

IT'S TIME TO CAMP!

The annual Fort Desoto Campout is April 24th-26th!

Get your sites reserved now!

What is it?

Every year St. Paul families get together for a weekend of camping, swimming, biking, and family fellowship at Ft. Desoto campgrounds.

If you've been before, you know how much the park has to offer. If you've never been, you are in for a treat! Besides campsites that offer water, electric, and bathroom and shower facilities, Fort Desoto park has some of the best beaches in Florida, miles of bike trails, canoe/kayak trails, a historic fort, fishing areas and boat launches! Pretty much a big outdoor playground! (Oh yeah, there's also a playground!)

What should I bring?

- Standard camping gear, including tent, sleeping bags, flashlights, camp chairs, toiletries, etc. is a must! (If you don't have it, ask around. There are folks with stuff to share.)
- Coolers with food for every meal. **Families are responsible for their own dining arrangements**, though partnering up with someone is always a good plan. There are charcoal grills on each site, but you have to bring your own charcoal and utensils/plates/cups. The Pack *may* host a Sunday morning breakfast or "coffee", depending on interest (see item on form below).
- Most folks bring an air mattress or cushions, and a pillow.
- Bikes, boats, canoes, balls, Frisbees, etc. (Remember that life vests in boats and helmets on bikes are now the law for children.)
- Sunscreen and bug spray, in generous amounts.



What's it cost?

We have reserved 14 sites in close proximity to each other for the weekend, which families can rent from us. Pinellas County has raised the fees slightly this year, so we will have to raise ours slightly to help cover the cost; however we are offering some discounts for families who stay for both nights, as well as for families who arrange their own camp partners. (Campsites can each hold two tents and two cars, meaning that two families could use each site.)

Prices are:

- One night (full site): \$36
- Two nights (full site): \$60 (or \$30 per night -- *best deal*)
- One night (half site): \$18
- Two nights (half site): \$32 (or \$16 per night -- *good deal*)
- **Campers who wish to pick their own campsite partners should rent a full site and make their own arrangements with partners**, then note the arrangement on the form below so we don't get duplicates.
- **Campers who rent half sites will be assigned partners by the pack.**
- **Campers who rent full sites without sharing are subject to a "buy-back" of half the site if space runs out.**

How do I get a site?

Just complete the form below and include it with your payment.

Payments can be made through your den leader, or placed in an envelope addressed to Tracy Frazee and dropped off at the school office. Payment *must* include a completed form (see below) so we know what you are paying for. **Payments without forms or forms without payment will be returned to you.** (Sorry, but it's too much to keep track of otherwise.)

Makes checks payable to: *Pack 209.*



Site assignments are made first-come-first-serve. Water-side sites will be reserved first, then land-side sites; unless you specifically request land-side (they tend to be shadier & quieter, and are closer to the bathrooms).

If you have any questions, please call Dave Dusseault at 896-1021.

You can also visit the Fort Desoto website at http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_Ft_DeSoto.htm to find out more!

Thanks!

Choose from the options below:

To reserve a half campsite (we will pick a partner for you):

- Enclosed is \$18.00 to cover the cost of a half campsite for Friday night only.
- Enclosed is \$18.00 to cover the cost of a half campsite for Saturday night only.
- Enclosed is \$32.00 to cover the cost of a half campsite for both nights.

To request a full campsite (choose a price option and a sharing option.):

Pricing:

- Enclosed is \$36.00 to cover the cost of a full campsite for Friday night only.
- Enclosed is \$36.00 to cover the cost of a full campsite for Saturday night only.
- Enclosed is \$60.00 to cover the cost of a full campsite for both nights.

Sharing:

- We will be sharing this site with the _____ family.
- We do not plan to share this site. (May have to share if space runs out.)

Print your name: _____ email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate your interest in a Sunday Breakfast:

- We plan to come to Sunday breakfast with the pack if it is offered
- We probably would not be able to attend Sunday breakfast with the pack.