

INAUGURAL Union Parish Chamber of Commerce



Christmas in the Park Lake D'Arbonne State Park



CAMPER WELCOME PACKAGE

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Welcome to Christmas in the Park. This event is sponsored by the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana State Parks. The premier sponsor for the 2021 Christmas in the Park is Union General Hospital.

This experience will be the first of a future series of celebrations that commemorates the holiest Holiday of the Christian Faith. While we want to celebrate this wonderful event in a respectful manner, we also plan to make the park lighting a wonderous event for children of all ages.

Campers are encouraged to decorate in any manner they desire but please remember that the fun must be fun and appropriate for all that come to the park to enjoy the holiday with us. Hang the lights, light the fire, sit back and welcome the visitors with all the joy and grandeur of the Christmas Season.

SITE ASSIGNMENT: Sites are assigned through Reserveamerica.com. Standard sites are \$20.00 a night Sunday through Thursday and \$28.00 a night Friday and Saturday. Premium sites are \$25.00 a night Sunday through Thursday and \$33.00 a night Friday and Saturday. Please be sure that you occupy the site that was assigned to you. In-state senior citizens will receive a 50% discount.

HOOKUPS: All sites have 20, 30 and 50-amp service. Water is available to all sites. Sewage is only available to seven sites. If you see what appears to be a sewer connection and is painted blue, PLEASE DO NOT CONNECT YOUR SEWER HOSE TO IT. This connection houses the fresh water master valve and is not for sewage.

CHECK-IN: All campers should be checked in no later than Tuesday, December 7th. This will provide adequate time to set up and decorate. Some campers are moving in as early as Saturday, December 4th. If for any reason you are unable to arrive before Wednesday the 7th, please let us know and we will have campers available to assist you with setup.

SECURITY: Security will be provided by the Union Parish Sheriff's Department and volunteers. If you experience an emergency, call 911. Pafford Ambulance Service will be available and will be dispatched from Farmerville if required. Patients will initially be transported to Union General Hospital. This is located approximately 6 miles from the park.

MEET AND GREETS: There may be several meets and greet events prior to and during the celebration. While many of these will be informal gatherings, there is one formal happening that is sponsored by Union General Hospital. On Friday, December 10th at 3PM, Union General Hospital will provide hot chocolate and coffee to all the campers. Location of the venue will be the campground pavilion which is located in the middle of the campground. Dianne Davidson is representing UGH and will be camping in the park if you have any questions. Flyer attached on page 8.

THEME NIGHTS: For those that want to participate, there will be theme nights during the Christmas event. The following is the theme night sequence. Remember, it is not required that you participate.

Wednesday night: Open, this is the first night and dress code is general.

Thursday Night: Ugly sweater night.

Friday Night: Plaid night.

Saturday night: Cousin Eddy (from National Lampoon Christmas Vacation) or Christmas Pajamas.

Again, this is not a requirement but will add to the fun.

PAVILION: The park pavilion is located in the middle of the camp ground. This structure is large with park tables and has 120-volt receptacles at each corner. The pavilion is reserved for Friday evening. If a group would like to reserve the site or if the site will be the location of a camper get-together, please contact Randy McKinnie or Sandra Hart to re-reserve the facility. Reservations will not be taken at the park office. Also, different churches in the area will host Sunday morning services for the campers at 9:00 AM at the pavilion.

DRIVE THROUGH: The gates will open at 5:30 PM. Cars will traverse from the park entrance to the campground then upon exiting the campground cars will travel to the tennis courts and sponsor decorations then on to the FEMA field near the launch ramp and the food vendors. (See the map on page 5.)

SITE CLEANLINESS: We want to make this a fun experience for both the campers and the drive-through guests. Please Keep your camp site clean and free of litter. If you are outside and walking through the camp area and see a piece of litter on the ground, please make the effort to pick it up. To repeat a phrase from my Boy Scout Handbook

from a hundred years ago, “Have no one say it, and say it with shame, that it was all beautiful before you came”.

HIKING TRAILS: D’Arbonne State Park has a series of hiking trails available for the campers. There is a good chance that the campers will encounter wildlife while in the park. Please do not disturb the animals. Penny has a food feeder at the park entrance and it is common to see deer feeding at that location. If you have any questions about the trails and/or wildlife, please see Penny at the park office. A map of the trails is on page 6.

DISC GOLF: D’Arbonne State Park has a Disc Golf Course. This can be a lot of fun for those staying in the campground while waiting for the drive through to open. A Disc Golf map is attached on page 7.

KAYAK RENTAL: For those that are adventurous and would like to spend a little time on the water, Kayaks can be rented. See the park office to rent the kayaks. The kayaks are located at the boat launch and FEMA field area.

FISHING: For those that have a current fishing license, two fishing piers are located in the camping area. Please keep small children attended if they are on the pier.

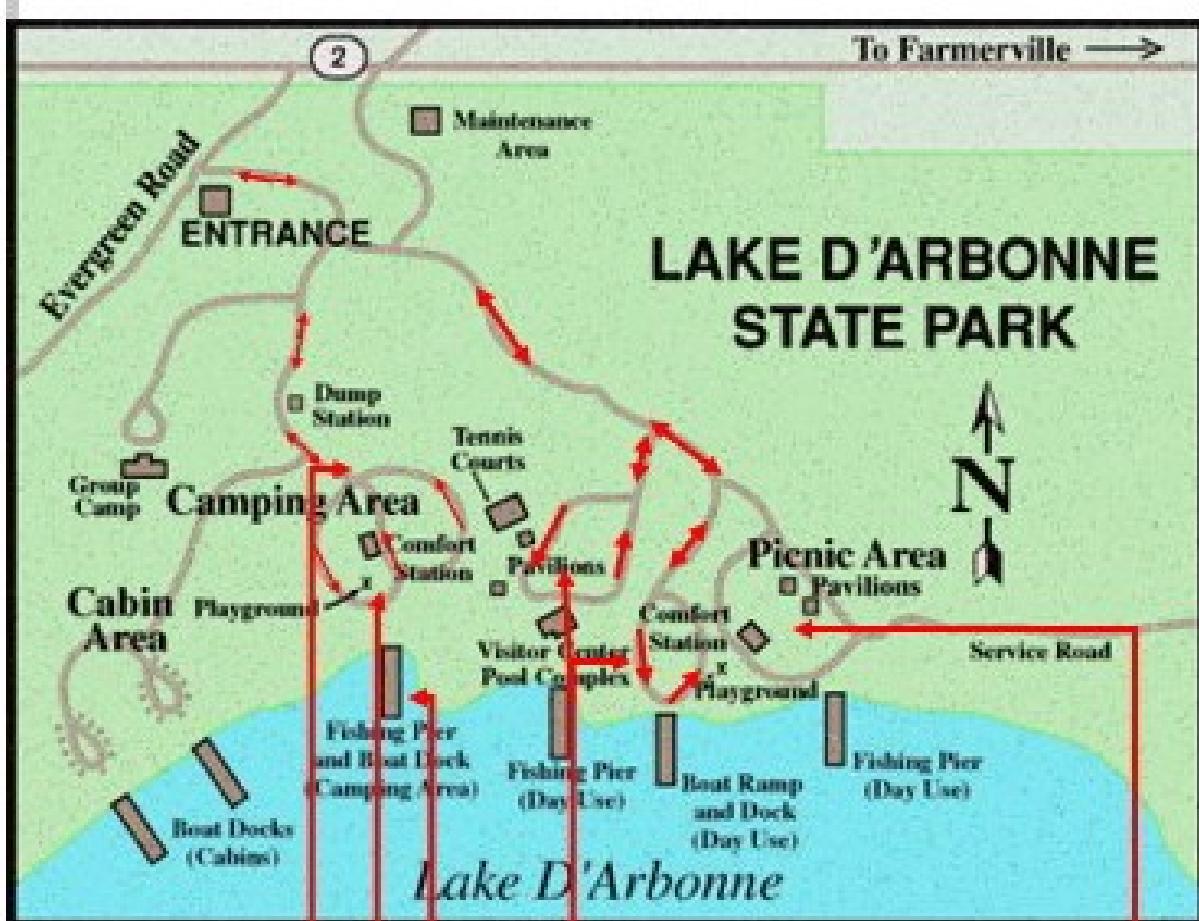
REMINDER: The whole purpose of this experience is to have fun and pass the good feelings of the seasons to those that are traveling through the campground. Please make it a fun event for all.

FIRES AND FIREWOOD: Fires are allowed at campsites and firepits are provided at each site. The firepits have cooking grates that will allow campers to cook outdoors. There are no other campsite provided grills. Please be careful with all fires. Firewood cannot be purchased at the park. Either bring your own or scavenge pine wood from the park. Storms hit the park last spring and there is a lot of wood on the ground. Also, if several campers would like to share split wood, a rick can be purchased for \$100.00 a rick from Freddy Hanson at 608-8137. He does not deliver.

ENJOY THE LOCAL MERCHANTS: A list of local merchants is available for people traveling through the community. The list will be handed to the campers when they check in. If you are staying in the park during the day, take time to visit the local businesses.

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW CAMPERS.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK PROJECT LAYOUT MAP



TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT

CAMPING AREA – INDIVIDUALLY

DECORATED BY CAMPERS –

POTENTIAL FOR FULL CAMPGROUND

POTENTIAL FOOD VENDORS

BOAT DECORATING WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE PIERS

BUSINESS SPONSOR DECORATIONS

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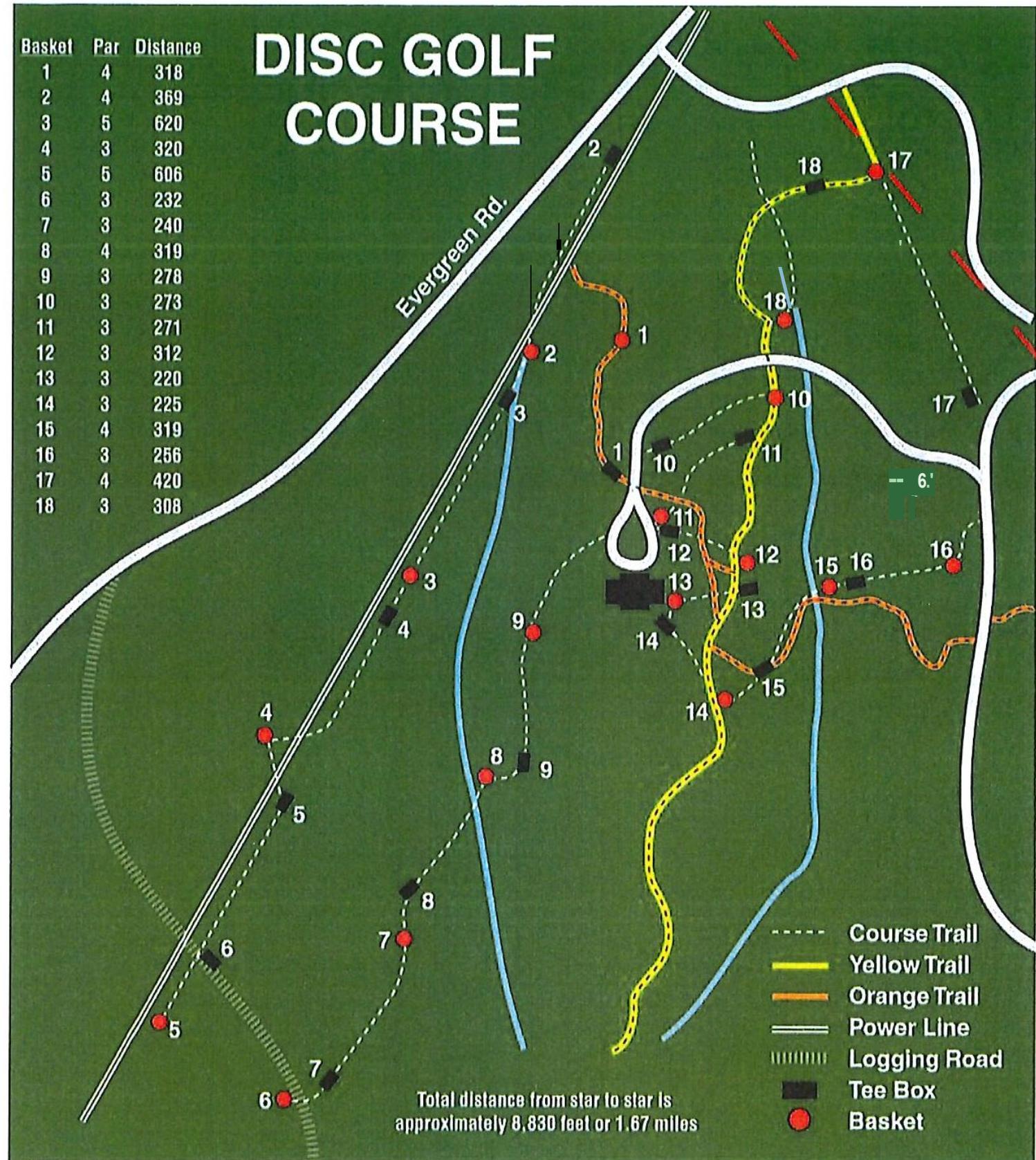


Legend

m	Comfort Station
l	Laundry
I	Dump Station
ii	Picnic Area
rl	Handicapped
•	Playground
•	Buildings
- - - •	Cypress Bend Trail (4 miles)
- - -	Woodland Trail (1 mile)
- - - •	Big Horn Trail (1 mile)
- - - •	Owl Heaven Trail (1/2 mile)
- - - -	Tall Pines Trail (1/2 mile)
--	Service Trail
	Streams

Basket	Par	Distance
1	4	318
2	4	369
3	5	620
4	3	320
5	5	606
6	3	232
7	3	240
8	4	319
9	3	278
10	3	273
11	3	271
12	3	312
13	3	220
14	3	225
15	4	319
16	3	256
17	4	420
18	3	308

DISC GOLF COURSE



CAMPERS AND CABIN GUESTS MEET AND GREET COFFEE COCOA AND COOKIES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 3PM CAMPERS' PAVILLION



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PARK STAFF, VENDORS, SPONSORS, SECURITY AND ALL VOLUNTEERS
WORKING THE EVENT ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
CUSTOM MUG FOR ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS

