



# HIGHLIGHTS

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Learn To Row and Learn To Sail are camp options returning for a second year on the NBP summer camp calendar. Old favorites are on tap for a comeback, too, including archery and fishing.

## 2022 SUMMER CAMPS

# THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

Every year, NBP's summer camps get better and better. The 2022 season promises not to disappoint.

The park is a 600-acre best-friend maker with themed weeks through the summer.

On-land instruction and safety requirements accompany all activities before campers get

**REGISTRATION:** Summer camp registration opens soon, while signups for the Spirit Of America Safe Boating Camp in March are underway. Visit [nbpcamp.com](http://nbpcamp.com)

out on the water, so they obtain the knowledge and safety skills needed. Campers will be issued PFDs for on-water activities.

**Water Adventure Camp:** Each day, campers will participate in different water sports — kayaking, canoeing, rowing, sailing and stand-up paddleboarding!

**Archery Camp:** Campers will gain experience to become

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# CAMPS

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independent, educated, safe archers. All camp staffers hold at least a Level 1 National Archery Association certification.

### Freshwater Fishing Camp:

Campers will learn the essentials, including the rod and reel assembly, types of tackle, types of knots, casting, bait, fishing, and boating safety while they're out on the water.

**Learn To Sail Camp:** No experience necessary! Campers will acquire foundational knowledge in the concepts of sailing. They will learn nomenclature, knots, and safe sailing practices.

**Learn To Row Camp:** No experience necessary! Learn to row camp focuses on the fundamentals of rowing. Individuals will be taken step by step through nomenclature, safety maneuvers, and independent boat handling skills. This camp will provide campers with the skill set to safely row a single scull and other shells.

### Safe boating camp returns

NBP has a unique opportunity for potential boaters ages 10-15 to get both classroom education AND practical experience, all at a low price.

The NBP/Spirit Of America Premier Youth Boating Education Camp, to be held March 14-19, will teach youths the lifelong skills of safe sailing, paddling and powerboating, with the ability to confidently teach others. Campers will be able to earn their Florida boating

| Dates                                | Morning Camp<br>(9 a.m-<br>12:30 p.m.) | Afternoon<br>Camp (1-5 p.m.) | Full-Day<br>Camps        |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| May 31-June 3<br>(No camp<br>May 30) | Water Adventure                        | Water Adventure              | Water<br>Adventure       |
| June 6-10                            | Archery/Fishing                        |                              |                          |
| June 13-17                           | Archery/Fishing                        | Water Adventure              | NBP Ultimate             |
| June 20-24                           | Learn to Row                           | Learn to Sail                | Learn to Row<br>and Sail |
| June 27-July 1                       | Archery/Fishing                        |                              | NBP Ultimate             |
| July 5-8<br>(No camp<br>July 4)      | Water Adventure                        | Water Adventure              | Water<br>Adventure       |
| July 11-15                           | Archery/Fishing                        |                              |                          |
| July 25-29                           | Archery/Fishing                        | Water Adventure              | NBP Ultimate             |
| Aug. 1-5                             | Water Adventure                        | Water Adventure              | Water<br>Adventure       |



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### The NBP/Spirit Of America Foundation Premier Youth Boating Education Camp is slated for March 14-19, spring break week.

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The camp is conducted in partnership with Spirit Of America Foundation, which offers a comprehensive program that also instills confidence and positive, lifelong ambitions, and fosters the spirit of teamwork in youths.

This camp starts with classroom time, then goes to a water safety class and parents meeting, and then spends the final few days in on-the-water education days in sailboats, paddle craft and power craft.

The fee is \$200, but no child will be turned away.



## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 5 BRIDGE A LIFE SUPERHERO 5K
- 5 NBP REC DAY!
- 6 YOGA IN THE PARK
- 6 GULF COAST GAMES FOR LIFE
- 6 GIVING HUNGER THE BLUES
- 9 NBP REC DAY!
- 11-28 CIRCUS SARASOTA
- 12 STEM TO STERN INTRODUCTION DAY
- 13 SARASOTA 5K/10K
- 18-20 AMERICAN YOUTH CUP I
- 27 NBP MASTERS CLASSIC REGATTA
- 27 YOGA IN THE PARK

### MARCH

- 1-6 CIRCUS SARASOTA
- 5 SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS WALKATHON
- 5 NBP REC DAY!
- 9 NBP REC DAY!
- 12-13 SARASOTA-BRADENTON TRIATHLON
- 14-19 NBP/SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION YOUTH BOATING EDUCATION CAMP
- 19 WALK MS
- 23 NBP REC DAY!
- 26 MY HOMETOWN FEST

SCHEDULE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE AND ADDITION

### Volunteer with us!

Without our volunteers, events wouldn't be successful at NBP. Show our Florida sunshine with smiling faces and hospitality! Click [nathanbendersonpark.org](http://nathanbendersonpark.org) today!

## IN BRIEF



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**Mandy Boyers paddles in an outrigger canoe heat during the 2022 Gulf Coast Games Feb. 6.**

### Gulf Coast Games revisit NBP

The 2022 Gulf Coast Games For Life paddling and rowing events were held at the park Feb. 6. Nine competitors ages 50 and older vied in heats for kayaks, outrigger canoes and single sculls. Other events in the Games, which qualify participants for the Florida Senior Games, include basketball shooting, bowling, golf, pickleball and shuffleboard. The Games are an effort of Sarasota and Manatee counties and the city of North Port.

### Circuses return, this year to island

The Circus Arts Conservatory circuses — Circus Sarasota Feb. 11-March 6 and Cirque des Voix March 18-20 — are moved this year to Regatta Island due to construction. The box office is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. weekdays, adjacent to the Ulla Searing Big Top. See [circusarts.org](http://circusarts.org).

### NBP Masters Classic launches

Masters rowers looking for a spring competition have a new opportunity Feb. 27 — the NBP Masters Classic regatta.

With the NBP Community Rowing Club as the host, organizers expect a turnout from across the region.

Sign up at [regattacentral.com](http://regattacentral.com).



# PROGRAMS

## EQUIPMENT RENTALS AT GREAT DAILY RATES

- Single and double sit-on-top kayaks
- Stand-up paddleboards (SUP)
- Single scull rentals

## ROWING LESSONS AND TEAM

Learn to Row is an introduction to sculling, and a gateway to NBP Masters Rowing. Learn the fundamentals of singles and doubles rowing, and get the tools to transition to sweep rowing.

## TEAM BUILDING

Through tailored activities, we get your team members out of their comfort zones to experience meeting needs through team effort and “out of the box” training.

## DRAGON BOAT AND PADDLING TEAMS

NBP offers dragon boat and paddling opportunities for the community — for community wellness through recreation and competition.

## NBP REC DAYS!

Family fun for all! Get a taste of NBP’s recreational water offerings — kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and more. Offered on alternate Saturdays and Wednesdays. See [nathanbendersonpark.org/recdays](http://nathanbendersonpark.org/recdays)

## OTHER PROGRAMS

Camp Gladiator Sarasota  
Brats Club SRQ Early Childhood Education  
Flex Fitness • Zumba • Yoga In The Park

**LEARN MORE TODAY:** See [nathanbendersonpark.org](http://nathanbendersonpark.org) or email [programs@sanca.us](mailto:programs@sanca.us)

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- 2021 U.S. Dragon Boat Federation Club Crew National Championships
- 2022 International Dragon Boat Federation Club Crew World Championships
- 2019-2021 USRowing Youth National Championships
- 2019-2021 Florida Scholastic Rowing Assn. State Championships
- 2022, 2024 USRowing Southeast Regional Championships
- 2019 Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Assn. Championships
- 2019 HITS Triathlon Series
- 2019 Sarasota-Bradenton ITU Triathlon



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