HHP Activities

Throughout the year, the POA’s Activities Department plans a wide variety of exciting activities and events for the diverse population of the Plantation. They include special events, seminars, classes, workshops and much more. The activities are held at various POA facilities.

We pride ourselves in the ability to provide and meet the needs of the different age groups that comprise the Hilton Head Plantation community. For the youth of the Plantation, a summer recreation program – Kids Kamp – is held each summer. In addition, a variety of Clubs are available for participation by all Plantation residents. Detailed information of Plantation and Club activities is available in the Plantation Living newsletter.

Classes
Many classes are held on a year-round basis, e.g., Low-Impact Aerobics, Total Body Conditioning, Yoga, Pilates, and Total Fitness. Special classes are held at various times of the year, e.g., qigong, water aerobics, plus whatever other classes that may be of interest to the residents.

Seminars
Interesting, cultural, fun and exciting seminars are planned for the residents throughout the year. Some of these are the Cooking Live Series, insurance, medical, historic, nature, fitness, and travel seminars.

Special Events
Throughout the year, the Department plans special events for the entire community. Some of the events are: Easter Sunrise Service, Trash & Treasure Sales, indoor and outdoor concerts (Music & Sunset), Hilton Head Plantation Day – July 4th, children’s parties, Halloween Pet Parade, holiday parties, and much more. Additionally, the Department arranges for onsite flu shots and other health-related activities at special times of the year. Details can be found in the Plantation Living newsletter.

KIDS KAMP
The Kids Kamp Program is held each summer for children and youths of the Plantation in grades K-8. The children enjoy field activities, crafts, swimming, music, cooking, special events and much more. All activities take place in Spring Lake Pavilion, deck and playground area, Spring Lake Pool, and recreation fields. Hours for the Program are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Application forms are available at the POA Service Center and Plantation House. Established in 1987, KIDS KAMP has grown to accommodate more than 300 of our Plantation children each summer. Enrollment is open to children who will be entering grades K-8 and who are Hilton Head Plantation residents or relatives. Based at the Spring Lake Recreation Area, our expansive Kamp grounds provide a safe and comfortable environment where Kampers can play, learn, and grow together.
Children are grouped according to age and grade. Each group’s Counselor Team plans the daily activities according to a weekly theme and the group’s ability. Previous themes include Wild, Wild West Week, The Great Outdoors, Ocean Commotion Week, Animal Planet Week, and Blast from the Past. On Wacky Wednesdays, all Kampers and staff show off their creativity by dressing according to the theme. On Fridays, the entire Kamp comes together for a special event to wrap up the week with an exciting theme activity. Regularly scheduled activities include swimming, arts & crafts, performing arts, field games, fishing. Cooking, music, and nature are also incorporated into group schedules.

**KIDS KAMP Registration**
You may register your child at the POA Service Center for the entire KIDS KAMP (8 weeks) or for one or more weeks. Pre-registration, which occurs in March, offers reduced rates. A non-refundable deposit is required at pre-registration; the balance is due by May 1st. After March 31st, children may be registered at the regular rate on a space-available basis. Full payment is due at registration. See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**KIDS KAMP Refund Policy**
The non-refundable deposit will be deducted from all refunds, regardless of when the deposit, partial, or full payment occurs, because the deposit assures a space for your child thus excluding another child. A full refund, less the non-refundable deposit, will be processed within 30 days if the child is withdrawn prior to the start of Kamp. Once Kamp begins, the refund will be pro-rated based on the child’s attendance at Kamp and the current weekly fees at the time of withdrawal.

**Summer Job Opportunities**
Again this year, the Activities Department will be hiring KIDS KAMP counselors and lifeguards. Counselors should be college students majoring in Recreation or Early Childhood Education. Previous camp experience is preferred, but not required. Employment begins in mid-June and ends mid-August. The Counselors’ workweek is Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., approximately 27 hours per week. Lifeguards, Shift Supervisors, and Head Guards should have current Red Cross Certification, CPR, and WSI and be at least 16 years old. Lifeguards work 30 to 40 hours per week. Previous supervisory experience is required for Supervisors.

**Spring Lake Tennis**
This Plantation, as you know, offers an abundance of opportunities to fill your days with camaraderie, worthwhile endeavors, and exercise in a beautiful environment. If you have a few minutes when you are visiting the Spring Lake Recreation Area, come browse around the Tennis Complex. Everyone is very hospitable, and the tennis players love an audience. Although you have surely seen our screened fences from Seabrook Drive, the entrance to the Spring Lake Tennis Facility may have eluded you. At the Spring Lake parking lot, there is a modest sign and a tabby path, easily overlooked because of the beautiful shrubbery. Come see what we have to offer. There are gazebos with benches and chairs to relax out of the sun, two sets of bleachers to view the action on the courts, a Pro Shop with friendly, accommodating
staff who would love to answer your questions or just chat. And, of course, there are always plenty of matches to watch on the 12 beautifully maintained Har-Tru courts.

Have you met Keith Ferda, the Tennis Pro? Give Keith five minutes and he is your best pal or your most helpful instructor. His staff in the Pro Shop is equally helpful and pleasant. Any one of them can tell you about the various tennis events. For example, each week of every month, there are Round Robins – Monday and Friday. Every month, there is a Round Robin complete with a social event, such as a White Elephant, St. Patty’s Day Bash, Ice Cream Social, etc. If you need a reason to visit the tennis facility, come join the fun during the annual Wimbledon Week, which is capped off with the traditional Champagne & Strawberries & Cream, plus an Awards Dinner. Spring lake Tennis is an active participant in the USTA leagues with more than 50 teams and in the Interclub Competition as well. There have been teams that have advanced to the State as well as the National Championships.

For all the fun, exercise, competition, and companionship, there is a fee, which is extremely competitive with other tennis facilities in other plantations. The Spring Lake dues are used exclusively for operating the tennis facility. We invite you to come see for yourself. We are a friendly, enthusiastic bunch who is always looking for new faces of all ages from 1 to 100.

**HHP Clubs, Groups & Associations**

Our Plantation boasts a wide variety of clubs, groups, and associations available for membership to all Plantation property owner and residents. Most of the groups meet on a regularly scheduled basis. Some are instructional; others are for the mutual benefit of the community; but most are simply for fun. Your participation is encouraged!

For the latest, specific information about Club activities and membership, see the Club section in each issue of *Plantation Living*.

**Artists Association**

The Hilton Head Plantation Artists Association is a non-profit organization that studies and promotes the visual arts with monthly educational programs, group painting sessions, workshops, and art exhibitions. The Association is open to all Plantation residents who are interested in the visual arts. Members work in a broad variety of media and range from beginners to accomplished professionals. Scheduled meetings generally have a speaker or demonstration concerning a wide variety of art-related topics. The Plantation House serves as a gallery for the artists -- most work hung in the Plantation House is for sale by contacting the artist. Informal opportunities to paint and exchange information with other artists occur every Wednesday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Dolphin Head Recreation building. The Plantation Artists hold an annual show in May at the Plantation House. Residents are urged to join and explore their creativity; every artist has to have a place to start and encouragement from other artists certainly helps!

See *Plantation Living* for more information.
The Avid Gardeners
Avid Gardeners is a club that meets monthly. Visitors are always welcome. We are members of the National, State, and Regional Federated Garden Clubs; also, a member of the Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs. Our purpose is to create a love of gardens and flowers, to promote beauty in our community and roadsides, and to conserve our natural resources.

We are an active group. Our meetings are informative and interesting and cover a wide variety of subjects relative to gardening, including crafts, flower shows, and hands-on learning experiences. Membership is open to permanent residents of the Plantation and we welcome new members.

Website: [www.theavidgardeners.org](http://www.theavidgardeners.org)

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

Big Band
Comprised of HHP residents, this group holds practice on Monday nights at the Plantation House from 7:00-9:00 PM. They are always looking for new members.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

Bocce
This is a competitive, fun game which originated in Italy. The bocce courts are located near the Spring Lake tennis courts. Game equipment consists of heavy 4" balls directed at a 1-1/2" target ball. Playing teams are arranged in divisions determined by skill. New divisions are formed for the upcoming seasons, spring or fall. Playing teams are 2 or 3 members, but only 2 play a match. This sport is loads of fun, easy to play, and is open to all Plantation residents.

For more information, see *Plantation Living*.

Book Clubs
You must be a current member of the HHP Women’s Club. For information, see *Plantation Living*.

Bridge Groups
There are many, many different bridge groups. If you are interested, check *Plantation Living* each month for meeting locations and times and contacts for each group.

Bunco
We meet on the 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, at Dolphin Head Rec building. For information, see *Plantation Living*. 
Caregivers
Our support group for caregivers in Hilton Head Plantation is growing! What a wonderful group of people who care about helping others. That’s what a mutual self-help group is all about. You get some time out from your caregiving (respite) to touch base with others, have a laugh, a cry, attend to your needs (feelings, spirit, thoughts, and fears), and you reach out and help another with your experiences. It’s always a value to your personal health and wellness, as well as your loved one’s care.

You will learn from a professional facilitator and counselor, Ann Martel, M.S.W., LISW (HHP resident). Ann has over 30 years’ experience in Healthcare, Mental Health Care, Senior/Hospice Care, and private counseling for adjustments related to illness, major transitions in life, stress, grief, and caregiving.

THIS GROUP IS FOR YOU – THE CAREGIVER. The group meets the 3rd Friday of the month, 11:00 AM, at The Cypress Clubhouse - TV Room, just past the concierge. There is no charge for the group. For more information, see Plantation Living.

Cheers By The Sound
Cheers By The Sound is an informal cocktail party held the 4th Tuesday of every month at Dolphin Head Recreation Area for all HHP residents. We are sometimes on hiatus during the winter months.

Please bring your own beverage and an hors d’oeuvre to serve eight, plus your own plate, napkin, etc. We don’t have dues or any other requirements. Just show up and enjoy the company. For more information, see Plantation Living.

Craft Workshop
The world of crafting can be lots of fun. The HHP Craft Workshop consists of over 50 friendly and relaxed women. Men are certainly welcome and several of the husbands of our members contribute greatly of their time and talents. The purpose of the Craft Workshop is to make unique and beautiful items to be sold at our semi-annual Sales — one in the spring; and our big Annual Sale that traditionally is held in October. (Check Plantation Living newsletter for exact date, time, and location.)

Over the past 21 years, the Craft Group has donated more than $212,000 from the profits of its sales to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, a non-profit corporation. One does not have to be a crafter to become a member.

For information, please see Plantation Living.

Dance Club
The Hilton Head Plantation Dance Club brings together all residents of HHP and their guests who enjoy dancing and would like to improve their dancing skills by learning new dances and/or new steps to dances they already know. Our certified dance instructor works with all experience levels. Dance steps are broken down into basic step sequence and practiced during
the hour and a half sessions. Prior dance experience is not a requirement. If you enjoy music and dancing, come join us. See Plantation Living for contact information, dates, and times.

**Dog Club**
The HHP Dog Club provides an opportunity for dog owners to socialize with others who have like interests. We work to ensure a clean environment within the Plantation, for all residents including our pets, we promote the health, welfare, socialization and safety of our canine companions...and most of all, we have fun doing it. Some of our projects include the Halloween Pet Parade, agility trial demonstrations, planned Dog Socials, and maintaining the dog pens behind the POA office. We feature a Dog of the Month, guest speakers and videos of interest to dog owners. We also take this opportunity to exchange ideas relating to our canine companions. All HHP residents are welcome. You don't have to have a dog to be a member (we can always find you one or more) — a love of dogs is all that is required.

See Plantation Living for more information.

**Euchre**
Normally, this group meets on the 3rd Friday at Spring Lake Pavilion [except December], 6:15 PM, but sometimes meets in private homes. The game is easy and lessons are taught.

See Plantation Living for more information.

**Farmers Club**
For those with a green thumb who have a sense of adventure and who enjoy eating the fruits (or should we say veggies) of their labor! Why a sense of adventure, you ask? Simply because, we have three growing seasons to keep us cultivating and harrowing and a fourth season for bushhogging and a bit of rest. We show off our crops in May and June at our ever-popular Farmers Market. As for the social butterflies among us, our once a month potluck suppers are not to be surpassed! Interested in a plot?

See Plantation Living for more information.

**Fishing Club**
The HHP Fishing Club is involved with a several programs designed to provide services to Plantation residents and their children. The club has monthly dinner meetings when guest speakers provide information on local fishing opportunities or ecology issues. The club is involved with many public service programs. We provide fishing guidance to the children who attend the summer KIDS KAMP, some years hold a fishing tournament for the children of Plantation residents, assist the Lion’s Club with their Camp Leo Program for blind children, stock the fresh water lagoons each year with fresh water species, and do other volunteer work on an as-needed basis.

For membership and fishing information, see Plantation Living.
**Golfing**

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Green Thumbers**
The Green Thumbers create a greater awareness of our environment and bring an understanding of the plants, trees, and shrubs to our members. Through discussions, we try to answer questions and solve problems for our members. Each month we have a horticulture report, a speaker, or we travel to a nature-type experience. Our members are also required to be a member of the Women’s Club.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Happy Times Party**
The Happy Times Party is a social group open to all HHP residents. Meetings are each month (except Jan & Dec) at Dolphin Head Recreation building for refreshments and dinner on the 4th Sunday of the month, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Dolphin Head. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d’oeuvre for eight, their own utensils, plates, cups, napkins, and beverage.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Hilton Head Conservancy Foundation**
A non-profit foundation formed November 2003, to operate and maintain conservancies on Hilton Head Island for the purpose of permanently providing a natural habitat for indigenous plants and animals; and to provide educational opportunities for guests to the conservancies to acquaint them with the natural beauty of the environment. The foundation operates as a 501(C)(3) organization. Funds raised by the foundation are used to maintain Whooping Crane Pond and Cypress Conservancies in the Plantation. Information regarding the foundation may be had by contacting the HHPPOA General Manager.

**Kayak Club**
The Kayak Club is for Plantation owners/residents and their families, and we launch/retrieve kayaks at multiple locations on the Island for club scheduled weekly and monthly day-trips. We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels including those who already own a kayak, as well as those who are still considering their first kayak purchase.

We are planning kayak speakers and kayak educational programs for new and experienced kayakers as well as kayak outings for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced kayakers.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.
Knit Wits
This friendly group of women welcomes all skill levels of knitting. The group meets every Wednesday, 2:30 PM, at the Dolphin Head building. No fee is required, although you must be a current member of the HHP Women's Club. Come, have fun, laugh, knit, purl, and relax.

See Plantation Living for more information.

Men's Cooking Club
There are currently three men's cooking clubs in HHP:

Men's 2nd Wednesday Cooking Club
Noon until 2:00 PM, at Spring Lake Pavilion. We each demonstrate our favorite meals on a rotating basis. Can't cook? Come anyway!

Men's 4th Tuesday Cooking Club
While the meeting place will generally be at Spring Lake Pavilion, some members elect to host their cooking presentation at their respective homes.

Men's 3rd Wednesday Cooking Club
There is a NEW Men's Cooking Club, meeting the 3rd Wednesday at Spring Lake Pavilion, Noon until 2:00 PM.

See Plantation Living for more information.

Newcomers Club
WELCOME!! Everyone who has lived in Hilton Head Plantation for four years or less is automatically a member of the Newcomers Club. The monthly meetings afford the opportunity to meet other residents in an informal setting and to learn more about Hilton Head Plantation. This allows new residents to get the most out of the many activities offered in the Plantation. Social activities and programs are planned for each meeting. There is a nominal charge to cover expenses and everyone enjoys meeting other new residents and sharing experiences.

Check the Plantation Living newsletter for programs and plan to come and join the fun!

Out to Lunch Bunch
The O.T.L.B. is a group of women who meet 8 times a year on the 3rd Wednesday or Thursday of the month from September through May. Unique dining experiences and socializing are offered as we try out new, as well as old, restaurants in and around the Island and in Bluffton. Please join us for great food and companionship. Please contact us if you would like to join and to get the menu and pricing. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. You must be a current member of HHP Women’s Club to attend.

See Plantation Living for more information.
**Pickleball**
The club has flourished with the support of the Island Recreation Center and new players from all over HHI. This game is easy to learn and great fun to play while you’re getting your cardio workout in for the day. Come by and use our demo equipment to try it live!

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Softball**
Practice is every Tuesday, 1:00 PM, at the softball field near the POA Service Center. We are looking for new members, both male and female. Annual dues are $20, which are used to pay for equipment and other basic needs of the club. If you are interested, come out to watch and participate in a practice. Come on out and join us...softball is fun!

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Tee Timers**
The Tee Timers have been filling four tee times (14-16 golfers) each week at Oyster Reef, Bear Creek, and Dolphin Head. We play 9 holes on Wednesday afternoons, with some going on to play 18 holes. The clubs have been very welcoming to our group and have graciously given us a group rate. We welcome new members. You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club to join the Tee Timers.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Train Club**
Whether you like big trains or small trains, this club has something for everyone. Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Plantation House.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Vino Formaggio**
The Vino Formaggio Group offers wine tasting opportunities for the novice to develop an appreciation for various wines. There are two tasting events left this membership year. Specific wines will be selected by country, type, or occasion and will be accompanied by paired hors d’oeuvres. The cost of each tasting is $21 and must be paid in advance, at least seven (7) days prior to the event. The tasting fee covers the wine tastings, food pairings, supplies, and insurance. You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.
**Women’s Club**
The Hilton Head Plantation Women’s Club (HHPWC) is comprised of women residents and property owners of Hilton Head Plantation. The original purpose of the club, formed in 1986, was to bring women together for fellowship. The club continues to grow and meet the needs of its members through monthly meetings and a variety of interest groups. The groups meet regularly to play bridge, travel to points of interest, discuss gardening, have informative culinary programs, review books and enjoy each other’s company at lunch. Women must be members of HHPWC to participate in any of the interest groups.

The monthly meetings begin with fellowship and refreshments followed by a short business meeting and a program featuring a speaker, panel discussion, or demonstration. The HHPWC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Plantation House, September through April at 2:00 p.m. Each membership year begins with a Salad Luncheon on the second Tuesday in August. A Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for the second Tuesday of December and a Spring Luncheon is held on the second Tuesday in May. New members are welcome throughout the year.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Women’s Euchre**
The Women’s Euchre Club will be meeting year round every other Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Plantation House. We invite all experienced players to join us. You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.

**Woodcarvers Club**
Woodcarvers are a group of whittlers who have many projects in the works – birds, figures, bas-relief, and other works of art. Come spend some time with us. Experience is not a factor; we learn from one another.

See *Plantation Living* for more information.
Yacht Club
The purpose of the Yacht Club is to promote good fellowship among its members. This is accomplished by holding regular monthly meetings with varied, informative programs and refreshments and with an active schedule of boating and social events. Boating members are those residents who currently own boats and maintain them in Hilton Head waters. Social members are residents who have had boating experience but do not currently own a boat or they maintain a boat outside of Hilton Head waters. We are known as a “fun” group and work very hard to maintain our reputation by holding two formal dinner dances each year - the Commodore’s Ball in May and the Change of Watch in December when we install our new Board of Governors. We also enjoy luncheon cruises to places assessable by boat or by car. The heartier boaters participate in several overnight cruises each year. New members are always welcome although there is sometimes a waiting list.

Club Website: [www.hhpyc.org](http://www.hhpyc.org). See *Plantation Living* for more information.

Turkey Trot
The Turkey Trot is a great family event and open to all HHP residents. The Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Island Recreation Center, consists of a two-mile walk, a 5k run, and a 10k run. Each event starts at the Boathouse Grill – outside the Cypress Gate – at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. Runners and walkers pass through the Cypress Gate, walk or run on Seabrook Drive to the Dolphin Head Recreation Area, and then return to the finish line at the Cypress Gate. For Turkey Trot information or reservations, call the Island Recreation Center at 843-681-7273.