

Evening events

When the sun sets, don't go solo under the stars. Join us:

Wednesday, Nov. 2:

Calusa Blueway Photo Contest and Reception

Want to take better photos from your yak? Need some tips for how to see the natural world around you as art? Just want to be entertained? This is for you.

6:30 p.m. at Rutenberg Park's Eco Living Center, 6490 South Point Blvd., Fort Myers
Free.

Thursday, Nov. 3:

Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival Kick-Off Reception presented by O'Brien Subaru

Want to meet the paddling media, chat with a boat builder or socialize with paddling club members from across the United States? Finger food and liquid refreshments await you as we launch the 2011 festival.

5 p.m. at Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Myers-Sanibel, 20371 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers

\$15; or, four-day pass admits you for free

Friday, Nov. 4:

Canoe & Kayak Film Fest

Just because we don't have whitewater here doesn't mean you

can't have fun watching it on a big screen. Join us under the stars for an outdoor event with several short, prickle-your-skin films presented by Canoe & Kayak. Bring your blankets and folding chairs. Socialize and snack till sunset, then let the films begin!

6 p.m. at Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Myers-Sanibel, 20371 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers

\$15; or, four-day pass admits you for free

Saturday, Nov. 5:

Florida Paddling Trails Association Evening Paddlers' Picnic

Come enjoy a kayak cooking demonstration by Michael Gray, listen to live music and socialize over dinner at this waterfront campground setting. A presentation by members of the extreme Water Tribe will inspire you. Bring your own liquid refreshments and spirit of adventure.

4:30 p.m. you can start arriving, and the evening will evolve after 5 p.m. at San Carlos RV Park & Island Resort, 18701 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers Beach

\$20 or four-day pass admits you for free.

For more happenings and complete details, go to www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com and click on schedule. Or scan the code in the upper right-hand corner on the opposite page. For information, call (239) 533-7474.