

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

# BEACON

February NEWSLETTER 2021



Join in our activities  
starting on page 3  
- Read about our Chopped  
Competition on page 2



# Facility Updates

- 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.

Our events are "COVID Safe"

- Everyone wears a mask and we social distance with plenty of outdoor opportunities!



**MAINTAIN  
SOCIAL  
DISTANCE**

## On the Cover!



Our friendly Community Recreation and Fitness' Chopped Competition took place on Thursday, January 21 at our outdoor Sports Complex pavilion. The teams showed off their cooking skills just like the TV show. Each team received a basket with four mystery ingredients that had to be used to create their unique dishes. We started with the entree followed by an appetizer and finished off with dessert. The tasty competition lead to one winner who took home the first place \$100 prize courtesy of our sponsor We Insure "[weinsurespiceragency.com](https://weinsurespiceragency.com)"! -No endorsement implied



## For the Little Ones!



### CHARACTER BREAKFAST

### DRIVE-THRU

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

RESERVE  
A BREAKFAST  
BY CALLING  
850-623-7032

Enjoy a "To-Go"  
breakfast pack  
while you drive  
through Super Hero  
Avenue and Fairy  
Tale Lane.



DRIVE AROUND OUR  
BLUE ANGEL  
STATIC DISPLAY!



Wave hello to some of your favorite Super  
Heros and Fairy Tale Characters in our  
Drive-Thru Character Breakfast.

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Say hello to some of your favorite **Superheroes** and **Fairy Tale** characters in our drive-thru event around the Blue Angel display.

Register for your FREE "To-Go" breakfast pack: by February 27 at 850-623-7032 or online at

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

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# MWR Events!



SIGN UP NOW ... ONLINE *OR* CALL US

## DIY Sweets for my Sweet

**New Date!**

Tuesday, February 9  
4:30pm-6:30pm  
in Sikes Hall

\$25 per person  
Register by  
February 5



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### Community Recreation's DIY Sweets for my Sweet

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** NAS Whiting Field Sikes Hall

**Description:** Need a Valentine's Day gift for someone special? The Community Recreation Team has you covered with our DIY Sweets for my Sweet class. In this class you will learn how to make professional molded chocolate confections, while adding a personal touch. All supplies, materials and gift boxes for chocolates are provided. Register today as spaces are limited.

**Provided:** Price includes all supplies and a beverage ticket.

**What to bring:** Sweet tooth

**Fee:** \$25 per person

**Register:** by February 5 at 850-623-7032 or online

<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.ws/c/wbspash.html?wbp=1>



## Something Special for Valentines Day



### Community Recreation's Couples Paint and Sip

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** NAS Whiting Field Sikes Hall

**Description:** Spend the evening painting a master piece with your special someone. The Community Recreation team is celebrating love with a special Valentines edition of our Paint and Sip.

**Provided:** Price includes all supplies, instructor and a couple beverage tickets too!

**What to bring:** You're inner Bob Ross

**Fee:** \$40 per couple

**Register:** by February 8 at 850-623-7032 or online at

<https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.ws/c/wbspash.html?wbp=1>



### Couples Paint & Sip

On Wednesday

**February 10**

**4:30pm to 6:30pm**

*In Sikes Hall*

Register by February 8

*\$40 per couple*

*includes:*

- all supplies
- our instructor
- two drink tickets



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# Get Outdoors with MWR!

**SIGN UP NOW  
BY USING  
MYFFR**



## Spring Garden Series:

**Getting Your Garden Ready  
for Spring and Building a  
Raised Bed Garden**

*Thursday*

*February 25*

**Community Recreation**

**850-623-7032**

**Community Recreation's Spring Garden series:**

**Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring and Building a Raised Bed Garden**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** The Atrium

**Description:** Get your garden ready with our Spring Garden series. Join us as we learn to build mini raised garden beds. In this edition we will cover gardening preparation and methods, build your own mini raised garden bed, and learn how and what to plant in your new bed.

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Register:** by February 24 at 850-623-7032 or online at

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





# Get Outdoors with MWR!



**Intro to Hiking**  
**Saturday February 13**  
meet at 10:00am  
Alligator Park to Blackwater Creek  
Register by February 11

**COVID SAFE!**  
SIGN UP NOW BY USING MYFFR

Join us for an introduction to small hiking trails in the area. This trail is an out-and-back 6.7 mile hike good for all skill levels.

What to bring:  
Water  
Small Snacks  
Weather Appropriate Clothes  
Sunscreen  
Sunglasses  
Hat as needed  
Close-toed shoes

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NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

## Intro to Hiking

**Date and Time:** Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** Meet us at Blackwater River State Park at 7720 Deaton Bridge Road, Holt FL 32564.

**Description:** Join us for an introduction to small hiking trails in the area. This trail is an out-and-back 6.7 mile hike good for all skill levels. Meet us at Alligator Park as we venture to Blackwater Creek and then loop back.

**What to bring:** Water, Small Snacks, Weather Appropriate Clothes, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat as needed and Close-toed shoes

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

**Register:** by February 11<sup>th</sup> at 850-623-7032 or online at <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

## Golf Lesson: Swing Distance

**Date and Time:** Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 3:30pm

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** Meet us at the NAS Whiting Field Driving Range

**Description:** Join us for a lesson on getting more distance for your golf Swing. This lesson is roughly 2 hours in length.

When registering, please request our rental clubs if you do not have your own.

**What to bring:** Water, Weather Appropriate Clothes, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat as needed and Close-toed shoes

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

**Register:** by February 19<sup>th</sup> at 850-623-7032 or online at <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>



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Register by February 19

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What to bring:  
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Weather Appropriate Clothes  
Sunscreen  
Sunglasses  
Hat as needed  
Close-toed shoes

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NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD



**Intro to Biking**  
**Sunday February 28**  
meet at 12:00pm  
Blackwater Heritage Trail behind Truly Spoken  
Register by February 25

**COVID SAFE!**  
SIGN UP NOW BY USING MYFFR

Join us for an introduction to biking on Blackwater Trail. We will take a 3 mile out-and-back ride for a total of 6 miles.

What to bring:  
Water  
Small Snacks  
Weather Appropriate Clothes  
Sunscreen  
Sunglasses  
Hat as needed  
Close-toed shoes

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NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

## Intro to Biking

**Date and Time:** Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00pm

**Eligibility:** Military/ DOD ID card holders and family members

**Location:** Meet us at Blackwater Heritage Trail behind Truly Spoken, 5172 Stewart Street in Milton.

**Description:** Join us for an introduction to biking on Blackwater Trail. This is an out-and-back ride for a total of 6 miles.

**What to bring:** Your Bicycle, Water, Small Snacks, Weather Appropriate Clothes, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat as needed and Close-toed shoes

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

**Register:** by February 25<sup>th</sup> at 850-623-7032 or online at <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>



### Liberty's Anti Valentine's Day Celebration

**Date and Time:** Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. from 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Eligibility:** Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

**Location:** In front of the NAS Whiting Field Fitness Center

**Description:** Join the Liberty Team as we host our Anti Valentines celebration. We embrace our single status and will celebrate it Gallagher style. Stop by our table in front of the Fitness Center and smash some melons. "All is fair in love and war".

**Provided:** Sledge hammer, melons, and sharpies

**What to bring:** Heartbreak

**Fee:** Free



### Liberty's OLF "Fat Tuesday" Celebration

**Date and Time:** Tuesday - Friday, February 16-19

**Eligibility:** Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

**Location:** NAS Whiting Field OLF locations outreach

**Description:** Celebrate Mardi Gras with the Liberty Team, as we bring the fun to our OLF's. The Liberty team will be visiting all our OFL sites to celebrate Mardi Gras with DIY Gumbo, beads and King Cake.

**What to bring:** Party Hats

**Fee:** Free



### Liberty's DIY Tile Coaster

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.  
from 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Eligibility:** Single Active Duty Military/Geo-bachelors

**Location:** In front of the NAS Whiting Field Fitness Center

**Description:** Join the Liberty Team as we host a DIY Tile Coaster class. Stop by our table in the Fitness Center create and customize your own tile coaster

**Provided:** Art supplies, tile and instructions

**What to bring:** Your inner Martha Stewart

**Fee:** Free



## LIBERTY CENTER REMAINS CLOSED

To get involved call 850-623-7040 or  
e-mail [xylene.lennon1@navy.mil](mailto: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 person. When we achieve max capacity, a 90-minute time limit will be enforced.
- All patrons must wear a mask at all times except while using aerobic equipment
- No spotters
- No classes scheduled at this time



# Fitness News

Let us help you

## Stay Fit!

Follow along on our



WHO IS THE FITTEST IN THE SOUTHEAST?



## NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST

# NAUTICAL MILE CHALLENGE

### PRESENTED BY GEICO MILITARY

## MARCH 2021

RUN AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR GATHER A TEAM  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A TIMED  
INTERVAL RUNNING CHALLENGE

RUN A NAUTICAL MILE (6076 FT) WHILE  
COMPLETING VARIOUS STRENGTH INTERVALS  
ALONG THE WAY TO TEST YOUR CARDIO AND ENDURANCE.

SIGN UP ONLINE AT [WWW.NAVYMWRWHITINGFIELD.COM](http://WWW.NAVYMWRWHITINGFIELD.COM)  
OR CALL AT THE FITNESS CENTER AT 850-623-7412



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# Fitness / Sports

COULD YOU MAKE THE LEAGUE?



## Whiting Field Football Combine:

Whether you are an aging athlete, still at your peak, or just looking for something to do... Come out to the Track on February 13 and compete in our Combine! Just like the NFL, we want to see how you perform in 5 challenging events: Bench Press, Broad Jump, Vertical Jump, Shuttle Run, and 40 yard Dash. Sponsored by USAA – No endorsement implied Register at the Fitness Center: 850-623-7412

## MWR FITNESS PRESENTS... POP-UP CHALLENGES

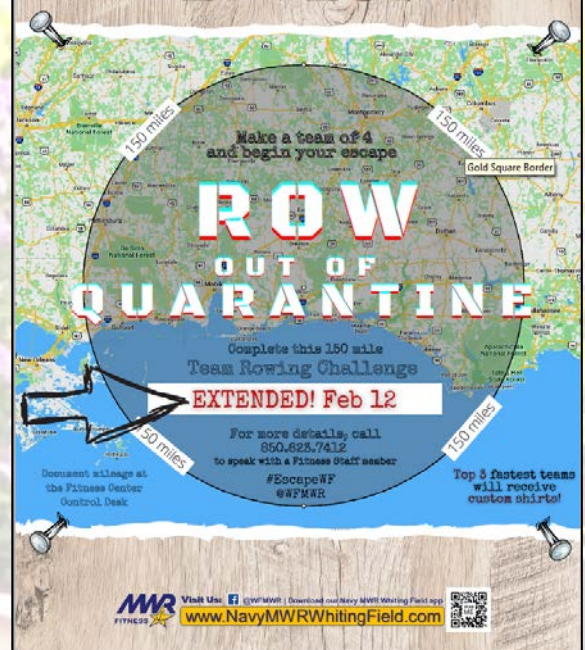
Keep an eye out for our Fitness Team! They will be popping up around base with challenges and giveaway's all month long!



MWR FITNESS Follow Us: @WFMWR  
www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com



## MISSION:



# GROUP FITNESS & SPORTS PROGRAMS REMAIN CLOSED



# Food & Beverage

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

**PATRONS:** All Eligible Patrons

### SERVICE NOTES:

- Take Out Only
- Credit Card only (no cash sales)
- Face coverings are required except while eating/drinking



**North Field Snack Bar**

850-623-2692

M-F 7:00am-1:00pm



**Tower Café (Coffee Shop)**

850-623-7290

M-F 6:00am-4:00pm



**SOUTH FIELD  
Snack Bar**

**South Field Snack Bar**

850-623-6574

Temporary Hours

Until Further Notice:

M-F 8:00am-7:00pm

Visit our website for all our menus:  
[www.navymwrwhitingfield.com/dining](http://www.navymwrwhitingfield.com/dining)



Visit our Dining Website!

**ACES PUB**  
(LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY INN)



**ACE'S PUB  
REMAINS CLOSED**

"ACES"



# Community Recreation

## COMMUNITY RECREATION

(Bldg. 1417 Operations)

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Friday

8:00am-4:00pm

**PATRONS:** All Eligible Patrons

**PRICE  
LIST**

Download our latest

[Tickets & Travel Brochure.pdf](#)



### 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

## 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](http://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

**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
- You can request an item by either calling the Library at 850-623-7861 or email the Library at [whitingfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:whitingfieldlibrary@gmail.com)
- Staff will continue to pull the books and call patrons when the items are ready for pickup



To view our catalog go to:

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



## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**January 1 – February 28**

Log your reading time on our site:

<https://whitingfield.beanstack.org>

**Open to all ages - Win Prizes!**





# 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
- Kayak & canoe rentals
- Fishing pier & more

**CLOSED DUE TO  
HURRICANE SALLY**

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

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







We'd like to hear from you!  
QUESTIONS - CONCERNS - COMMENTS

**3mins**  
is all it takes

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