

Hello Beach Bums!

This is a reminder, if you have not already sent in your registration, it is due by December 13th. Please mail to the trip leader noted below, or you can drop off at Kathy Eastman's house using the fish on the porch. Email [kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:kathy@logistics-plus.com) if you need more information about dropping off. Everyone loved this trip so much we were asked to repeat. The displays are different every year, if you have been before you will love the new displays and trying a different restaurant in Sanford.

**This trip includes night time walking to see the displays. The loop is about a 1/4 mile of easy walking..** We will stop for early dinner in Sanford, FL. before heading to the Festival. Price does not include dinner, you will be on your own. Make your checks payable to: Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC). **Registration must be received by December 13th.** Club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site [northernbeachbums.org](http://northernbeachbums.org)

When you fill out your registration form, and want to be matched on a bus with others, please only place the names of your friends in the required section if:

- A) You know they are coming
- B) They list your name on their form. Please help us out not searching for “ghosts”.

**TRIP INFORMATION:**

**Asian Lantern Festival, Sanford Fl**

Trip Leaders: Cathy/Bob Snyder, Kathy Eastman, Barb Alajoki

**When:** Wednesday January 15, 2025

**Where:** Asian Lantern Festival, Central Fla Zoo/Botanical Gardens

**Bus boarding:** 12:45 pm at Lowe's Parking Lot. 13705 US-441, Lady Lake (The Villages), FL 32159  
**behind the Mattress Firm**

**Arrival Sanford:** Approximately 2:15pm

**Re-board bus for Festival:** 5:30 pm (gate opens at 6pm)

**Re-board Bus to TV:** 7:45 arrive home approximately 9:15 pm

**Price:** \$48.00 per person (**includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, parking, and admission to the Lantern Festival**). Price **DOES NOT** include dinner in Sanford, FL. You will be on your own to choose a venue.

**All NBBC trips are Non-refundable**

Payment and Trip Registration forms must be received by December 13th, 2024 . **Please make checks payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC).** Mail with a trip Registration Form.

**Mail to:**

**Cathy Snyder**

**1007 Vermont Ave**

**Lady Lake Fla, [32159](http://www.google.com/maps/place/32159)**

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by January 1st, 2025. If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be put on the wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or a bus partner, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together.

**Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.** All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. If you want to request seats with other members please read the trip registrations form.

**Trip Description:**

We will be stopping in Historic Downtown Sanford for dining and/or shopping before going to The Gardens for the Asian Lantern Festival. It is a quaint town with lots of history which can be learned by a visit to the City Museum. There are some shops and dining options for everyone. It is considered the craft beer capital of Central Florida with several craft beer options. For dining check out the link below or you can consider; Hollerbach's German Restaurant, The Breezeway, The Station Bar and Grill (The Station Bar and Grill is at the site of the first Firehouse) and Sandford Brewing Company.

After visiting downtown Sanford, FL we will re-board the buses at 5:30pm for a short ride to the festival at the Zoo. The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens will transform at night into the Asian Lantern Festival: Into the Wild! to celebrate the year of the Dragon! Experience the Zoo like you've never seen it before! See dozens of all-new, hand-constructed lantern displays illuminated by thousands of LED lights around the Zoo on a 3/4 mile path. Celebrate the art, beauty and wonder of traditional Asian lantern festivals. Also there will be crafts, music and food and beverages will be available for purchase. If you have attended the festival in the past you will be thrilled to know they change the displays every year and you will see a different display from prior events.

**This event involves walking in the dark.** It is along a boardwalk that could be narrow in some places. Wear good walking shoes. It will take 1-1/2 hours to take in all the lanterns. Also there may be cold weather so please dress accordingly and bring an umbrella if showers are present that day.

The Zoo/Botanical Garden's is about a 5 minute ride from downtown Sanford.

Please refer to <https://www.historicdowntownsanford.com/visitors-guide/> for Visitors Guide with the options that may interest you. You may also view the map of downtown Sanford on this same site.

**Amenities:** Restrooms, food and drink available for purchase at the festival. Also public restrooms in the tourist information center

Masks are optional. No vaccination required but is highly recommended. Water, coffee, soda, (with a lid) and snacks are permitted on the bus. No ice cream or popcorn is permitted.

**Info Links:**

[https://www.centralfloridazoo.org/lanterns/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiA0fu5BhDQARIsAMXUBOLNL9YRp\\_dgPZzXk6a36g8Zm3ZNPYZAICTp\\_ocqq6lx1xT-5CTcbiYaArK8EALw\\_wcB](https://www.centralfloridazoo.org/lanterns/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiA0fu5BhDQARIsAMXUBOLNL9YRp_dgPZzXk6a36g8Zm3ZNPYZAICTp_ocqq6lx1xT-5CTcbiYaArK8EALw_wcB)

[www.historicdowntownsanford.com](http://www.historicdowntownsanford.com)

**Restaurant Info Links:**

[www.hollerbachs.com](http://www.hollerbachs.com)

[www.thestationbarandgrub.com](http://www.thestationbarandgrub.com)

[www.thebreezewayrestaurantandbarfl.com](http://www.thebreezewayrestaurantandbarfl.com)

<https://www.historicdowntownsanford.com/food-drink/restaurants/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g34615-Sanford\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g34615-Sanford_Florida.html)

**NBBC Policies:** We would like to remind members that NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Please no glass, and cups need to have lids. A movie will be presented **only** on the return ride. We suggest members who are not interested in watching should bring their own noise cancelling headphones/earbuds. If you plan to watch your own personal device (ie: phone, ipad, laptop) you must have headphones/earbuds to use with it.

**Liability:** The Northern Beach Bums Club, its Executive Committee members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever in the operation or management of NBBC or its road trips. All members are required to sign the NBBC Recreation Release Agreement for participation for a day trip. All trips are inherently dangerous and members participate at their own risk.

See you at the Festival!

Bob & Cathy Snyder, Kathy Eastman, Barb Alajoki