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## FRIENDS OF FLORIDA STATE PARKS

### Junior Ranger Classes at Lake Talquin State Park

Recently, Yellow Buses in the Parks funding was able to cover the bus transportation costs so that an entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade class was able to participate in the Junior Ranger Program at Lake Talquin State Park located in the Tallahassee area of Florida.

The Florida State Parks Junior Ranger Program provides the opportunity for young people to learn,serve and share our parks' natural and cultural resources. After completing six core activities the Junior Ranger Pledge is recited and each child receives a Certificate, Member ID Card and the Official Junior Ranger PASSPORT.



Read more [here](#).

### Friends of Camp Helen State Park - Winner of the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) of 2016

Florida State Parks could not maintain the high level of service to Florida's citizens and visitors without the work of volunteers. There are approximately 85 CSOs each devoted to supporting a specific state park or sometimes a group of parks located in the same vicinity. Each year the Florida Park Service nominates CSOs who have especially gone above and beyond and a committee of the Friends of Florida State Parks pick the winner. Friends of Camp Helen State Park is the deserving winner for 2016.



Read more [here](#).

### Florida Park Service Opens New Entrance to Fort Zachary Taylor State Park

**KEY WEST, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service joined Naval Air Station Key West, the city of Key West and other local representatives for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new entrance to [Fort Zachary Taylor State Park](#). The new entrance includes a new access route for pedestrians and vehicles leading into the park, a new ranger station and a new ticket booth for pedestrians and bicyclists. Other improvements that were part of the \$1.7 million project include a new road, sidewalks, bike lanes, the installation of a new entry gate, an ornamental security fence and new lighting.



Read more [here](#).

## State Park Discounts for Families with Foster Children

Effective July 1, 2017

- Families operating a licensed family foster home are eligible to receive:
  - A Florida State Parks Family Annual Entrance Pass at no charge(available annually).
  - A 50% discount on base campsite fees at Florida State Parks.
- Families who adopt a special needs child from the Department of Children and Families are eligible to receive:
  - A one-time Family Annual Entrance Pass at no charge at the time of adoption.



## The Outsiders Club Premieres June 3rd

Florida State Parks are working to engage a younger and more diverse audience in resource-based recreation. One way we are doing this is through a partnership with Crawford Entertainment. Staff and producers spent the last three months traveling the state and filming some of its most beautiful locations. This has resulted in the second season of The Outsiders Club. This Florida-based show promotes outdoor activities to children.

Each of the ten episodes will begin and end in a Florida State Park and feature children teaching other children all about a park activity and the great things offered by Florida State Parks.

The episodes will be available on broadcast, cable and digital television beginning June 3, 2017. Visit [www.TheOutsidersClub.com](http://www.TheOutsidersClub.com)





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