

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

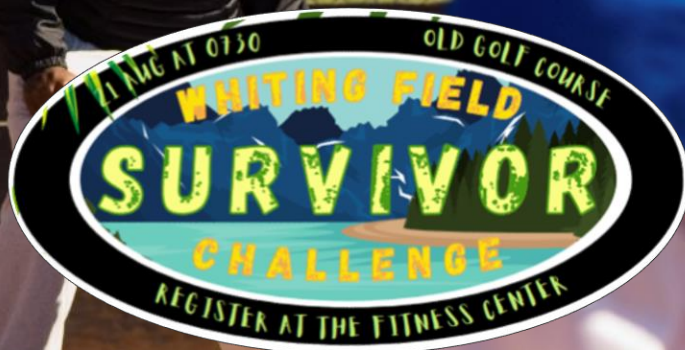
# BEACON

August

NEWSLETTER

2021

**SPECIAL EDITION**



# Get Outside!

**Join the Programs & Events**





# Program & Event Highlights

## Community Recreation

**Build and Play: Wood Toys (Sat, Aug 7 – pg3)**  
- \$10 per child

**Group Pontoon Course (Sun, Aug 8 and Sat, Aug 28 – pg4)**  
- \$ 10 Per person

**Paint & Sip (Wed, Aug 11 – pg3)**  
- \$25 per person

**Kayak the Blackwater River Tour (Sun, Aug 22 – pg4)**  
- \$10 per person



## Library

**Virtual Story Time (Every Wed – pg9)**  
- Join us on our YouTube channel

**Tower Book Club (Thu, Aug 26 – pg9)**  
- Join the lively discussion



## Fitness/Aquatics

**Whiting Survivor Challenge (Aug 21 – pg5)**  
- Free outdoor fitness challenge

**Softball Games (Every Wed, - pg6)**  
- Join the excitement of the games



**New pool hours on Aug 15**  
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## On the Cover!



Our outdoor programs are a **BIG HIT!**

Softball games take place week at the Sports Complex.  
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## WATCH FOR THESE ICONS!

**CLICK!**



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

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

# Programs & Events

Use MyFFR for online registration: <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/nrsewhitingfield.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

## Kids Build & Play Nature Quest

Saturday  
Aug 7, 11am-1pm

\$10 per  
child

Decorate  
Wood Toys!

Play on the Water!



850-623-7032

Register by:  
Aug 4

Community Recreation

## Kids Build & Play: NATURE QUEST

Decorate wooden toys then explore Blackwater River with our watercraft. Pre-staged kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards available for free at the event.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-1:00pm

**Location:** Whiting Park

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

**Fee:** \$10- per child

**Provided:** Price includes all supplies and use of our human powered watercraft.

CLICK!



**Fee:** \$10- **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY AUGUST 4**  
**Register:** Call Community Recreation at 850-623-7032

## Get creative with us!

Spend the evening painting your very own Cactus Themed masterpiece at our Paint and Sip. Our paint night will include an instructor lead paint night with all art supplies provided and a drink ticket.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm

**Location:** Sikes Hall

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

**Fee:** \$25- per person

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

**What to bring:** Inner Bob Ross

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## Cactus Theme Paint & Sip

Per Person  
\$25

Create your masterpiece  
of art at our Cactus Themed  
Paint and Sip Party!!

- Instructor-led
- All supplies included
- ... and drink ticket too!

Sign Up Now!

Community Recreation  
850-623-7032



4:30pm

**Sikes Hall**  
Wed, August 11

REGISTER BY  
Monday, Aug 9

**Fee:** \$25- **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY AUGUST 9**  
**Register:** Call Community Recreation at 850-623-7032



# Get Outdoors

## Learn the basics, then explore the Blackwater River!

### Group Pontoon Course

#### Date and Time:

Sunday, August 8 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday, August 28 12:00-2:00pm

**Fee: \$10-**

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY  
BY FRI, AUG 6 and FRI, AUG 27**



Prepare for pontoon renting with our group course. Our instructor will provide you with a walk-through of our Safe Boater Course. You will have a chance to see what we look for in the On-Water Practical and time to complete the Written Test. On-Water Practical will be individually scheduled at a later date with your instructor.

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

**Fee: \$10- REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY FRI, AUG 6 and FRI, AUG 27**

**Register:** Call Whiting Park at 850-623-2383

### Guided Kayak Tour

**Sunday  
August 22  
9am-2pm**



Soak up some sunshine. Learn the basics of kayaking from your guide. Use your new knowledge to explore the Blackwater River for a guided tour. We'll stop for lunch and relaxing on a sandbar before returning to Whiting Park.

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

**Fee: \$10- REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY AUGUST 20**

**Register:** Call Whiting Park at 850-623-2383

# Fitness / Sports

## FITNESS CENTER:

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 4:30am-9:00pm

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



## 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: 850.823.7412

### Follow us! eWFMWR

for up to date info,  
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workout tips,  
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and more!

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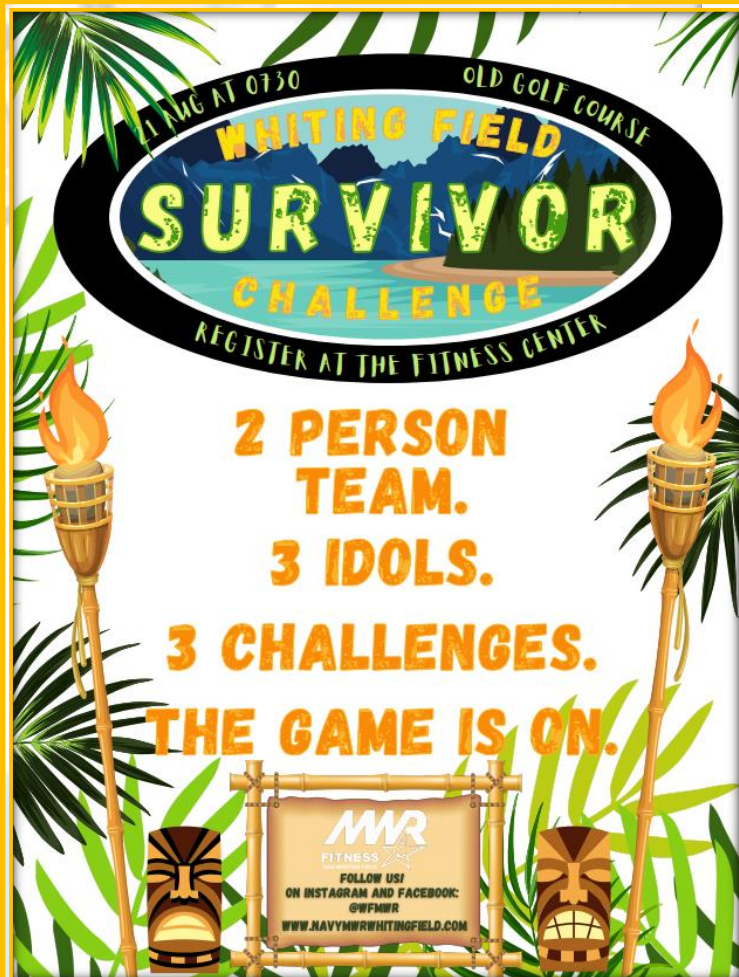
[www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com](http://www.NavyMWRWhitingField.com)

**In this game, fire  
represents your life ....  
do you have what it  
takes to outplay your  
opponents?**

Join the Fitness Team on  
Saturday, August 21 at  
7:30am at the Old Golf  
Course for your chance to  
drop your buffs, gain  
immunity, and survive this  
unique 5K!

**This challenge is on!**

**Register your team at the  
Fitness Center!**





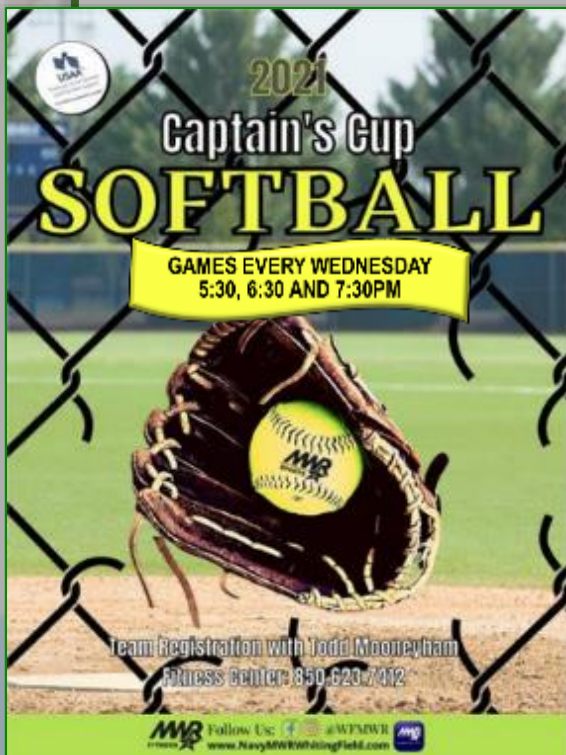
## Pop-up Challenges

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

Win  
Something  
Cool!!



## PLAY BALL!



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

Join the energetic fan club at the Sports Complex and root the teams on!  
Arrive early if you'd like to jump in an open spot on a team if one's available.

Thank you to our sponsor USAA!, to learn more about USAA please visit:  
[www.usaa.com/inet/wc/insurance-products](http://www.usaa.com/inet/wc/insurance-products).  
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Call the Fitness Center for details

**850-623-7412**



# Aquatics

**Lap Swim and Recreational Swim  
until Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

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.



## NEW POOL HOURS

**Effective Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

- Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm Recreation and Lap Swimming
- Sunday: 12:00pm-4:00pm Recreation and Lap Swimming
- Monday through Thursday: 6:00am-8:00am Lap Swimming
- Friday: Closed

# Join the Fun at the Biggest Pool in Town!

## Health Benefits of Swimming

- Keep cool while bringing your heart rate up - but takes the impact stress off your body.
- Helps maintain a healthy weight, healthy heart and lungs.
- Builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness.





# Liberty News

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

# Outlying Field Summer Celebration

**Dates:** August 23-26

We're brining the summer celebration to our Outlying Fields (OLF's) this month.

Our hardworking teams will enjoy a special treat. We'll be making the rounds to ensure the brave men and women of our OLF's receive the attention they deserve.

Thank you for your service!



# 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!**





# Navy General Library (Tower Books)

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

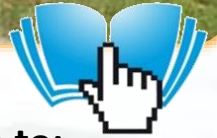
Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

**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](mailto:whitingfieldlibrary@gmail.com)



To view our catalog go to:

["https://milrec.bibliovation.com"](https://milrec.bibliovation.com)

## Join us for Virtual Story Time every Wednesday!



Visit our Youtube channel for all our videos:

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

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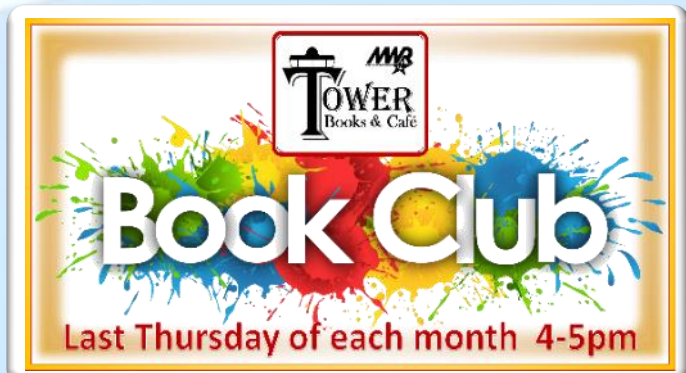
Call us for more information  
**850-623-7861**



## Be a part of the lively conversation!

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the library conference room. We will be discussing Dark Matter by Blake Crouch.

Visit the Tower Books & Café to pick up your book and get your name on the list.





## North Field Snack Bar, Bldg. 1492

**Phone: 850-623-2692**

Located next to the North Field hangars,  
featuring

“South of the Border” menu options.

Hours of operation: Mon-Fri, 7:00am-2:00pm

## Menu



## Menu

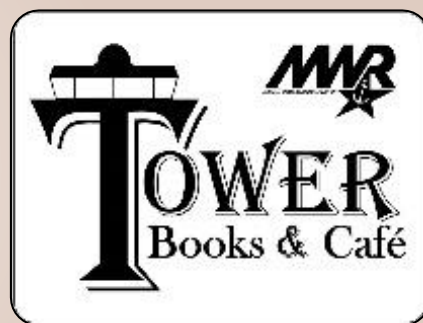


## Tower Café, Bldg. 2998

**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



**\$7.75**



## Chicken Bleu Salad

Choice of chicken or beef



Refreshing salad with tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles,  
candied pecans and bacon bits.  
Suggested dressing: Balsamic



## 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





# 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>



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## 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](#)

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# Whiting Park



## Whiting Park Recreation Area

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



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

## Be ready with the Boater Safety Course

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### "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](http://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](http://www.boatus.org/florida)

## We have pavilions with grills!

All of our boats are available for rent - including our motorized vessels. Enjoy a calm wading area and fishing pier or play volleyball, horseshoes, basketball and an assortment of other games too.

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)

**Have your credentials ready to use one of our power driven vessels.**

**Born after January 1, 1988? Those born after January 1, 1988 are required to provide proof of completion of the Florida state course.**

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

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



# 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.

CLICK!

EXPLORE!

## 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.

The range is open every day from sunrise to sunset.



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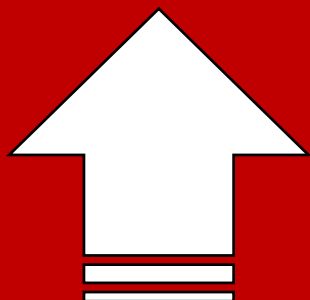
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