

Hello Beach Bum(s):

Sign-ups for seats on our next trip to Pass-A-Grille Beach, St. Petersburg, FL on Thursday April 24th, 2025 are now open.

**Make checks payable to: Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC) and mail to trip leader noted below. PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

NBBC club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site:

<https://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 others in the Special Request section if:**

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

**C) Link to registration form:**

<https://northernbeachbums.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025Trip-Registration.pdf>

Pass-a-Grille Beach is located at the southernmost end of St. Pete Beach and is a quaint, laid back, old Florida beach town. Here the boutiques, restaurants, rooftop bars, fishing piers and an ice cream cones are all within walking distance. Most of which - but not all - have reopened since the hurricanes. More details about the area can be found at: <https://www.visitpassagrille.com/> . Our Trip leaders are offering to all interested an optional Beach & Shelling adventure. Information on the shelling boat is listed below.

**UPCOMING EVENT REMINDER:** Club Madi Gras Party is on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at 6:00pm at Savannah Center. We will be entertained by the very talented Billy Buchanan. Billy will bring the Madi Gras soul, funk, and blues from the 50's to the 80's and beyond. You can drop off your registration form and check for this trip to Pass-A-Grille at our party. Bring a appetizer or dessert to share at your table (seating for 8 per table) along with your own drinks. Decaf Coffee and water will be provided. Entry is FCFS, please join up with other members to fill the tables. I have received all your RSVP's and the room is set.

### **Pass-A-Grille Beach**

Trip leaders: Sindy Mason, Chris Lukasik, Deb Barkelar, Cathy & Bob Snyder

**WHEN:** Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**BUS BOARDING:** 8:00am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the mattress firm

**ARRIVAL AT BEACH:** 10:45 am

**BUS BOARDING FOR RETURN HOME:** 3:45pm

**ARRIVAL THE VILLAGES:** 6:30pm

**PRICE:** \$30 per person (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

Water, coffee and soda are allowed on the bus in spill proof cups. There is plenty of room for coolers, chairs, umbrellas in the bus cargo area.

**All NBBC trips are Non-Refundable.**

**Make checks payable to NBBC.**

Mail your check with a Trip Registration Form to the trip leader noted below.

Registration must be received by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Forms can be printed from our website [northernbeachbums.org](http://northernbeachbums.org) or use this link:

<https://northernbeachbums.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025Trip-Registration.pdf>

Mail to:

Sindy Mason

3247 Fink St.,

The Villages, FL 32163

If you prefer, you can drop off your registration at our Madi Gras Party on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Center or drop by March 20<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Eastman's home. Email [kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:kathy@logistics-plus.com) for address and information if you are not already familiar with the "fish on the porch".

**Seats may be distributed by lottery.** If you want to ride with a spouse or friend, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **ONLY 2 SEATS CAN SIGN UP/ENTER THE LOTTERY TOGETHER.** Notice of bus assignments will be provided by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. **Please read the trip registrations form for instructions.**

### **TRIP DESCRIPTION:**

Pass-A-Grille is at the southern end of St Pete Beach in Pinellas County. The beachfront restaurant, Paradise Grill, has restrooms, outdoor walk up restaurant with tables and umbrellas and a great menu, including a breakfast menu. Additionally, there is The Hurricane Restaurant across the street along with the popular Brass Monkey with wonderful views of the Gulf. Nearby you can stroll to the Eighth Avenue Historic Shopping District. If you prefer you can contact [freebieride.com](http://freebieride.com) to try to catch their free local rides. Suncoast bus service is available if you prefer to head to downtown St. Petersburg museums and pier. Sindy Mason is also leading members on an optional shelling adventure on the Shell Key Shuttle to Shell Island. Below is information about this side trip if you choose to join the group. You have many options in Pass-A-Grille including just enjoying the beautiful water of the Gulf Coast.

At the beach you can rent two chairs and an umbrella (no cabanas available) for \$40 per set, Umbrella Only \$25, Lounge Chair Only \$10. Cash or Charge

As always on an NBBC trip, you will be on your own for the day enjoying the beach and restaurants. If you leave the beach, please return for **bus boarding at 3:45!**

### **The Bus**

- There is plenty of room for coolers, chairs, and umbrellas in the bus cargo area. You can also rent lounge chairs & Umbrellas at Pass-A-Grille Beach if you prefer
- USB connections & Wi-Fi are available onboard.
- If you plan to watch or listen to your own personal device, you must use headphones/earbuds.

A movie will be presented on the return ride only. We suggest members who may not be interested in watching should bring noise cancelling headphones/earbuds

### **Optional Beach & Shelling Trip 11:30 am-2:30 pm**

Sindy Mason will be leading a side-trip to Shell Key Island on the Shell Key Shuttle. Enjoy superb shelling, sunbathing, swimming, bird & dolphin watching. Use of beach umbrellas, a free mesh bag for your shells, and mask and snorkel are included **as available**.

If interested, a **separate check in the amount of \$32.10 per person made out to Shell Key Shuttle**, must be included with your registration materials and your check to NBBC for \$30 per person for the bus ride. All registration forms **and both checks** must be received by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Mail to Sindy Mason, 3247 Fink Street, The Villages, FL 32163, 352-355-8050 (text preferred), or you can drop off at our Club Social on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Center. Please include the name/s of shelling trip attendees on that check.

### **SHELL KEY SHUTTLE INFORMATION:**

- Meet Sindy in front of Paradise Grill Restaurant by 11:30.
- Walk ~1.5 blocks to the Shell Key Shuttle at Merry Pier which takes you to the island
- You will be on the island for two hours. Boat Departs at 12:00, Reboard the shuttle at 2:15pm, Depart shuttle at pier at 2:30pm and walk back to Paradise Grill.
- No bathrooms are available during this time
- Feel free to bring your own cooler & other beach supplies
- Be sure to BRING WATER AND A TOWEL
- Minimum of 8 people – no maximum

**Information links/websites:**

<http://visitpassagrille.com/>

<http://www.freebeachride.com/>

<http://shellkeyshuttle.com/>

<http://merrypier.com/>

<https://www.tampabaybeaches.com/our-beaches.html>

**Restaurants:**

<https://paradisegrille.com/>

<http://www.thehurricane.com/>

**NBBC Policies**

\*\*All NBBC trips are Non-Refundable. Final location may change due to weather, closures, etc. There are no refunds or promises of beach final location. NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed on the bus – but 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.

See you at the Beach!

Kathy Eastman - NBBC President