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Chamber Connection

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Countdown to 39th Annual Florida Manatee Festival!

The Florida Manatee Festival returns for its 39th year to the Manatee Capital of the World, downtown Crystal River, on Saturday and Sunday, January 17th and 18th. Produced by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to welcome Coast to Coast Heating and Air as our presenting sponsor for the second year in a row.

Consistently rated by attendees as one of the best outdoor events in Citrus County, the Florida Manatee Festival offers something for everyone.

Come hungry and thirsty because the festival is serving it up in more ways than one. Festivalgoers can enjoy two food courts and two beer and wine gardens located throughout the festival grounds, featuring a wide variety of delicious cuisine to satisfy every craving. And back again this year, guided kayak tours will be offered at the festival for a nominal fee with Paddle Tails! Tour guides will take you on a tour of the bay and Hunter Springs area, giving a first-hand glance at the beauty of our Nature Coast!

Free transportation and admission to Three Sisters Springs and the new Friends of the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge visitor's center will also be included in your festival entry! Buses will be picking up and dropping off from the gate at 5th Street from 9AM - 2:30PM both days. World-famous Three Sisters Springs is the perfect setting to view the majestic manatee in its natural environment without getting your feet wet! Hundreds of manatees flock to the

springs every year during Manatee Season (November 15th - March 31st) as refuge from the cold, utilizing the springs' consistent 72-degree waters to regulate their body temperature at a healthy level.

Musical entertainment will be ongoing both days from four entertainment areas. Saturday, the Alexander Real Estate Waterfront Main Stage features The British Rock Invasion (Foreigner Experience as Foreigner and Bad Inc. as Bad Company), and on Sunday you won't want to miss Moonflower "Spirit of Santana". You'll also catch incredible performances throughout the weekend from Hippy Gypsy, Scott Lockhart, Sada Davidson Band, Money for Nothin', and more!

Additionally, a vast array of fine art, craft, marketplace, and non-profit vendors will line the streets on both the north and south sides of downtown. "Art in the Park" will be held in Crystal River's beautiful Town Square, offering the perfect setting to browse and purchase an original piece of art for your home, business, or as a wearable piece of jewelry that will be a treasure of special meaning forever.

For the kiddos, a Kids Zone and fun activities will span throughout the festival including inflatables, face painting, balloon pop, spider jump, and more! With something to please everyone, the 39th Annual Florida Manatee Festival is the place to go!

For more information: www.GoManateeFest.com

FLORIDA MANATEE FESTIVAL

39TH ANNUAL FLORIDA MANATEE FESTIVAL

JANUARY 17TH & 18TH, 2026
SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | SUNDAY 9AM-4PM
\$10 ADULTS | 12/UNDER FREE
\$5 ENTRY SUNDAY ONLY WITH CHRONICLE COUPON!

- 4 ENTERTAINMENT STAGES
- FREE ENTRY TO THREE SISTERS SPRINGS
- GUIDED KAYAK TOURS
- MANATEE BOAT TOURS
- ART IN THE PARK
- 2 BEER & WINE GARDENS
- 2 FOOD COURTS
- CRAFT VENDORS

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FREE PARKING/SHUTTLE AT CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL & MEADOWCREST GOVERNMENT BUILDING

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 01/08 January Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm - 7:00pm; (members only), Bayside Grille
- 01/09 January Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am - 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 01/17-01/18 Florida Manatee Festival; Downtown Crystal River
- 01/22 Annual Citrus County Legislative Day; Tallahassee

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

The Dwelling Place Counseling Center Inc.



Welcome to the Chamber, The Dwelling Place Counseling Center Inc.! A sanctuary for those seeking healing and growth, this private family practice specializes in trauma-informed counseling for individuals, couples, and families. Their dedicated counselors go beyond symptom management, helping clients uncover the root causes of trauma and guiding them on a transformative journey of self-discovery. With a deep commitment to each client's well-being, they empower individuals to rediscover their authentic selves. Located at 8368 W Balloon Lane, Crystal River, FL 34428, you can reach them at (352) 697-4147. We're proud to welcome such a compassionate and impactful practice to our Chamber community!

Crystal River Escape Room



Welcome to the Chamber, Crystal River Escape Room! You have 60 minutes to break free in a thrilling, immersive adventure where you work together to uncover clues, solve puzzles, and escape before time runs out. They host private group games with no outsiders in your room, offer special pricing on weekdays, and accommodate up to 7 people per room. Games must be booked in advance at least 2 hours ahead, and participants can exit at any time if needed. Find them at 8740 W Mayo Drive, Crystal River, FL, or call (352) 228 4084. We're excited to welcome this exciting, mind bending experience to our Chamber community!

CITRUS COUNTY Chamber of Commerce

JANUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

01/09/26 | 11:30 AM

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

MINDING YOUR BUSINESS

Chamber Membership 411

CAMPBELL & COMPANY

Also join us for the swearing in of our 2026 Chamber Board Officers

January Luncheon: Chamber 4-1-1

Join us for our annual Chamber 4-1-1 luncheon, where our staff will share the many different networking, promotion, and advocacy programs of the Chamber and how you can utilize them to get the most out of your Chamber membership!

Additionally, we will be installing our 2026 Chamber Board officers.

Details:

January 9th, 2026; 11:30am-1pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
Networking: 11:30am-12pm
Program/Speaker: 12pm-1pm
Sponsor: Campbell & Company Wealth Advisors and Certified Public Accountants

Pricing:

\$30 - members
\$35 - Non-members
Advanced reservations are required, online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com. No walk-ups will be accepted.

Chamber Legacy Members

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