



What to do the week of April 8-14, 2019

**Kayak tour with GAEA Guides, Royal Palm Park, Fort Myers**

**Daily** – Take a guided kayak tour at Royal Palm Park and see birds along the Caloosahatchee River and creeks. Roseate spoonbills, pelicans, great blue herons, tri-colored herons, snowy egrets, great egrets and more. Reservations required.

*\$50, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Royal Palm Park, 300 Royal Palm Park Road, Fort Myers, GAEA Guides, 239-694-5513, gaeaguides.com*

**Nature & sea life cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, Sanibel**

**Daily** – Enjoy a naturalist-led excursion through the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay, located in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Look for manatees, dolphins birds and more. Touch tanks also included.

*\$23 adults, \$15 children, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, reservations recommended, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 900 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, 239-472-8900, tarponbayexplorers.com*

**Shell crafting, Sanibel Community House, Sanibel**

**Mondays** – Shell-crafting lessons are held for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Shell crafters are on site for visitors to spend as much time as they want to learn, view and purchase.

*10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*

**‘Richard Tsao: Accidental Designer,’ Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center, downtown Fort Myers**

**Through April 23** – This retrospective art show tells the story of artist Richard Tsao’s parallel career as a designer of women’s apparel. He creates jewel-toned jackets, inspired by the rich palette of handwoven Thai silk. The exhibit also includes a pop-up shop.

*\$1, Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, 239-333-1933, sbac.com*

**Garden tours, Berne Davis Gardens, downtown Fort Myers**

**Tuesdays through May 21** – A project of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council that features guided tours through areas of bromeliads, hibiscus, rare and tropical fruit.

*Free admission and parking, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, 239-332-4942, fmlcgardencouncil.com*

**Cruise to Tarpon Lodge and Calusa Indian Mounds, Pine Island**

**Tuesdays** – Cruise to Pine Island for lunch at the historic Tarpon Lodge, then take a guided walking tour of the Calusa Indian Mound Trail. While on Pine Island Sound, get an up-close look at the fish shacks and observe fish and marine life during the trawling net segment of this cruise experience. Reservations required.

*\$35 child, \$45 adult, lunch is additional, 10 a.m. cruise departs from McCarthy's Marina, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva and returns at 3 p.m., 239-472-5300, [captivacruzies.com](http://captivacruzies.com)*

**'Million Dollar Quartet,' Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers**

**April 9-14, 16-21** – One night in Memphis, record producer Sam Phillips brought Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley together for a jam session that changed music history.

*Ticket prices and times vary, Florida Repertory Theatre, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, [floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org)*

**'Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical,' Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers**

**April 9-14, 16-21, 23-28, 30, May 1-5, 8-12** – Spend a year with the thrift shop's loveable, yet quirky, group and see how they band together to save the store and in the process, discover it's not just old treasures that are getting second chances.

*Ticket prices and times vary, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com)*

**Crafts for kids, Miromar Outlets, Estero**

**Wednesdays** – Toddlers to age 12 can participate in fun activities at WINK Playland.

*Free, 10 a.m.-noon, Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-948-3766, [miromaroutlets.com](http://miromaroutlets.com)*

**Haunted History Tour and River District History Tour, downtown Fort Myers**

**Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** – The Haunted History Tour is a paranormal tour of historic downtown Fort Myers. The tour acquaints visitors with the colorful personalities of the founders of Fort Myers. Reservations required.

*\$14, Haunted History Tour, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays; \$13, River District History Tour, 6 p.m. Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. All True Tours Historical Walking Tours begin and end at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First St., downtown Fort Myers, 239-945-0405, [truetours.net](http://truetours.net)*

**Gopher Tortoise Day, Koreshan State Park, Estero**

**April 10** – Celebrate the third annual Gopher Tortoise Day with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at Koreshan State Park. Learn about Florida's

only native tortoise during a 10 a.m. talk and walk led by park naturalist Dr. Pamela Jones-Morton. The FWC will have a camera set inside a burrow so visitors can see inside. The timing is great as gopher tortoises are active now through May, leaving their underground burrows in search of a mate and spring greenery to eat.

*10 a.m.-noon, Gopher Tortoise Day, Koreshan State Park, 3800 Corkscrew Blvd., Estero, 239-992-0311, [floridastateparks.org/koreshan](http://floridastateparks.org/koreshan)*

### **9<sup>th</sup> annual Fort Myers Film Festival**

**April 10-14** – The Fort Myers Film Festival screenings will be held across Lee County at venues including Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Florida SouthWestern College and IMAG. The film festival kicks off with a black tie, red carpet opening night gala at 7 p.m. April 10 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center. The opening night film will be “A Man and His Trumpet: The Leroy Jones Story.”

*Visit [Fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://Fortmyersfilmfestival.com) for a complete listing of events and screenings*

### **Fort Myers Film Festival screenings, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers**

**April 11** – “The Great Train Robbery,” an Edison silent film, “A Tale of Two Halgrims,” a short production about the site's first director and “Coach,” a feature about a woman soccer coach who breaks through the glass ceiling of a male-dominated sport will be shown under the stars on the Ford estate lawn. Cash bar. Seating is first-come, first-served; guests may bring a folding chair or blanket.

*\$5 Edison Ford members, \$10 nonmembers (admission to the site is not included), 7:30 p.m., [EdisonFord.org](http://EdisonFord.org), 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, [edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://edisonfordwinterestates.org)*

### **‘Andorra,’ Laboratory Theater of Florida, downtown Fort Myers**

**April 11-14, 18-20** – A parable about racism and prejudice in the fictional town of Andorra.

*Ticket prices and times vary, Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, [laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://laboratorytheaterflorida.com)*

### **RV SuperSaver Show, CenturyLink Sports Complex, Fort Myers**

**April 12-14** – This three-day event features six dealers from throughout Florida’s Gulf Coast displaying a wide selection of new, used and leftover recreation vehicles of all styles, brands and prices. Sponsored by Region One of the Florida RV Trade Association. Free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., RV SuperSaver Show, CenturyLink Sports Complex, 14100 6 Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, 239-482-6006, [frvta.org/shows](http://frvta.org/shows)

### **Mystery Walk, downtown Fort Myers**

**April 12** – The second Friday of the month means it is time for the Mystery Walk. Search

for clues throughout downtown and enter for a chance to win prizes at this family-friendly event.

*Free, 6-8 p.m. Mystery Walk check-in at the corner of First and Hendry streets in front of Iberia Bank, [myriverdistrict.com](http://myriverdistrict.com)*

**Pasta for a Purpose, Southwest Florida Military Museum, Cape Coral**

**April 13** – This fifth annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser benefits the Southwest Florida Council of the Blind and the Southwest Florida Military Museum. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad and beverages. The dinner will also have live entertainment, 50/50 drawing, raffle and cash bar.

*4-7 p.m., \$10 advance, \$12 door, Pasta for a Purpose, Southwest Florida Military Museum, 4820 Leonard St., Cape Coral, 239-541-8704, [veterans-foundation.org/events](http://veterans-foundation.org/events)*

**Breakfast with Bunny, Coconut Point Mall, Estero**

**April 13** – This family-friendly event includes goody bags, raffle and kids can get pictures taken with the Easter bunny. \$12 per person includes breakfast pizza for adults, CPKids meal for children at California Pizza Kitchen. Reserve by April 10, 239-498-7667, [cpk0257@cpk.com](mailto:cpk0257@cpk.com).

*9-10:30 a.m., Breakfast with Bunny, Coconut Point Mall, 23106 Fashion Drive, Estero, 239-992-9966, [simon.com/mall/coconut-point/news-and-events](http://simon.com/mall/coconut-point/news-and-events)*

**Horse interaction day & Easter egg hunt, Saddlewood Horse Club, Cape Coral**

**April 13** – Children ages 2 to 15 will have the chance to pet, groom and feed horses, and enjoy pony/horse riding in the covered riding arena. Event includes a bounce house, lunch, live horse painting, Easter egg hunt and treat bags and more. Pre-register by phone or e-mail [info@capehorses.com](mailto:info@capehorses.com).

*\$20 per child includes lunch, two sessions from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Saddlewood Horse Club, 16111 Saddlewood Lane, Cape Coral, 239-738-9300, [CapeHorses.com](http://CapeHorses.com)*

**Easter egg hunt, North Fort Myers Community Park, North Fort Myers**

**April 13** – Enjoy an Easter egg hunt, refreshments, goodie baskets, prizes and get your photo taken with the Easter bunny.

*\$5 per child, 9-11 a.m., North Fort Myers Community Park, 2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, 239-533-7275*

**Easter egg hunt, Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, Fort Myers**

**April 13** – Join us for an EGG-ceptional Easter event at Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center with snacks, crafts, games, pictures with the Easter bunny, vendors and annual egg hunt. The egg hunt will begin at 10:30 a.m.

*\$5 per child (cash only), 10 a.m.-noon, Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers, 239-432-2154*