER
READING
WITH
MERMAIDS

come to the pool and read
with a real live mermaid!

JULY 9TH AND 23RD
AT 1030

Register at the Fitness Center:
850-623-7412

Aquatics

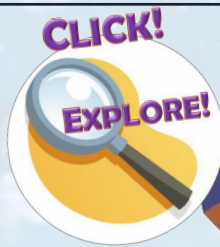
Open for Lap Swim and Recreational Swim as follows:

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Saturday-Sunday 9:30am-4:00pm
Monday-Friday 11:00am-6:00pm

Open for Lap Swim only as follows:

Monday-Friday 6:00am-8:00am



Weather Notice:
The pool closes for inclement weather.

Open Events:

- 50 Freestyle
- 50 Butterfly
- 100 Breast Stroke
- 200 IM
- 200 Free Relay
- 200 Medley Relay



**Sign up in the
Fitness Center
or call us at
850-623-7412**

The logo for MWR Aquatics, featuring the letters 'MWR' in a stylized font with 'AQUATICS' underneath and a star.

SUMMER OLYMPICS

ARE YOU AN OLYMPIAN?

COME COMPETE IN A SWIM MEET TO
KICK OFF OPENING DAY OF THE
OLYMPICS!

SIGN UP IN THE FITNESS CENTER!

JULY 23RD STARTS AT 1600

A graphic of the Olympic rings with three athletes standing on a podium in front of them.



Around the World!
THROUGH THE MONTH OF JULY

TAKE THE SHOTS!

Watch for pop-ups in the gym!

FITNESS CENTER
850-623-7412

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WHITING FIELD

USAA

Around the World Basketball Challenge – This month, let's find out who is the best basketball world traveler on base. We'll have pop-up challenges through the month in the Fitness Center. Take your best shots at this month's challenge making baskets around the key in the Fitness Center Gymnasium.

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www.usaa.com/inet/wc/insurance-products

Pop-up Challenges

Join our Fitness Team at our pop-up challenges and you could win something cool!

Win Something Cool!!



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FITNESS

POP-UP CHALLENGES

Keep an eye out for our Fitness Team!

They will be popping up around base with challenges and giveaway's all month long!

Follow us! @WFMWR

www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com

Beat the Heat PADDLE RELAYS

2 Person Teams

Month of July

Whiting Park



**CANOES - KAYAKS
STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDS**

A friendly month long event at Whiting Park!

Two person teams compete in a relay race against the clock. The event consists of racing a kayak, paddleboard, and canoe. The relay race begins with one person from each team paddling a kayak down "the island" and back. Then the teams will paddle a paddleboard down and back. The last leg will require both team members to paddle a canoe down to the mid point, switch seats in the canoe and then paddle back to the finish line.

Whiting Park
850-623-2383

Show Your Strength!

Win Prizes

Bench Press and Deadlift Competition during the week of July 12-16.

We'll have a number of time slots available to encourage group participation.

Call the Fitness Center at 850-623-7412 for more info.

Whiting Warrior

Push/Pull

Bench Press and Deadlift Competition

July 12-16



Show your strength in the Fitness Center during the week. We'll have a number of time slots available to encourage group participation too.



Get Outdoors

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EXPLORE!

Wiggley Field Dog Park



Wiggley Field

Wiggley Field is an exercise area built especially for our k-9 friends. We've converted the softball field under the water towers into a safe fenced in area to allow your pets a friendly place to play.

- One acre of grassy area surrounded by a padded 4 foot tall safety fence.
- Safety fence uses a double gate entry exit system for increased security.
- Shaded areas in the observation dug-outs and under the oak trees.
- Water faucet with hose and stainless steel bowls.
- Ample parking lot adjacent to dog park.

Call us at Community Recreation for more information 850-623-7032.

NAS Whiting Field Driving Range

Our driving range features grass tees, mat hitting surfaces, and a separate area for chipping practice. FREE Rental Clubs are available at: Community Recreation and the Fitness Center.

The range is open every day from sunrise to sunset. Range balls are available from the onsite dispenser using our tokens. Dispenser vends approximately 50 balls per token. Purchase \$2.00 tokens at the Community Recreation Desk, Fitness Center, North and South Field Snack Bars and at the Tower Cafe.

Call us at Community Recreation for more information 850-623-7032.

CLICK!

EXPLORE!

The range is open every day from sunrise to sunset.



Food & Beverage



North Field Snack Bar, Bldg. 1492

Phone: 850-623-2692

Located next to the North Field hangers, featuring "South of the Border" menu options.
Hours of operation: Mon-Fri, 7:00am-2:00pm

Menu



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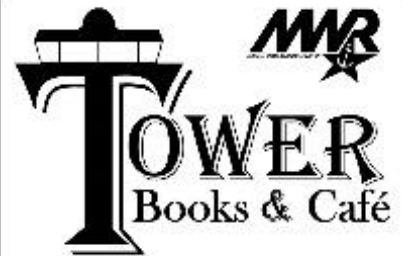


Tower Café, Bldg. 2998

Phone: 850-623-7290

Our Tower Café is the perfect place to relax, read and study. This is our own gourmet coffee shop featuring Starbucks products, pastries, breakfast sandwiches and panini's all day. This is a great study spot!

Hours of operation: Mon - Fri 6:00am-1:00pm



South Field Snack Bar, Bldg. 2977

Phone: 850-623-6574

Located inside the South Field Squadron building, serving up traditional fast order menu items.

Hours of operation: Mon-Fri, 6:00am-7:00pm

Menu



Ace's Pub, Bldg. 2942

Phone: 850-623-7375

Located in the lobby of the NGISS, Ace's is decorated in a classic aviator theme. Aviation oriented memorabilia provide an elegant theme to this inviting pub.

Available for your special party or private event too!

Hours of operation: Fri 3:00pm - 6:00pm



Travel Mugs

\$10⁰⁰ each

Travel mug comes with a free drip coffee at the time of purchase. (It must go into the travel mug and not be a separate item.)



Tower Café and South Field Snack Bar will refill the travel mug with a drip coffee in your mug for just \$1⁰⁰.

You can receive a Loyalty Card stamp for the initial purchase and for refills of regularly priced items only.



Navy General Library (Tower Books)

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

PATRONS: All Eligible Patrons

SERVICE NOTES:

- The Library is open to browse resources
- Returned items are not available for at least 24 hours

You can request an item by either calling the Library at 850-623-7861 or email the Library at

whitingfieldlibrary@gmail.com



To view our catalog go to:

<https://eosfcweb01.eosfc-intl.net/N94058/OPAC/TileStart.aspx>



Join us for Story Time every Wednesday at 10am!

We'll meet in the Tower Books and Café to take you on an adventure!

This program is recommended for ages 2-4 and parents must be present with their children for the duration of the program. Registration is not required but space is limited.

Thank you to our sponsor First Command - Pensacola, FL First Command to learn more about First Command please visit:

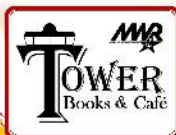
<https://www.firstcommand.com/insurance/>

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Join in the lively conversation at the MWR Tower Book Club!



Book Club

Last Thursday of each month 4-5pm

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, July 29th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the library conference room. We will be reading The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. Visit the Tower Books & Café to pick up your book and get your name on the list.

Here's an MWR resource for those who prefer e-books or audio books:

NavyMWRDigitalLibrary.org for access to the Overdrive and the Libby's apps.

We're looking forward to seeing you!



Community Recreation

CLEAR CREEK RV PARK

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

On Site Services available at the Community Recreation Office.

Clear Creek RV Park



Stay! Play! Relax!

SERVICE NOTES:

- Reservations must be in advance and can be provided by calling the office at 850-623-7032 or by calling the 24/7 call center at 877-628-9233 (877-NAVY-BED) or by accessing <https://get.dodlodging.net>



Exclusive Savings & Benefits on:

Hotels / Rental Cars / Flights
Cruises / Vacation Packages

American Forces Travel is the official leisure travel website for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).
www.americanforcetravel.com



COMMUNITY RECREATION

(Bldg. 1417 Operations)

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Friday

8:00am-4:00pm

PATRONS: All Eligible Patrons

SERVICE NOTES:

- Reservations for equipment check out is strongly encouraged by calling:
850-623-7032 / 850-665-6250 M-F 8:00am-4:00pm

PRICE LIST

Rental Equipment List

[Outdoor Recreation Rental Equipment.pdf](#)

PRICE LIST

Download our latest
[Tickets & Travel Brochure.pdf](#)



Whiting Park

We Have Reopened!



Whiting Park Recreation Area

- Six Riverfront Acres
- Boat Rentals
- Grills & Pavilions
- Fishing pier & more



5499 Old River Road
Milton, FL 32583
850-623-2383

We have pavilions with grills!

All our boats are available - including our motorized vessels. Play Volleyball, Horseshoes, Basketball and an assortment of other games too. There's a calm Wading Area and Fishing Pier.

If you'd like to rent one of our power driven vessels, a Boater Safety Course completion is required for those born after Jan 1, 1988. Here's a link to ["BoatUS.org"](http://BoatUS.org)

**At this time we can
ONLY ACCEPT CASH
(no credit cards)**

Hours of operation:
Friday - Monday, 9:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday, Closed

Whiting Park Recreation Area
850-623-2383 or 850-741-8746

Be ready with the **Boater Safety Course**

NAVY MWR

"Boater Safety Course"

In accordance with CNIC standards, NAS Whiting Field has implemented a boater safety course.

All individuals are required to complete our boater safety course and be in possession of their "Boater Safety Card" in order to operate any motorized watercraft at Whiting Park.

The Boater Safety Course consists of a written test and a practical proficiency demonstration for safe operation of our motorized vessels on the waters of the Blackwater River.

1. Test can be taken at any time during normal hours of operation.
2. The practical can be scheduled at the time the test is completed.

A "Boater Safety Card" will be issued by Whiting Park upon successful completion of the written test and the practical proficiency demonstration.

Additionally, those born after 1 Jan 1988 are required to provide proof of completion of the Florida state course available through www.boatus.org/florida.

Boater Safety Manuals are available at Whiting Park.

Furthermore, this card / course is reciprocated at NAS Pensacola as well as the completion of the NAS Pensacola boating safety course is recognized at NAS Whiting Field (Whiting Park).



Take this FREE course!
www.boatus.org/florida



Ace's Pub

NOW OPEN

Open every Friday
3pm - 6pm

ACES PUB

(LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY INN)



Ace's is decorated in a classic aviator theme. Aviation oriented memorabilia provide an elegant theme to this inviting pub. Visit us in the lobby of the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites. The pub is available for your party or private event too!

FRIDAY

JULY 23

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Harry Potter Theme TRIVIA NIGHT

ACES PUB
(LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY INN)



- ✓ Bring Costume
- ✓ Themed Drinks
- ✓ FREE Snacks

Let Freedom Ring
MWR Navy Fitness
**BINGO
CHALLENGE**
JULY 4-10



Freshen up your fitness and have the chance to win a Navy Exchange gift card.



www.navymwr.org/navy-mwr-at-home/fitness
Navy Fitness Bingo Challenge card

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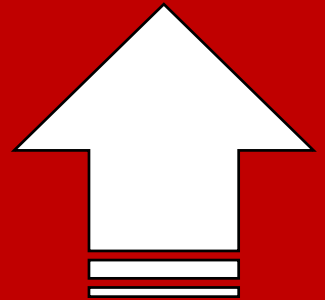


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