

Families Helping Families

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Big Cat Rescue



Hi my name is Jody, my counselor is Wendy. The other day she gave us some passes for Big Cat Rescue. Today I took my son Collin who is 14 and my Mother to the non-profit sanctuary. What a great time we had. I had no idea that the place was so big or had as many cats as they did. Our tour guide was Delyth, she was from England and was very knowledgeable about the cats at the sanctuary and made the tour fun and informative. One thing that we learned is that Lions cannot purr but they can roar because they have a floating hyoid in their throat, snow leopards hyoids are attached so they cannot roar but they can purr.

At the sanctuary they do not breed animals because they do not believe in keeping wild cats in captivity. All of the animals at the shelter were acquired in different ways. One of the Ocelots was given to the sanctuary by parents of a toddler. They bought the ocelot to be a pet for their new baby to grow up with. Needless to say as it got older it viewed the baby as competition and attacked it, the baby was ok, but now the ocelot is kept in a cage instead of the wild where it should be. Many of the cats were saved from becoming fur coats by people who cared and took them from fur farms. Many cats are exploited for public entertainment.



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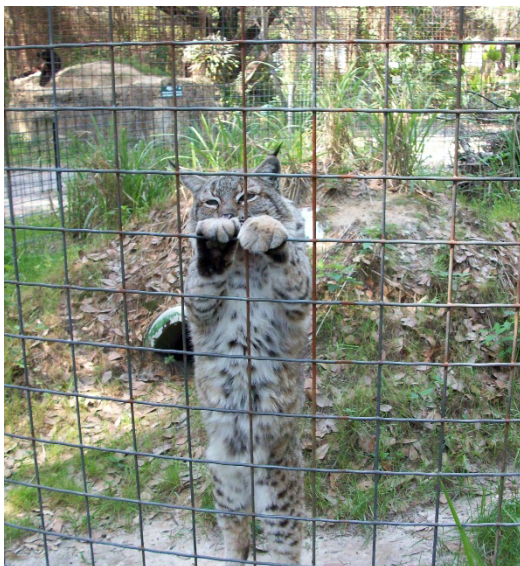
This is the adorable Biturong.



Siberia Lynx

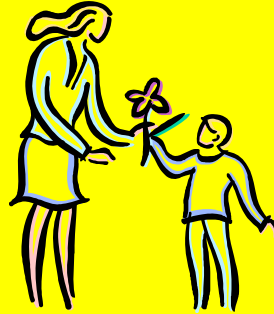
They also have one resident that is not a big cat, it's called a Binturong, which is a something between a bear and a cat, but we think it looks like a huge otter. One thing that all of the cats have in common is that they are all beautiful and living better lives than they did in their previous homes. We took lots of pictures and learned so much. I am so thankful for Wendy and Suncoast for providing us with this opportunity. I wanted to share some pictures of our wonderful day. I hope you enjoy them.

This guy saying goodbye to us is "Raindance", he is a bobcat & totally cute.



SUCCESS STORY

So many things have happened over the last 6 months. I was over whelmed and I felt very alone handling both kids. The very best you can't see, Its is me. I really community for single moms and dads. and to help me set up goals for and I am too. Christopher's be-back-up. Also, I didn't know how learned how to set smaller goals areas of my life and I am able to lesson to learn so early in life not his confidence is threw the roof.



I was over whelmed and I felt very alone thing that I can share with you is something feel there is help and support out in the com- It was very nice to have someone to talk to my family. Both of my children are happier havior is so much better. I think I just needed many resources were available to us. I have to achieve the big picture. I apply this to all pas this on to my children. What a wonderful only has Christopher's behavior improved but What a success story. Yeah!

Early Childhood Services Mom

North County April Egg Hunt Event

"Getting creative!"



Egg Hunt!



Decorating Eggs

Personalized Art Work!



Family Appreciation Night

CLASSIFIEDS



Thinking about getting rid of old supplies, furniture or belongings? Before throwing things out...please read our want ads; there might be a family that can use what you no longer need. Let your therapist or support worker know if you have any items you would like to donate and we'll list it in next month's ads. Please contact Angela @ 543-8568 for more information.

WANTED: Adult bike High chair. Contact Cassandra at 543-7957	WANTED: Receiving blankets, baby bottles, crib sheets, and baby boy clothes. Contact Stepheni at 479-5701	WANTED: Washer & Dryer. Contact: Allison at 543-8534	WANTED: Clothes for twin girls size 2 & 3 . Shoes size 8 & 9. Contact Cyndie at 543-0436	WANTED: 2 to 4 dining room chairs and 1 coffee table (preferably without a glass top). Contact Helen at 542-6476	
WANTED: Vacuum. Contact Allison at 543-8534	WANTED: Household furniture needed. Contact Sandra at 543-7957	WANTED: Working PC (with monitor and CPU) or laptop. Contact Helen at 542-6476.	WANTED: A recliner, couch, dining room table & chairs and a microwave. Contact Erin at 543-4986	WANTED: Crib, monitors, infant bouncer, swing, chair, play-pen, bottles & baby girl clothes. Contact Allison at 543-8534	WANTED: Baby carrier sling. Contact Paula at 542-8048
WANTED: Rocking chair for a new mom. Contact Paula at 542-8048	WANTED: Dining room set and Couch. Please contact Stepheni at 479-5701	GIVE-A-WAY: Clothes, books, and other household. Contact Tammy at 631-1334	GIVE-A-WAY: Wooden coffee table. Contact Leann at 645-1733	Wanted: Toddler carrier for a bike. Call Stepheni 479-5701	

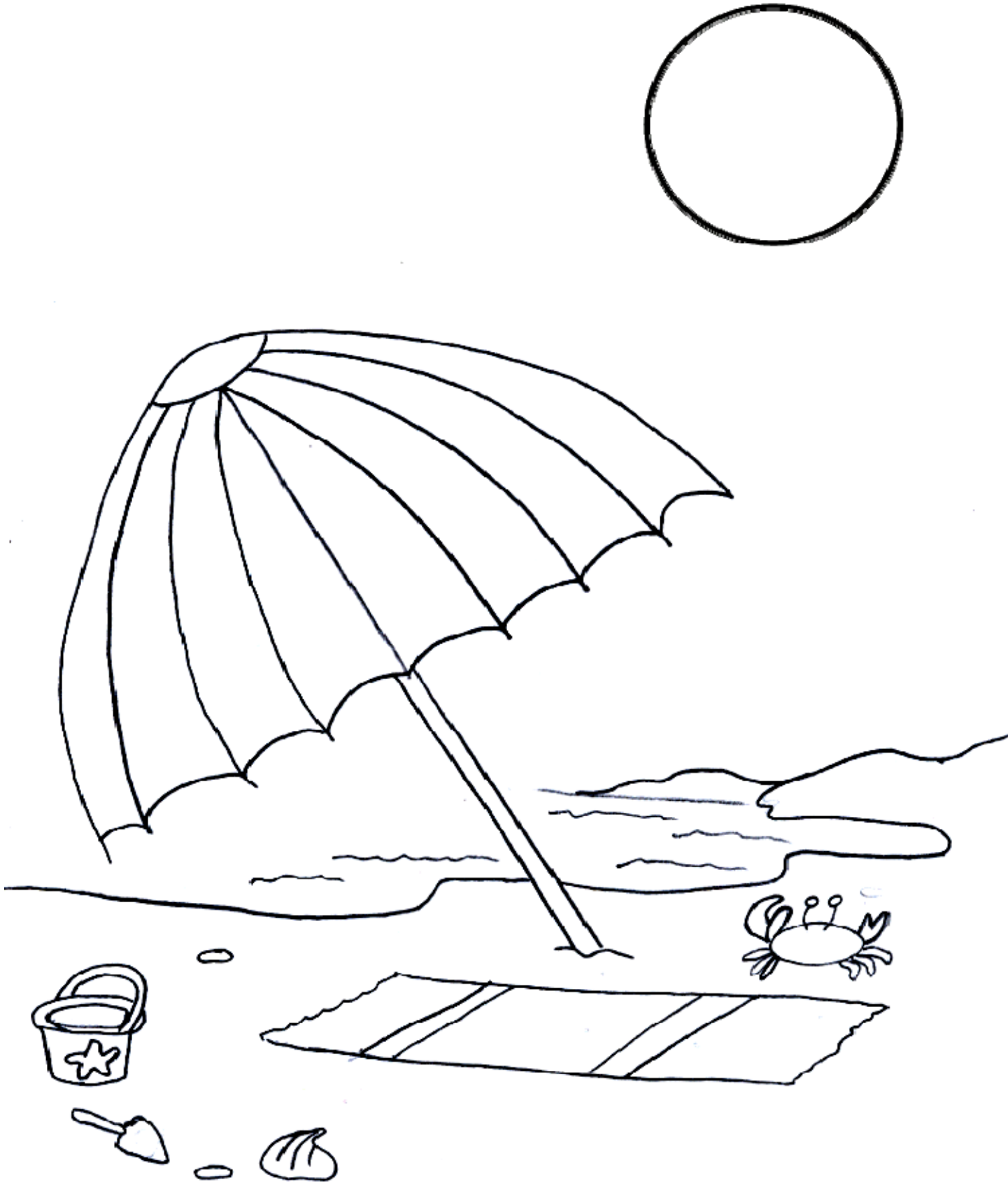
Mid County

Spring Fever at Heritage Village Event

“Art was so fun”!

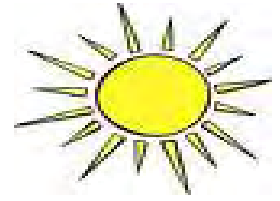
“Arts and crafts were the best”!

“I liked exploring in the woods...and I loved the food”!





JUNE 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Total Family Strategy

			1	2 Parenting for Change-South County	3	4
5	6	7 South County Tuesday Social Mid-County Tuesday Night Social	8 North County Tuesday Night Social	9 Parenting for Change-South County	10	11
12	13	14	15 Mid County Art Time "Lettuce Eat" Recipe Swap	16 Parenting for Change -South County	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Mid County Kick -off to Summer Family Field Day
26	27	28	29 South County Art Time	30		



FANTASTIC, FABULOUS, FUN CALENDAR DETAILS

Meet, Greet & Eat Social

6/7 –South County *Suncoast Center* - 1001 16th Street South St. Petersburg - Contact Wendy at 543-8579

6/7 - Mid County *Highpoint Neighborhood Center* - 5812 150th Ave North Clearwater-Contact Alison at 543-8534

6/8 -North County *Safety Harbor Family Neighborhood Center* - 1003 Dr. MLK St. North– Contact Katie 543-0726

6:00pm-7:30pm

Art Time

6/29 South County Art Time: Location: 1001 16th Street S, St. SCCMH Office. Contact Joe 543-9089.* Last Wednesday of each month

5:00pm-7:00pm

6/15 Mid-County Art Time– Location: GRAYDI- 13420 Adams Circle, Largo, FL. Contact Cyndie at 543-0436. *Every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

5:00pm-7:00pm

Upcoming Events

6/25 Mid County –Kick-off to Summer Family Field Day event- Saturday @ John S. Taylor Park, shelter #2. Taylor Park location: 1011 8th Avenue SW, Largo, 33770; Plans & ideas for event include: kickball, flag football, games & activities for all different ages and hotdogs/hamburgers for lunch with potluck sides following games. Staff Contact: Alison @ 543-8534; Parent contacts: Brandi @ 466-8327 & Tammy @ 420-2514

10:00am-1:00pm

6:00pm-7:30pm

6/15 North County- "Lettuce Eat" which will be a recipe swap. Families will be asked to bring a favorite dish with recipe so that the recipes can be shared with other TFS families. If families can't provide a

Monthly Events

Parent Support Group - Wednesdays of each month *Great Explorations*-1925 4th Street North St. Petersburg - Contact Julie at 327-7656 x4140

6:00-7:00pm

PARENTING CLASSES:

Enrolling now for upcoming Active Parenting class: Please call Wendy at 543-8579 to enroll in the 7-week course.

6:00pm-7:30pm

***North County will begin Active Parenting Classes at the Safety Harbor Neighborhood Center in July with a date to be announced. Contact Jen 452-2141 or John 543-8506.

Future Events

7/16 Mid-County- Family Beach Day event-Location: Indian Rocks Beach (details pending further planning at upcoming meet & greet)

4:00pm-Sunset