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## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Your Foundation exists to elevate your advocacy. We meet the needs (basic, emergency and inclusive) of the foster kids in Circuit Seven as represented by their certified Guardian ad Litem.

We help set the expectations of value and worth. The Advocate models appropriate social skills and interactions; the virtue of planning and setting a reachable goal. We all know the GAL is often the only consistent adult in a foster child's life.

It is our firm belief we can "break the cycle" of repeated generational dependency, one child at a time. Helping to empower the Advocates to guide their young charges into productive activities and interests which will create healthy interactions, a sense of strong self-worth and social empowerment.

A week at overnight summer camp, day camp, swim lessons, field hockey uniforms, a school birthday party—"just like the other kids." THAT child will finish school, set a goal, develop a work ethic and enter society as a participant. THAT child WON'T be the next teen mother whose knowledge and survival skills are formed by public assistance quotas. THAT child WON'T be the "baby daddy" teen arrested for petty theft—whose advanced education will come from the penal system.

## SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019—BY INVITATION ONLY

Your Foundation is committed to supporting your advocacy and excited to expand that support with the addition of more qualified volunteer board members who share your same passion for the child. The majority of your Board is composed of current and former GAL/CASA and public service personnel. All Board Members and Officers are volunteers.

Take a moment to consider your advocacy and your own social circle. Perhaps your best friend or your neighbor admires your passion but does not feel they can or want the close interaction with an individual child...yet they

would be happy to join a team whose every effort is to support your efforts.

These are the special individuals we will be inviting to explore the opportunities of Board Membership this fall. Please go to the GAL7Foundation.net and give us their contact information. The Recruitment Committee will be assembling a guest list for September to begin the happy task of enlarging and strengthening your Board. These special individuals will first be invited to a "get acquainted" tea within the local areas. Please, help us help you!!

## NEWS FROM THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Your Board approved a few actions to make fulfilling your requests as expeditious as possible.

- Requests will soon be sequentially numbered. Please keep a copy of your request and assigned number.
- Your request must include all specifics—if you are asking for a crib you also need to ask for a mattress and the linens! Note the size and the color preferences. Please indicate who the check is paid to and the appropriate address!
- Your request must include the child's first and last name. \*\* THIS IS A CHANGE! \*\* We will be matching the number of your request and the child's name. BOTH MUST BE SUBMITTED ON RECEIPTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

## RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THEME PARKS HAS BEEN DEPLETED

At one time, your Foundation had a donor who designated (restricted) his donations to our kids attending the Orlando theme parks. These funds have been depleted and not renewed.

The Disney and Universal parks continue to raise rates, charge for parking and DO NOT provide discounts for our children. The high costs negate any social benefit.

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Therefore, your Board decided to fund activities which are educational or inclusive in nature -- in line with our mission. We will spend our resources for sports, camps, talent interests, educational field trips and other normalcy activities presented by the requesting GAL.

## STORIES WITH PANDORA

Pandora, the GAL7 Foundation's adopted therapy dog, is actively involved with our kids in Flagler County. This summer GAL Donna Brown (Pandora's Mom and Handler,) GAL Sue Packman (Reading Specialist,) and GAL Bev Naylor (Educator,) will be offering a special summer option for some of our kids needing an extra boost.



STORIES WITH PANDORA will offer a fun opportunity for GAL children ages 5-10 years to engage in some happy language experiences which will strengthen their abilities to interact in a classroom setting. Each child will have quality time sharing a story with Pandora and Ms Donna each meeting. There will be two sessions beginning mid-July, meeting once of week.

- Session One: Thursdays  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30
- Session Two: Thursdays  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11:30  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30

Children may be registered for both sessions. Registration will be limited to ten children per session and must be registered by their GAL. Your Foundation will cover all expenses for each child registered by their Judicial Circuit Seven GAL. Open to our children in all four counties.

Meetings will be held at a location to be announced in Palm Coast.

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(Any Teachers who wish to play with us will be welcomed. Please drop Bev Naylor a line at: [naylor.beverly@yahoo.com](mailto:naylor.beverly@yahoo.com).)

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE FILLING FAST

It can be challenging to focus caregivers on the need to plan ahead for summer activities for our kids.

It can make the difference of a productive turn-around summer for our youth or idle hours of unsupervised time on the streets of some unsavory neighborhoods. Help guide our kids into healthy and happy summer memories.

Remember, photos of their activities and achievements need to be documented in their "Red Book" memory books! Make sure our children THRIVE!

The following pages are suggestions and conversation starters. Check out the resources on our website, Parks and Recreation in your community, local theater associations and don't forget your Arts Associations!

Putnam has been notified of special offerings. Volusia has a strong YMCA offering and Flagler has an entire listing of camps on the website and sent by special mailing. The very popular horse camp at Whispering Meadows requires registration NOW to guarantee proper placement by age group.

HAPPY SUMMER!!

Whispering Meadows 3-day Horse camp Check them out at <https://www.whisperingmeadowsranch.org/> Sessions start June 4-6

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[Direct Link to Funding Forms](#)

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

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**FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM**  
**Summer Camp 2018**  
Cathy Tallackson - Instructor

**Fast Facts**

Cost: \$200 per Week

Ages: 6 to 12

Time: Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm

Location: Florida Agricultural Museum

7900 Old Kings Road North, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Bring your own lunch

Friday is Parents Day

*Choose between these 2 fantastic program*

**Native American Traditions**

**Session 2 June 18 - 22**

**Session 4 July 23 - 27**

- Native Life Skills
- Fishing
- Fire Building
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Weaving
- Beading
- Primitive Tools
- Music & Dance
- Pow Wow Etiquette

**Pioneer Life Way**

**Session 1 June 4 - 8**

**Session 3 July 9 - 13**

- Pioneer Life Skills
- Fishing
- Fire Building
- Cooking
- Gardening
- 1800's Chores
- Rope Making
- Sugarcane
- Animal Care
- Flint/Steel

**Sign Up on Our Website:**  
**[www.floridaagmuseum.org](http://www.floridaagmuseum.org)**



**THE ART HOLE, INC.**  
A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**Art Lessons**  
DRAWING | PASTELS | PAINTING

Classroom at The Art Hole  
Middle School Thurs. 4:30-6:00 pm  
3rd - 5th grade 3:30-4:30 pm  
Preschool - 2nd grade Wed. 3:30-4:30

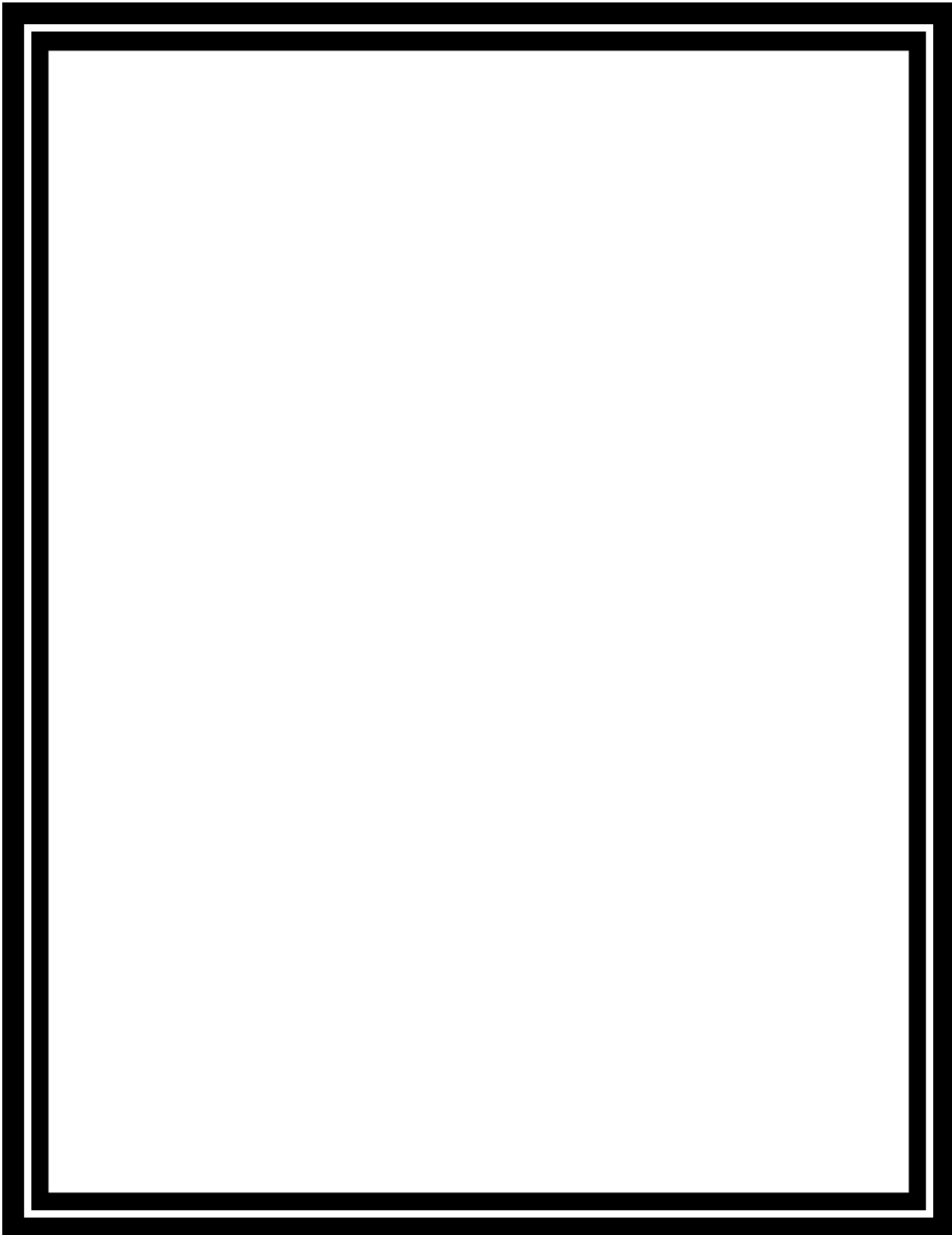
**How far down the Art Hole do YOU want to go?**  
**386-385-5370**

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## Putnam Aquatics Center Swim Lessons Schedule



The Following will be the schedule for sessions and levels at the Putnam Aquatics Center for the 2018 Summer season:

**(two week sessions, Monday through Thursday, each week)**

Session 1 ----- June 4 – 7 & June 11 – 14

Session 2 ----- June 18 – 21 & June 25 – 28

Session 3 ----- July 9 – 12 & July 16 – 19

Session 4 ----- July 23 – 26 & July 30- Aug.-2

### Daily Classes are:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Parent & Child
10:00 – 10:50 am	10:00 – 10:50 am	9:00 – 9:50 am	9:00 – 9:50 am	5:30 – 6:00 PM

Cost is \$40.00 per Child per session. Discounts begin if three children from the same family are enrolling in the same session. Scholarships may be available for certain levels or students.

**Community Swim will be held Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:50. The cost is \$2 per person getting in the water, excluding float-in movie days, and based on weather. Check with pool staff.**

**\*\*Pool will be CLOSED July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> \*\***



**Float-In movie nights the last Friday of the month, doors open at 7 pm – 10 pm \$5 per individual.**

June 29<sup>th</sup>



July 27<sup>th</sup>



at Putnam Aquatics Center

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