



What to do the week of June 10-16, 2019

Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week

Through June 12 – From Cape Coral to Marco Island, Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week celebrates dining out at an affordable price in Lee and Collier counties. Participating restaurants will be offering three-course, prix-fixe dinner menus with upgrades and deals starting at \$26 or \$36. A dollar from every meal goes to the Sizzle SWL FGCU Food & Beverage Scholarship.

SizzleSWFL.com

Summer Reading Program at Lee County libraries

Through Aug. 10 – During the Summer Reading Program, all children and teens will get a free book when they visit a Lee County library, while supplies last. All programs are free and open to the public, but tickets or advanced registration may be required, depending on the location.

leegov.com/library/summer-reading-program

Nature & sea life cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, Sanibel

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

\$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

Everglades ecotour, Everglades Day Safari, from Fort Myers

Daily – Take a naturalist-guided day trip into the Everglades. Enjoy an amazing wildlife adventure aboard an airboat, a wildlife drive through Big Cypress National Preserve, a nature walk through a cypress forest and a boat cruise in the mangrove forest. Lunch included. Reservations required.

\$165, 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. from Fort Myers, 239-472-1559, ecosafari.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. Cost includes materials used, such as glue, shells, wire, etc.

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

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, captivacruz.com

Summer Movie Express at Regal Cinemas

June 11-12 – Family-fun movies are playing Tuesdays and Wednesdays as part of Regal Cinema's Summer Movie Express. This week, "Despicable Me" and "Turbo" will be playing both days.

\$1 admission, 10 a.m., Regal Belltower Stadium 20, 13499 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, and Regal Gulf Coast Stadium 16 & IMAX, 10038 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers, regmovies.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

Reading in the refuge, J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel

Wednesdays – As part of a 45-minute reading-and-crafts session, attendees learn about a refuge animal and make a take-home craft related to it.

10 a.m., Visitor & Education Center classroom, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel, 239-472-1100

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

'Little Shop of Horrors,' Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers

June 12-15 – Meek floral assistant Seymour stumbles across a new breed of plant that he names Audrey II – after his coworker (and crush). This sassy, R&B-singing plant

promises everlasting fame and fortune, as long as Seymour keeps feeding it its special diet.

Ticket prices and times vary, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, broadwaypalm.com

'The Legend of Georgia McBride,' The Laboratory Theater of Florida, downtown Fort Myers

June 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 - In this sassy Southwest Florida premiere, a broke young Elvis impersonator gets fired from his job at a Florida bar and transforms himself into a lip-syncing drag queen.

\$28, times vary, The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, laboratorytheaterflorida.com

Mystery Walk, downtown Fort Myers

June 14 – 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

Festival of Kites, Babcock Ranch

June 15 – Make, fly and learn about beautiful, colorful kites. This family-friendly event features a day of fun, food trucks and music, along with free kite kits for children while supplies last.

Free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Babcock Ranch, Founder's Square, 42851 Crescent Loop, 877-709-6620, babcockranch.com

Free for dads on Father's Day, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers

June 16 – This is a great way for visitors to enjoy the day with their fathers. Free admission includes a self-guided audio tour of the winter estate homes, museum, laboratory and more than 20 acres of botanical gardens.

Also, a summer deal at the estates for families, now through Sept. 2, lets visitors bring a child, age 12 and under, for free. One child will be admitted free per one paid adult self-guided audio tour ticket (\$25). Ask for the discount at the ticket counter.

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, EdisonFord.org.

Day of the Dad Cookout, The Shell Factory and Nature Park, North Fort Myers

June 16 – Free admission to the Nature Park for all dads, first zip line ride is free for dads and free mini golf for the family.

Noon-4 p.m., *The Shell Factory and Nature Park*, 2787 N Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, 239-995-2141 Ext. 110