

Hello Beach Bums!

Sign-ups for seats on our next trip to Clearwater, Florida to enjoy the wonderful sugar sand is now open. Clearwater Beach was named the #1 beach in 2018 by Trip Advisor. Your check and registration must be received by April 18th, mail to trip leader noted below. NBBC club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site: <https://northernbeachbums.org/> We already have your NBBC recreation waiver on file, no need to resend.

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

- A) You know they are coming
- B) They must list your name on their form to form a connection.

This will help us and we won't need to search for "ghost" participants. Please follow directions on the trip sheet.

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - NBBC Social at Savannah Center! The Villages Elvis, Sebastian Garland, will be performing! This will be a fun night to celebrate the beginning of Summer!

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Spend a Resort Day at the Hilton Hotel, Cocoa Beach.

JULY – OCTOBER – Trip leaders needed. Choose a date, a place, and contact [Kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:Kathy@logistics-plus.com)

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – NBBC Social at Savannah Center 6:00pm! Entertainment TBD.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – End of Year Party! Volunteers needed to head Catering, Set-up, and Entertainment. Contact [Kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:Kathy@logistics-plus.com)

### **IMPORTANT Club News:**

At our March Club Social/Meeting, I announced that, with regret, I will be stepping down as president of NBBC due to my current work schedule and NBBC has begun a search for a volunteer (or 2) to take over the duties of NBBC president for 2026. I have truly enjoyed the last 8 years of leading so many awesome volunteers on wild adventures and made many, many, wonderful friends. It is with great sadness that I have to step down. If you can help and/or would like to learn more of what is needed please contact [kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:kathy@logistics-plus.com). I will still be here to back you up and assist with the knowledge I have gained over the years. If you choose to take the wheel it will be with a shoulder to lean on. We hope to find a replacement, or two, for nomination by June to introduce and if needed a vote for president will be presented at our September meeting. We are also looking for volunteer trip leaders for our summer winter months. At our March meeting many insisted they would like to visit the beach in July and August. Volunteering as a trip leader is easy and trip leaders will receive their trip for free and not be subjected to the lottery on trips for the rest of the year. We need to get

dates to bus line within the month so we can secure transportation before all the buses are taken. Grab a friend to help you, choose a couple of available dates so we can check on bus availability, choose a beach and contact [kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:kathy@logistics-plus.com). You only need to commit to one day out of the full year to be a volunteer. We are looking for volunteers for July, August, September, October. Our website [northernbeachbums.org](http://northernbeachbums.org) has past trips to help you choose a beach and lots of information to help.

### **TRIP INFORMATION:**

#### **Clearwater Beach, FL**

Trip leaders: Dorene Judd, Lynette Johnson, Barb Alajoki

**When:** Tuesday May 20th, 2025

**Where:** Clearwater Beach, FL, Pier 60

**Bus boarding:** 8:00am, @ Lowe's, 13705 US-441, Lady Lake, FL (on hwy 441 Behind the Mattress Firm)

**Arrival:** Approximately 10:20 am

**Re-board Bus:** 3:30pm (before the afternoon thunderstorms) arrive home approximately 6:00pm

**Price:** \$29 per person (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable. Final location may change as needed due to weather, red tide, etc.

Drinks with a lid and snacks are permitted on the bus. No ice cream or popcorn is permitted.

Payment and Trip Registration form must be received by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Please make checks payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC).** Mail with a trip Registration Form. If you need to drop off your check at Kathy Eastman's home, email [kathy@logistics-plus.com](mailto:kathy@logistics-plus.com) for more information.

Link:

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

#### **Mail to:**

Dorene Judd

3103 Carrollton Ct.

The Villages, FL 32162

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notification of bus assignments will be provided by May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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:** Spread along a narrow, 3-mile stretch of the Pinellas Peninsula on the Gulf Coast, Clearwater Beach straddles the blue waters of the Gulf to the west, and tranquil Tampa Bay to the east. The sand is some of the finest Sugar Sand on the Westcoast. Besides the beaches, there is [Clearwater Beach](#)'s inviting, small-town atmosphere. And, of course, there's Clearwater Marine Aquarium, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick and injured marine animals, public education, conservation, and research. Restrooms and restaurants are available.

You will be on your own once the bus drops you at the beach; there's a lot to see and do. If you're feeling adventuresome, jump aboard the Jolly Trolley to ride through Clearwater and surrounding coastal towns. Exact change is required for the trolley. <https://www.clearwaterjolleytrolley.com/>

The **beach amenities** include cabanas and chairs for rent on the beach. You can rent 2 chairs, and an umbrella first come, first serve, and they have plenty. Simply occupy a seat not in use and someone representing the rental service will stop by to collect the fee. We are still trying to verify this year's cost for rentals and will advise. Bathrooms and outdoor showers are located near the entrance to Pier 60 near the convenience store. There is an ice cream bar as well. This is a public beach. No alcohol is allowed. There are many restaurants within walking distance along with shops to enjoy on Mandalay Ave.

NOTE: Pier 60 is open to the public to stroll to the Bait House but the fishing pier and bait house are closed for renovations. Pier 60 is a top attraction in the area, with a 1,080-foot fishing pier and a recreational park with telescopes and covered pavilions.

If you don't feel like resting on the beach, some of the local attractions include taking a ride on the Jolly Trolley to the aquarium or the Suncoast Trolley south to Johns Pass Village, or simply walk across the street from the beach to the marina where you can take a boat ride to search for dolphins or catch a fishing charter. There are plenty of shops and restaurants that have reopened as well. The day is yours to enjoy. Just be back in time to catch the bus home.

The buses will drop us off at the south end of the Pier 60 parking lot. They then must depart and will return to pick us up at the beach at 3:30pm.

Clearwater info:

<https://www.clearwaterjolleytrolley.com/>

<https://www.cmaquarium.org/>

<https://www.visitflorida.com/places-to-go/central-west/clearwater-beach/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g34141-Clearwater\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g34141-Clearwater_Florida.html)

Restaurant Links:

**Salt Cracker Fish Camp; 25 Causeway Blvd.** <https://saltcrackerfishcamp.com/menus/>

**Marina Cantina (above Salt Cracker) 25 Causeway Blvd.** <https://marinacantina.com>

**Crabby's Dockside; 37 Causeway Blvd.** <https://crabbysdocksideclearwater.com>

**Jimmy Crow's Nest (10th floor of the Pier House 60 Hotel) 101 Coronado Drive.**

<https://www.jimmyscrowsnest.com/menu.html>

**We, the Pizza; 301 S. Gulfview Blvd.** <https://wethepizza.com/locations/clearwater-fl>

**Badfins; 215 S Gulfview Blvd.** <https://badfins.com>

**Salty Island Bar (located in the Pelican Pointe Hotel) 437 S. Gulfview Blvd.**

<https://saltyisland.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