

FAQs

CORALPALOOZA™

LAND ACTIVITIES



Q: I'm not diving or snorkeling at the event in the Upper Keys, what can I do to join in the fun?

A: There are several ways to join in on land. You can participate in the Upper Keys Captain Coral Treasure Hunt, as well as stop in at the Coral Restoration Foundation™ Exploration Center at 5 Seagate Boulevard for fun and games!

Q: I am diving or snorkeling on June 8th, but want my family to have something to do. Do they have to register?

A: No, you don't need to register for the Upper Keys treasure hunt or to visit the Exploration Center. .

Q: Who is Captain Coral?

A: Captain Coral is a swashbuckling adventurer who has joined Coral Restoration Foundation™ with a mission to inspire people to help save our coral reefs! His visits blend hands-on science with entertainment and interactive fun for all ages.

Head over to www.coralrestoration.org/captain-coral for more information!

Q: When are the land activities?

A: The Treasure Hunt will start at 10am and end at 3pm! All explorers seeking a prize must return to the Exploration Center to parlay with a pirate and partake in a prize!

Q: Do I need a treasure map to participate in the Captain's Coral treasure hunt?

A: Yes, you can pick one up at the Exploration Center or if you stumble across any of our secret locations in the Upper Keys.

Q: What do I get with my treasure map?

A: A feeling of adventure! Be sure to stop at the Exploration Center before 3pm to see if you win a prize!

Q: Where do I park at the Exploration Center?

A: Parking is across the street in one of the two fenced in parking lots. Please avoid parking on the corner, since that property belongs to the American Legion post! They will need their own parking that day. Do not park in the boat loading area in front of the Coral Restoration Foundation™ Exploration Center!

Q: I'm not diving or snorkeling at Coralpalooza™ 2019, but I want to next year! How do I get involved?

A: Keep an eye on our website! Given the overwhelming interest in Coralpalooza™ 2019, we will be starting a First Alert list for Coralpalooza™ 2020 soon!

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DIVERS & SNORKELERS



Q: Is there a mandatory orientation for divers?

A: Yes! There will be an orientation for Key Largo participants on June 7th, and one for Key West participants in the morning of the June 8th. All divers must attend the mandatory orientation to learn about restoration techniques and restoration dive safety. Without an orientation, divers will not be able to participate in the restoration work.

Q: Tell me all about the Key Largo orientation on June 7th!

A: At the mandatory orientation on June 7th divers will learn about restoration techniques and restoration dive safety. Snorkelers are also encouraged to join. The orientation will have three sessions at 4:15, 5:15 and 6:15. The orientation closes at 7pm.

The orientation will take place at the Murray-Nelson Government Center, located at 102050 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo. Overflow parking is across the street.

Q: When and where is orientation for Key West participants?

A: The Key West orientation will take place before the dives occur on June 8th. Keep an eye on your email for your personal boat assignment and details.

Q: Do I have to go to the orientation in Key Largo/Key West?

A: Yes! The orientation, in both Key Largo or Key West, is where you will check-in with Coral Restoration Foundation™ for Coralpalooza™ 2019 and receive your Coralpalooza™ 2019 participation materials! If you do not attend, then you will not be able to participate in the restoration work on June 8th and will not receive your participation materials. How badly do you want your participant t-shirt?

Q: What time are the boat trips?

A: All Coralpalooza™ 2019 boats are in the morning this year to help ensure that everyone returns in time for the evening event! Check-in time for the boats will be between 7:30 and 8:30 am, and will be specified on the document divers and snorkelers will receive. Boats will return anytime between 12 and 2 pm.

Q: What do I need to bring for the dives?

A: Divers must bring their certification card to present at the dive operator upon check-in for June 8th. The dive operators can assist you with rental equipment; except for one location in Key West that will be provided with a different option.

We suggest that you also bring drinks and snacks on the boat, as it will be a long morning!

Q: Do I need gloves?

A: Great question! Bring them just in case, but avoid using them with epoxy if outplanting since the epoxy will stick to your gloves and impeded your work!

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GENERAL INFO



Q: What do divers and snorkelers do during Coralpalooza™?

A: All registered Coralpalooza™ dive participants taking part in Key Largo and Islamorada must attend the June 7th orientation in Key Largo. People joining us in Key West need to attend a morning orientation on June 8th in Key West or Stock Island. More details to come!

While snorkelers are always welcome to join in the fun and watch from above, only certified SCUBA divers will have the hands-on restoration experience.

Q: What does my registration get me?

A: All registered divers and snorkelers get a limited edition Coralpalooza™ 2019 t-shirt, a reusable Klean Kanteen cup, two dives on a single active restoration site for restoration activities, and a ticket to the evening celebration event! It's a lot of goodies!

Q: Can I buy a ticket for the evening event?

A: All registered divers and snorkelers automatically receive a ticket to the evening event.

If you want to purchase a ticket for the evening event separately, they will be available in limited quantities for purchase at our Exploration Center (5 Seagate Boulevard) on June 8th from 9am-12pm.

Q: What happens if the weather is bad?

A: Do a good weather dance!

Unfortunately, bad weather does happen. Should conditions exceed safety expectations for restoration work, then all restoration dives will be canceled. Recreational dives would be available for normal purchase from dive operators.

Notification of cancellation will be given 48 hours prior to the event – which would be June 6th.

Refunds will not be offered as participants will still receive their shirt, Klean Kanteen and a Coralpalooza™ Party ticket.

Q: Can I rent dive/snorkel equipment?

A: Once you register and are assigned to a dive operator for June 8th, then you can rent your equipment, at a separate cost, from the dive operator!

Q: Where can I stay?

A: There are many wonderful places to stay in Key Largo, Islamorada and Key West that support the Coral Restoration Foundation™! Please follow this link for more info!

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CORALPALOOZA™ PARTY



Q: Where is the evening event?

A: The Key Largo evening celebration event is at the Caribbean Club, located at 104080 Overseas Highway; the event will last from 5pm to 8pm. The Key West evening celebration event is located at the Perry Hotel on Stock Island, located at 7001 Shrimp Road; this event will be from 6pm to 8pm.

Q: Who can attend the evening event?

A: All registered divers and snorkelers will receive an entry ticket to the evening event and buffet. Limited sales of evening event tickets may be available at the Coral Restoration Foundation™ Exploration Center during the day on June 8th in Key Largo. No extra tickets will be available for the Key West evening event.

Q: What is included at the evening event?

A: A buffet dinner will be available for registered attendees, and registered participants will also receive a Coral Restoration Foundation™ Klean Kanteen steel pint!

Q: What else is happening at the evening event?

A: Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event with prizes including a DiveRite BCD and Coral Restoration Foundation™ swag! There will also be live music from 6pm. It is a party, after all!

Q: Are beverages, alcoholic and/or non-alcoholic, included?

A: Drinks are not included! With so many people, cash is the best way to get through the line quickly! There is an ATM on site, but please plan to bring cash for beverages and for the raffle.

Q: Is the buffet friendly to different dietary restrictions?

A: We will try to have something for everyone! Vegetarian options will be available.

Q: Where do we park?

A: Upon arrival at the Caribbean Club, please follow the direction of the parking attendants. Parking will be available in front of the main building and to the north of the building.

Q: Caribbean Club is so pretty! Can I bring my kids and go swimming?

A: Caribbean Club is an active local watering hole! Please avoid entering the water, and please know that it is primarily an adult event; children must be supervised.

Caribbean Club
104080 Overseas Hwy,
Key Largo, FL 33037

