

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

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April

NEWSLETTER

2021



#WFPurpleUp21

April is Month of
the Military Child

Look for this symbol
for the fun events!



Facility Updates

**MAINTAIN
SOCIAL
DISTANCE**



Our events are "COVID Safe"

- Everyone wears a mask and we social distance with plenty of outdoor opportunities!
- Some facilities and times are open to active duty only
- All facilities remain cashless (credit card only)
- Room furniture is limited to maintain six feet social distance and encourages small groups
- All water fountains that are not designed for water bottles are secured
- Facilities have a cleaning schedule developed which includes disinfection of high touch surfaces in customer areas every 2-3 hours.

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WATCH FOR THESE ICONS!

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

CLICK!



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

On the Cover!

Good Times - Panera Bread event in 2019

April is designated as Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas.

**Join in the celebration!
Look for this symbol
for fun events.**



Month of the Military Child

Mondays

(April 5,12,19,26)

HEROES IN TRAINING WORKOUTS

Month of the
Military Child
#WFPurpleUp21

Follow on our
IG, FB, YT!
@WFMWR

Join the MWR
Fitness Team for
family friendly
themed virtual
workouts every
monday during
April!



April 5: Super Mario
April 12: Wonder Woman
April 19: The Avengers
April 26: Ninja Turtles



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Follow Along!



You

Month of the
Military Child
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STORY TIME

Wednesdays

(April 7,14,21,28)

Fridays

(April 2,9,23)



zoom

READING



Month of the Military Child

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List of Events!

Follow Along!



Heroes in Training Workouts Mondays (April 5,12,19,26)	Story Times Wednesdays (April 7,14,21,28)	1 April, Thursday Proclamation Signing Ceremony Video on Facebook	2 April, Friday Zoom Reading Parent involvement with reading via Zoom
5 April, Monday Where in the World Share your favorite place with us on our Facebook			9 April, Friday Zoom Reading Parent involvement with reading via Zoom
12 April, Monday Kite Prep pick up a kite kit You Know You're a Military Child When ... share on our Facebook	14 April, Wednesday Boot Camp with my Hero Fitness bootcamp with parents at CYP	15 April, Thursday Kindergarten 101 What to expect for parents in transition of preK to K	16 April, Friday Purple Up and CYP Parade Day Everyone wear purple for parade in bubbles at CYP
19 April, Monday Patriot Day Fly kites and send us some photos!	21 April, Wednesday Boot Camp with my Hero Fitness at CYP with parents		23 April, Friday Zoom Reading Parent involvement with reading via Zoom
26 April, Monday Compilation Video Show and Tell Watch our video on our Facebook			30 April, Friday Wrap up Watch our interview on our Facebook



SANTA ROSA COUNTY KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Transition Parent Workshop

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL

6:00PM TO 7:30PM

101

KINDERGARTEN 101 will focus on setting the expectations for entering Kindergarten. The session will take the worry out of the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.

GUEST SPEAKER:

April Martin, Santa Rosa County's Director of Elementary Education

RSVP FOR
 **zoom**
LINK

by Friday, 9 April



Please preregister for this event with your School Liaison

NAS Whiting Field - Dawn Kaunike at dawn.kaunike1@navy.mil

Hurlburt Field - Lacey Allen at lacey.allen.1@us.af.mil

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MWR Events!

Free Family Fun!

April Fools Jokes

Date and Time: April 1st

Location: NAS Whiting Field

Description: Send us your favorite April Fools jokes and pranks via our Facebook page. Let's all take some time to laugh. MWR will only post those jokes that are family friendly.

Fee: Free

Provided: Prizes

What to bring: Best Dad jokes

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Win
Prizes

Win
Something
Cool!!

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OH YEAH!

NATIONAL

Thursday
April 22

JELLY
BEAN
DAY

Visit Community Recreation and take a guess of how many jelly beans are in our jar!



Community Recreation

850-623-7032

National Jelly Bean Day

Date and Time: Thursday, April 22nd
9:00am-4:00pm

Location: Community Recreation's Front Desk

Description: The Community Recreation team is celebrating National Jelly Bean Day. Stop by our front desk and test your fate in our Bean Boozeled game, and then take a guess how many jelly beans are in our jar. Winner who guesses the right amount of jelly beans, will win the jar of jelly beans and a Bean Boozeled game. Winner will be announced on Friday April 23rd

Provided: Bean Boozeled and prize

What to bring: taste buds

Fee: Free

MWR Events!



It's a DOGGIE SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday

April 10th

9am-11am

CELEBRATE
SPRING WITH
YOUR PUP!

Music
Costume Contest
DIY Spring Treats

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Community Recreation

850-623-7032



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Date and Time: Saturday, April 10th 9:00am -11:00am

Location: Wiggley Field

Description: Celebrate spring with your pup at our Doggie Spring Festival. We will be featuring some DIY spring treats, local information, music, and a spring costume contest. New to the area? This event is a great way to meet new pups and people.

Provided: DIY treats, local pet information, costume contest and music

What to bring: Best Spring Outfit

Thank you to our sponsor Petsmart "<https://www.petsmart.com/stores/us/fl/pace-store1793.html>" for their generous support of this event!



Get Crafty with MWR!

Plant & Sip

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Sign Up!

SIGN UP NOW
BY USING
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\$25 per person
Register by April 6



CONTACT US

Community Recreation

850-623-7032

Thursday, April 8th

Sikes Hall
4:30pm to 6:30pm

COVID
SAFE!

Plant and Sip

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EXPLORE!

Date and Time: Thursday, April 8th

Location: Sikes Hall

Description: Want to have a windowsill full of herbs all year round? Look no further than this DIY Mason jar herb garden that will keep your garden nice, tidy, and clean, all while rewarding you with some beautiful herbs that you can use day in and day out! Relax with friends and a drink while planting these beautiful and productive indoor plants.

Provided: Mason jars, Mason jar holder, potting soil, herbs

What to bring: Your Green thumb

Fee: \$25 per person

Register by: Tuesday April 6th call 850-623-7032 or online

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

Kids Build & Play

Kids Build and Play: Birdhouses

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 28th
4:30pm -6:30pm

Location: The Atrium

Description: Join our Community Recreation team for our Kids Build and Play. On this edition of our build and play series, we will be celebrating spring by building birdhouses... We will have a variety of different colors of paint and accessories to add to your bird houses. This skill class is fun for the whole family. All supplies, materials and a snack pack will be provided. Register today as spaces are limited.

Provided: Bird houses kits, snack and paints

What to bring: Bob the Builder

Fee: \$6 per child

Register By: Monday, April 26 call
850-623-7032

or online

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

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**Wednesday, April 28th
4:30pm to 6:30pm**

CELEBRATE SPRING
BUILDING BIRDHOUSES

\$6 PER CHILD

Register
by April 19



Community Recreation

850-623-7032

MWR Events!

It's Kite Kit Week!

**FREE
KITE
KITS!**

Kite Kits

Date and Time: Monday - Friday,
April 12th -16th 9:00am -4:00pm

Location: Kit pick up locations at -
Community Recreation, 850-623-7032 and the
Library 850-623-7861

Description: Join the MWR team as we Celebrate
Month of the Military Child. Stop by the Community
Recreation front desk, or the Library to pick up a kite
making kit. Customize your kites and get them ready to
Fly on April 19th for our Military Child Kite Flying
Day.

Provided: FREE Kite Kits!

What to bring: Imagination

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**Month
of the
Military Child
Kites**

April 12-16

FREE KITE KITS

Visit us at the
Library or Community Recreation
to pick up a free kite kit!

**Library 850-623-7861
Community Recreation
850-623-7032**



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"Let's go fly a Kite" Day

**Celebrate!
ALL
DAY!**

**Let's Go
Fly a Kite**

**Monday,
April 19**

POST YOUR PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Show off your kites
as they soar in the air!



**Month
of the
Military Child**



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"Let's go fly a Kite" Day

Date and Time: Monday,
April 19th 9:00am -6:00pm

Location: MWR Facebook Page

Description: The MWR team Celebrates
Month of the Military Child with our "Let's go
Fly a Kite" event. Get ready to show off your
kites as they soar in the air. Show us your kite
on our MWR Facebook page. Post your
video's or photos of your kite flying in the air.
What better way to celebrate month of the
Military Child then spending the day flying
your customized kites.

What to bring: Kites

Fee: Free

Thank you to our sponsor

USAA <https://www.usaa.com>

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Virtual

Butterfly Project

Follow along this month as we observe the change of a caterpillar into a butterfly! We'll post weekly updates on Facebook. Stop by Community Recreation to pick up your free Observer Kit.

Then, observe the science of the butterfly with it's release and a flower planting.

For more information, contact us at the library 850-623-7861.



April
Butterfly
Project

FREE
Observation
Kit



Library

850-623-7861

Follow along
as we observe
the change of
a caterpillar
into a
butterfly!



Watch the
release and
flower planting!

Each week let us read two illustrated books to you. Our chosen themes are timely, and based on our libraries collection. We select from holidays and special events to all creatures great and small. So find a comfortable place and let us take you on an adventure!



New Story Time every Wednesday!
posted on our Facebook and YouTube

facebook

YouTube

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Visit our Youtube channel for all our videos:

["https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMGir5OcQTLzWe-5Ea3nLA/featured"](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMGir5OcQTLzWe-5Ea3nLA/featured).

You'll find a video playlist for topics of:

- Outdoor Recreation
- Story Time
- Fitness
- Do It Yourself Crafts and Projects



Story Time

Story Time is sponsored by:



Get Outdoors with MWR!

Guided Kayak Tour

Date and Time: Sunday, April 11th beginning at 11:00am

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: FREE – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Register: by April 8th at 850-741-8746 or online at

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



**Liberty patrons
see page 13**

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Trail Clean up and Scavenger Hunt

Date and Time: Saturday, April 17th beginning at 11:00am

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

Location: Meet us at the Clear Creek RV Park next to the front gate

Description: Please come in your favorite dinosaur hunting or dinosaur inspired outfit. Search for your dinosaur through the trail!

What to bring: Wear close-toed shoes, appropriate weather clothing, hat and sunscreen as needed.

Fee: FREE – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Register: by April 15th at 850-741-8746 or online at

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



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DINOSAURS

Get Outdoors with MWR!

River Float Trip

Date and Time: Sunday, April 25th beginning at 10:00am.

Eligibility: Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

Location: Meet us at Adventures Unlimited, 8974 Tomahawk Landing Rd, Milton, FL 32570

Description: Join us for a relaxing tube trip down the river.

What to bring: Please wear water safe clothing, sun screen, hat as needed.

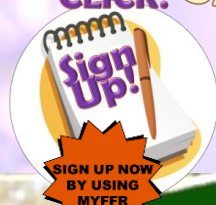
Fee: \$35

Register: by April 20th at 850-741-8746 or online at

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



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River Float Trip

Sunday April 25

Register by April 20th

JOIN US FOR A RELAXING TUBE TRIP DOWN THE RIVER

\$35 per person

Whiting Park

850-741-8746

MWR ACCREDITED PROGRAM

NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

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Liberty News

LIBERTY PROGRAM IS OPEN TO
ACTIVE DUTY AND GEO-BACHELORS

Intro to Kayak 18+*

Liberty (Active Duty E5 and below)

As part of the Guided Kayak Tour - SAQers come early at 10:00am.
Get an in-depth kayak lesson before our Kayak Tour.

Fee: FREE – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY APRIL 9TH**

To register for this free event, stop by or call Community Recreation at 850-741-8746.



Liberty's Bean Boozeled

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 14th 11:00am-1:00pm

Eligibility: Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

Location: In front of NAS Fitness Center

Description: Get ready to be Bean Boozeled!! Stop by the Liberty table at the Fitness Center to test your luck in our Liberty edition of Bean Boozeled. Take a guess on how many jelly beans are in our jelly bean jar. Winner who guesses the right amount of jelly beans, will win the jar of jelly beans and a Bean Boozeled game. Winner will be announced on Friday, April 16th



Trail Clean up and Scavenger Hunt

Liberty (Active Duty E5 and below)

Date and Time: Saturday, April 17th beginning at 8:00am

Volunteer opportunity to help clean the nature trail

Next to the RV Park. Join us at 8:00am to clean up then

Set up for scavenger hunt in afternoon - dinosaur themed for the kids.

Water and gloves will be provided.

Fee: FREE – **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY APRIL 15TH**

To register for this free event, stop by or call Community Recreation at 850-741-8746.



Liberty's OLF Art Challenge

Date and Time: Monday- Thursday, April 19-22

Eligibility: Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

Location: NAS Whiting Field Outlying Field locations

Description: Get ready to show off your art skill with our Purple Art bin. We are celebrating Month of the Military Child with our purple art contest. Create a sketch or mold some clay in our theme. We will post all your masterpieces on our Facebook page throughout the week.

What to bring: You're inner Bob Ross

Fee: Free



LIBERTY CENTER REMAINS CLOSED

To get involved call 850-741-8746
Email: xylene.lennon1@navy.mil

Fitness / Sports

FITNESS CENTER:

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 4:30am-9:00pm (active duty only)
Sat, Sun & Hol 8:00am-4:00pm

SERVICE NOTES:

- Maximum capacity is 60 persons. When we achieve max capacity, a 90-minute time limit will be enforced.
- All patrons must wear a mask at all times when not actively working out or if social distance can't be maintained
- No spotters
- No classes scheduled at this time

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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 ACTIVE DUTY ONLY

S/S- 0800-1600

HOLIDAY- 0800-1600

PHONE: 850.623.7412

www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com



Fitness News

Let us help you
Stay Fit!

Follow along on our



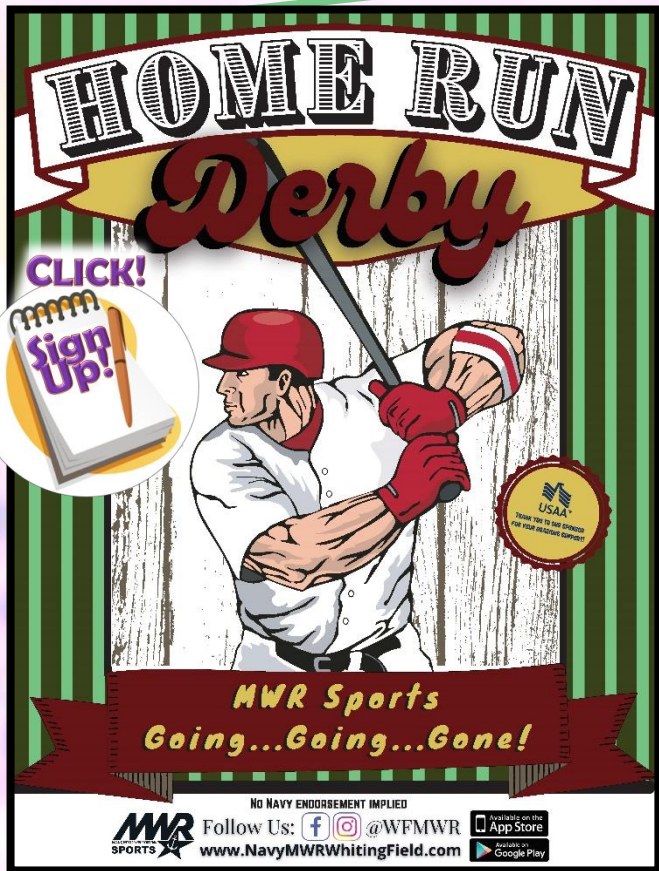
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for up to date info,
equipment highlights,
workout tips,
challenges,
and more!

Or download our APPs



Fitness / Sports



Home Run Derby

Join us at the Sports Complex:
Thursday, April 8, 9am-12pm
Thursday, April 15, 1pm-4pm
Thursday, April 22 5pm-8pm
Saturday, April 24 9am-11am

Sign up at our Fitness Center to participate. Come out and watch the heavy hitters swing for prizes. Thank you to our sponsor USAA
www.usaa.com.
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Pop-Up Challenges

Keep an eye out for our Fitness Team! They will be popping up with challenges and giveaways around base all month long!

GROUP FITNESS & SPORTS PROGRAMS REMAIN CLOSED

Food & Beverage

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

PATRONS: All Eligible Patrons

SERVICE NOTES:

- Take Out Only
- Credit Card only (no cash sales)
- Face coverings are required



North Field Snack Bar
850-623-2692
Mon-Fri 7:00am-1:00pm

**Located in the North
Field parking area**

Hello from South of the Border!

Try our standard burritos or be creative with our loaded burritos which give you a choice of meats, beans, rice, corn, sautéed vegetables and all the cold fixings! Guaranteed to leave you satisfied. We have ready made "grab and go" salads and daily specials too.

Northfield Snack bar is the place to go if you're looking for healthy options or you're trying to go gluten free, we have many great menu items to choose from. Come see us today!

Offering a little bit of everything!
We have many delicious breakfast sandwiches, burritos and omelets to choose from. In a hurry? We make fresh salads daily that are ready when you need them! Add to that a bowl of our homemade soups or chili and you have a quick meal on the go! Sit down for lunch and have a burger, Philly cheese steak, chicken strips, or wraps with some hot fries that are prepared especially for you.



South Field Snack Bar
850-623-6574
Mon-Fri 6:00am-7:00pm

**Located inside the South
Field Squadron Building**



**See all our
dining options!**

Visit our website for all our menus:
www.navymwrwhitingfield.com



Food & Beverage

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

PATRONS: All Eligible Patrons



Tower Café (Coffee Shop)
850 -623-7290
Mon-Fri 6:00am-1:30pm

Enjoy early morning treats and a tasty lunch in our Starbucks coffee shop! You can enjoy your favorite coffee beverage whether it's hot, iced, or frozen. Top it off with one of our gourmet pastries, muffins or biscuits and you can't go wrong. Lunch offerings of hot panini sandwiches and fresh designer salads are sure please.

SERVICE NOTES:

- Take Out Only
- Credit Card only (no cash sales)
- Face coverings are required

LIMITED TIME OFFER
at TOWER BOOKS & CAFE!
Designer Salads
at the Coffee Shop!



Jalapeno Pork Salad - Spring mix, shredded Mozzarella cheese, Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, shredded pork and topped with Spicy Jalapeno Ranch dressing
\$6.50

Italian Salad - Spring Mix, shredded Mozzarella cheese, ham, Genoa Salami, Pepperoni, tomatoes, onions, black olives, and Parmesan cheese (Balsamic Dressing is recommended)
\$6.00

Caprese Salad - Spring mix, Mozzarella, tomatoes, cucumbers Served with Balsamic Dressing
\$5.75

Side Salad - Spring Mix, shredded mozzarella cheese, cucumbers, black olives, tomatoes, onions & bacon
\$3.00

Garden Salad - Same as side salad only larger!
\$4.75

Add Meat: Chicken, Ham, Pork, or Beef
\$2.50

Dressing Choices: Ranch, Blue Cheese, Balsamic, Light Italian



See all our dining options!

Visit our website for all our menus:
www.navymwrwhitingfield.com



Community Recreation

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
- All patrons must wear a mask
- Credit Card Sales Only – No Cash Sales

PRICE LIST

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

PRICE LIST

Rental Equipment List

[Outdoor Recreation Rental Equipment.pdf](#)



Navy Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

We specialize in:
**Tickets • Cruises
Vacation Packages
Air • Car • Rail • Hotel**

Call (850) 665-6250 to let our travel professionals serve you!



CLEAR CREEK RV PARK

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

On Site Services available at the
Community Recreation Office

SERVICE NOTES:

- Reservations must be in advance and can be provided by calling the office at 850-623-7032 / 850-665-6250 or by calling the 24/7 call center at 877-628-9233 (877-NAVY-BED) or by accessing <https://get.dodlodging.net>

Clear Creek RV Park



Stay! Play! Relax!
www.navygetaways.com

- Personnel arriving from outside the local area (greater than 150 miles) will not be allowed on the installation for 14 days.



Navy General Library (Tower Books)

All patrons must enter the facility wearing a mask

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

PATRONS: All Eligible Patrons

- You can request an item by either calling the Library at 850-623-7861 or email the Library at whitingfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Each week let us read two illustrated books to you. Our chosen themes are timely, and based on our libraries collection. We select from holidays and special events to all creatures great and small. So find a comfortable place and let us take you on an adventure!

Visit our Youtube channel for all our videos:

["https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMGir5OcQTLzWe-5Ea3nLA/featured"](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMGir5OcQTLzWe-5Ea3nLA/featured).

You'll find a video playlist for topics of:

- Outdoor Recreation
- Story Time
- Fitness
- Do It Yourself Crafts and Projects



To view our catalog go to:

<https://eosfcweb01.eosfc->

intl.net/N94058/OPAC/TileStart.aspx

SERVICE NOTES:

- The Library IS NOW OPEN TO BROWSE RESOURCES
- No seating will be available
- Returned items are not available for at least 24 hours
- All patrons must wear a mask



New Story Time every Wednesday!
posted on our Facebook and YouTube

facebook

You Tube



Facility Updates

Whiting Park

Our beloved Whiting Park on the banks of the Blackwater River received substantial damage due to flooding from Hurricane Sally.

Whiting Park is closed as we salvage the facility. We will rebound as quickly as possible and keep you posted with more information as we move forward.



Whiting Park Recreation Area



- Camper rentals
- Boat rentals
- Grill & picnic
- Fishing pier & more

1000 Old River Road
Milton, FL 32583
850-623-2383

**CLOSED DUE TO
HURRICANE SALLY**

Florida Clean Marina Program

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
the Clean Boating Partnership recognizes:

**WHITING PARK MARINA NAS
MILTON, FLORIDA**

for your 3th Annual Renewal as a Clean Marina
September 17, 2018



Pamela Grainger, Program Manager
Clean Marina Program





Sam Chavers, Chairman
Clean Boating Partnership





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