

Florida Young Naturists

End of Summer Bash

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Have you ever met someone with no way to initially judge him or her, other than to talk to them and learn about who they are as a person? People are born naked, but are given clothes from birth to mask the body, which can speak for itself. We can choose to wear whatever we want, which allows people to create an identity via materialism. However, when we remove our masks and learn to be who we are in our own skin, we find a truth much more tangible than clothing.

From his own Garden of Eden at Sunsport Gardens in Loxahatchee, FL, Morley Schloss has reached out to all people, regardless of age, welcoming them to experience his peaceful and beautiful community. Into his hands fell a group of young, inspiring, and loving people who happen to agree with the same values of naturism that Morley so well displays at Sunsport. A naturist Disneyland, home to many beautiful trees, flowers, and happy, healthy people, Sunsport proved to be the



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ideal place for Florida Young Naturists to hold their End of Summer event.

I first heard about this event from my friend Mark Marazita, who has been a member of FYN for about a year. Trusting his judgment, I made the trek south from Orlando to Loxahatchee, only to be welcomed with open arms by a group of wonderful people who are all now my friends! There were many people, myself included, who were engaging in their first naturist event, and everyone I talked to agreed that we couldn't have picked a better start. From the moment I undressed I felt perfectly comfortable at Sunsport and with FYN, like I had known these people forever. It's interesting to feel more out of

place with your clothes on than completely naked, but that goes to show how much more natural this way of life proves to be! The first day I went to the pool and there were people of all ages, including young kids, which added so much extra sunshine because the children were just so happy, enjoying being naked with their friends, family, and neighbors. It was really hot outside, but comfort was never a problem. Although the FYN area was down further in the heart of Sunsport, we all skinny-dipped in the pool and hot tub frequently. The pool deck was equipped with plenty of showers, and even a sauna next to the bathroom, which was great for the chilly nights!

This area seemed to be the most common meeting place, where I met an incredible amount of awesome people. Since there were no clothes to cover people, there was no interest in conversations about superficial things; every conversation was filled with deep thought and positivity as we all had something to learn from each other. We were all able to enjoy the positive atmosphere at Sunsport and to experience the beauty of living at peace with each other and nature not only by talking, but also by participating in activities that helped us all to bond, like the fire circle on Friday night where we danced to the

beat of everyone's drums. I found that being naked allowed a friendship to form that was so much deeper than usual; there was absolutely no necessity for holding back one's true personality since they were already naked, like a blank canvas meeting tons of paint—by the end of the weekend we were one colorful tribe!

There is energy at Sunsport that radiates through everything. The perimeter of the land is covered by natural Florida fauna, and can be seen in its entirety by strolling down one of the trails that are shaded by many types of trees and plants. On Saturday, after we had listened

to two presentations about naturism and Sunsport, my wonderful friend Mark led the way through the nature trails. About a dozen of us followed, and enjoyed seeing butterflies fly freely alongside all kinds of natural life. It was refreshing to be able to be completely natural in this setting—completely non-disturbing of the peace. Another FYN member Marco Zeno even brought a young alligator to the event, who was extremely friendly and an exotic addition to our campground.

To ease into our second evening at the event, Janet Meredith led a very relaxing yoga class that was easy to follow and left everyone feeling renewed. Although I was sore for a couple days after, it felt great to stretch before the exciting night that followed! Later in the evening, a resident tarot card reader Christiana Gaudet led a reading for anyone who was interested. She answered many different questions directly and with spectacular insight. For the rest of the night we all roamed freely around Sunsport making new friends and strengthening previous relationships.

On Sunday about thirty of us went to a nearby park to skinny-dip at the beach. We swam and enjoyed ourselves for about half an hour before the cops were called and we were kicked out for being naked. Being the joyful group that we were, however, we still had a great time and didn't let the minor setback bring the mood down. Back at Sunsport we all enjoyed the rest of the beautiful day without having to worry about "park regulations," and ended our evening with naked sushi! Our wonderful server and friend Jack rolled up all different kinds of sushi, and everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the food.

Eventually some of the group needed to head back home, which for some was as far as Canada, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee! We said our good byes, had lots of group hugs, and kept our smiles on to carry through to the next event, which will be held in Georgia. If you're looking for some loving friends and some natural freedom and fun, come on out and join us! **N**



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