



SUNSET LAKE PARK

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350 PAGE ST, · VICKSBURG, MICHIGAN 49097

Story Time: (12:00-1:00P.M.)

Clovis Crawfish Book Series

Parents and children are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to gather around for story time. We'll be reading selections from Mary Alice Fontenot's Clovis Crawfish book series. The series features a total of 18 books with a crawfish named Clovis at the center of the stories as well as other animals from the Louisiana bayou. The books are written in English and sprinkled with Cajun words, with an explanation of their pronunciation and meaning so everyone can learn some Cajun French.

Activities: (1:00-3:00P.M.)

Face painting, coloring corner, scavenger hunt as well as games for adults and kids

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their face painted with a crawfish or triangle or t-feré as well as create some art of their own with a coloring and activity sheet in the coloring corner. There will also be a short scavenger hunt where parents and children can learn about the crawfish as well as the industry we have here in Lafayette, Louisiana. The kids won't be the only ones playing games as we'll have some adult games of washers, corn hole and more!

Live music: (1:00-3:00P.M.) by Sel de Terre [FB.com/SelDeTerre](https://www.facebook.com/SelDeTerre)

Panel Discussion: (3:00-4:00P.M.)

Sean Suire, Crawfisherman & The Cajun Table Restaurant

Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with a local Louisiana crawfish farmer about growing up in the crawfishing industry and stories from his childhood. Accompanying him will be a representative from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to talk the ongoing problem of southern crawfish invading Michigan's lakes.

Cooking Demonstration: (4:00-5:00P.M.)

Crawfish Étouffée

Learn how to make a Lafayette staple, crawfish Étouffée from an authentic Cajun cook. This easy recipe for crawfish Étouffée can be replicated very easily in any kitchen. Best part, if you're not a fan of crawfish you can sub the meat out for just about anything as the word Étouffée means to smother and is a method of cooking as opposed to a dish. Attendees will also have the chance to sample this Cajun delight while supplies last.

Dinner & Movie: (5:00-7:00P.M.)

Lafayette Travel Crawfish Promo and King Crawfish

The evening will cap off with a movie screening starting with a short promo video that shows the farm to table process involved in crawfishing. Following the promo video will be the full length documentary

King Crawfish by Louisiana filmmaker Conni Castille. The film explores the Cajun spirit being poured out on a communal table, even as the wild harvest is diminishing. At the 50-year old Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival we see everything Cajuns value take to the stage: their language, music, food, dance, and crawfish. Thousands and thousands of pounds of crawfish get served up at the festival, most coming from their natural habitat, the Atchafalaya Basin. But in one small fishing community in the Basin, crawfishermen fight to retain their way of life. It is an old story. In the end, the people and land suffer from the oil and gas production. If the crawfishermen fail to preserve their right to fish and to bring back the free-flowing water that the Basin's wildlife needs to survive, we could be witnessing the last generation of wild harvest crawfishermen, and the loss of the largest swamp in the United States.



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