

# PLAY ON SRO

## FREE ACTIVITIES THIS JULY

### **Parks Scavenger Hunt**

#### **July, Sarasota County Parks and Preserves**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free
- Find the clues, take a photo, join the fun and win a prize! Check [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ParkSelfie> for contest details...and get entered to win a prize!

### **Dr. C.B. Wilson Open House**

#### **Saturdays at Urfer Family Park**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free  
Saturdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Docents are available to answer your questions as you tour the first floor of the historic Dr. C.B. Wilson House to learn about Dr. Wilson and other fascinating historical aspects of Sarasota County. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

### **Kids' Summer Beach Runs**

#### **Tuesdays in July at Siesta Beach ,**

#### **Wednesdays in July at Brohard Beach**

- Ages: Up to 18 / Fee: Free / 5:30-7 p.m. Weekly
- This one-mile fun run for kids, presented by New Balance Sarasota and Sharky's On The Pier, is a summer favorite and a great opportunity for families to exercise together and have fun at the beach! Weekly registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with race time at 6:30 p.m. Kids receive a participation ribbon and ice pop at each run. Complete four runs and earn a free custom T-shirt and a New Balance 50 percent off kids shoe voucher.

### **Venice Train Depot Tours**

#### **Saturdays in July at Venice Train Depot**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / Saturdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Join the Venice Area Historical Society on a tour of the historic Venice Train Depot and Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park. The depot was completed in 1927 and was restored in 2003. Features include: Walker and Gillette architecture, exhibits of Venice history, tours of the Rollins W. Coakley campus, the Red Caboose, the Gunther Gebel-Williams statue, and access to the Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway. For tour information or to accommodate a large group, call 941-412-0151 or email [EJGPA4@gmail.com](mailto:EJGPA4@gmail.com).

### **Free Swimming**

#### **Saturdays in July at Arlington Park**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free  
Saturdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, noon-5 p.m.
- No registration necessary.

### **Free Tennis**

#### **Fridays in July at Payne Park Tennis Center**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, After noon
- No registration necessary.

### **Saturday Mornings at the Nature Center**

#### **Saturdays, July 1 and July 8 at Shamrock Park**

#### **Nature Center**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 9 a.m.-noon
- Master Naturalist Janie Ewell will have "Flying Wild" displays for families to experience hands-on activities about Florida birds, conservation and local birding resources for all ages. So bring the kids to the park and stop by and see us! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian.

### **Community Fireworks Show**

#### **Tuesday, July 4 at Siesta Beach, Venice Beach, Blind Pass Beach and North Jetty**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 7-10 p.m.
- Celebrate our nation's independence with your feet in the sand as the spectacular fireworks display lights up the sky. For more information call 941-861-5000.

### **Demonstration Garden Tour**

#### **Thursday, July 6 at Shamrock Park and Nature Center**

- Ages: 18 and up / Fee: Free / 9 a.m.
- Join master gardeners on a tour of the demonstration garden at Shamrock Park as they provide advice on Florida-friendly landscaping. No registration necessary.

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## **Lemon Bay F.I.S.H. Project**

### **Saturday, July 8 at Lemon Bay Park Amphitheater**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Calling all F.I.S.H. – Folks Interested in Submerged Habitats. Join American Littoral Society Biologist Chuck Idelberger on a search for marine life in Lemon Bay. Using hand and seine nets, you will search shallow waters and sea grass beds; observing, collecting and discussing the natural history of some of the many interesting fishes and other animals that inhabit Lemon Bay. Meet at the amphitheater just north of the main building. Pre-registration is required. For details and to register, call Chuck Idelberger at 941-488-8998.

## **Full Moon Walk**

### **Monday, July 10 at Red Bug Slough Preserve**

- Ages: 12 and up / Fee: Free / 7:45-9:15 p.m.
- Join Sarasota County Environmental Specialist Jeff Weber on a moonlit hike as you learn about customs, superstitions and natural phenomena related to the moon. Bring a flashlight and insect repellent. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

## **T-REC Water Exercise**

### **Mondays, July 10 and July 24 at Arlington Park**

- Ages: 16 and up / Fee: Free / 11-11:45 a.m.
- All teens and adults with disabilities, families and caregivers are invited to attend. Each class will include a warm-up and cool down. Swim noodles will be utilized. RSVP to 941-486-2753.

## **Guided Historic Mansion Tour**

### **Wednesdays, July 12 and July 26 at Phillippi Estate Park**

- Ages: 12 and up / Fee: Free / Wednesdays, July 12, 26, 10 a.m.
- Take a trip through the past with a guided tour of Edson Keith Mansion. This Italian Renaissance mansion was built in 1916 as a private residence and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tour begins promptly at 10 a.m. For details call 941-316-1309.

## **T-REC Summer Celebration**

### **Wednesday, July 12 at Venice Community Center**

- Ages: 13 and up / Fee: Free / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- This indoor event is free for all teens and adults with disabilities as well as their caregivers and families. There will be music, activities and fun! Bring your lunch, but save room for the infamous ice cream sundae bar. RSVP to 941-486-2753.

## **Slither and Hiss: Florida's Snakes**

### **Thursday, July 13 at Rothenbach Park Pavilion**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 10-11 a.m.
- Snakes have long been the objects of fascination, fear and even revulsion. In the natural world, snakes perform valuable environmental services that benefit other species and even the human population! Join a Parks Naturalist to learn about Florida's variety of snakes, how to identify common snake species and how to live with snakes in your home landscape. Children welcome! Be prepared to see live snakes! For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

## **Fitness in the Park: Fit as a Fiddle for 50-plus**

### **Friday, July 14, 21, 28 at Urfer Family Park**

- Ages: 12 and up / Fee: Free / 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Join us for a walk to improve health, balance and overall fitness. This is a gentle workout and not for advanced fitness buffs. Wear comfortable athletic shoes and sun protection and/or hat and bring water. Be prepared to walk 1 - 2 miles on paved and relatively even unpaved trails. No registration necessary.

## **Seasons and Serendipity**

### **Friday, July 14 at Shamrock Park and Nature Center**

- Ages: 50-plus / Fee: Free / 8-10 a.m.
- Join master naturalists and Shamrock Park staff as they stroll trails that rely on changing seasons to bring us new flowers, birds' nests, insects and animal activity. For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

## **Summer FUNgus Nature Walk**

### **Tuesday, July 18 at Pinecraft Park**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 9-11 a.m.
- Look beyond the wildflowers to the often overlooked seasonal diversity of mushrooms, lichen, shelf fungus and slime molds. Parks Naturalist Ray Vinson will explain the important role fungus plays in the hardwood forests of Southwest Florida. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen and bring water and magnifying glass. For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

## **Summer FUNgus Nature Walk**

### **Wednesday, July 19 at Sleeping Turtles Preserve North**

- Ages: All ages / Fee: Free / 9-11 a.m.
- Look beyond the wildflowers to the often overlooked seasonal diversity of mushrooms, lichen, shelf fungus and slime molds. Parks Naturalist Ray Vinson will explain the important role fungus plays in the hardwood forests of Southwest Florida. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen and bring water and magnifying glass. For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

## **Fire Effects: How Prescribed Fire Benefits Habitats and Humans**

### **Thursday, July 27 at Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center**

- Ages: 12 and up / Fee: Free / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Join wildland firefighters for a program on prescribed fire and how it benefits you, our wildlife and our natural areas. Learn how you can protect your home from wildfire, how wildlife survives a fire and the benefits of prescribed fire. The program will take place in the classroom, followed by a walk to the site of a recent wildfire. For details and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

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