



WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



EVENT GUIDE

Sarasota
10/25/2025

EVENT INFO:

WHEN

Saturday, October 25, 2025

WHERE

Nathan Benderson Park
5851 Nathan Benderson Cir
Sarasota, FL 34235

PARKING

See details on next page.

*The use of public transportation
or rideshare is encouraged!

WHAT TO BRING

Event ticket

Blanket/ Warm Clothes

Camping Chair

Camera

Bug Spray

WHAT TO EXPECT

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another. Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter

SCHEDULE

4:00-6:30 PM

arrival time between 4:00-6:30

Please arrive before 6:30 PM

6:30-7:00 PM

Lantern Stories, Meditation,
Launch Instructions

7:00-8:00 PM

Lantern Launch Window

8:00 PM

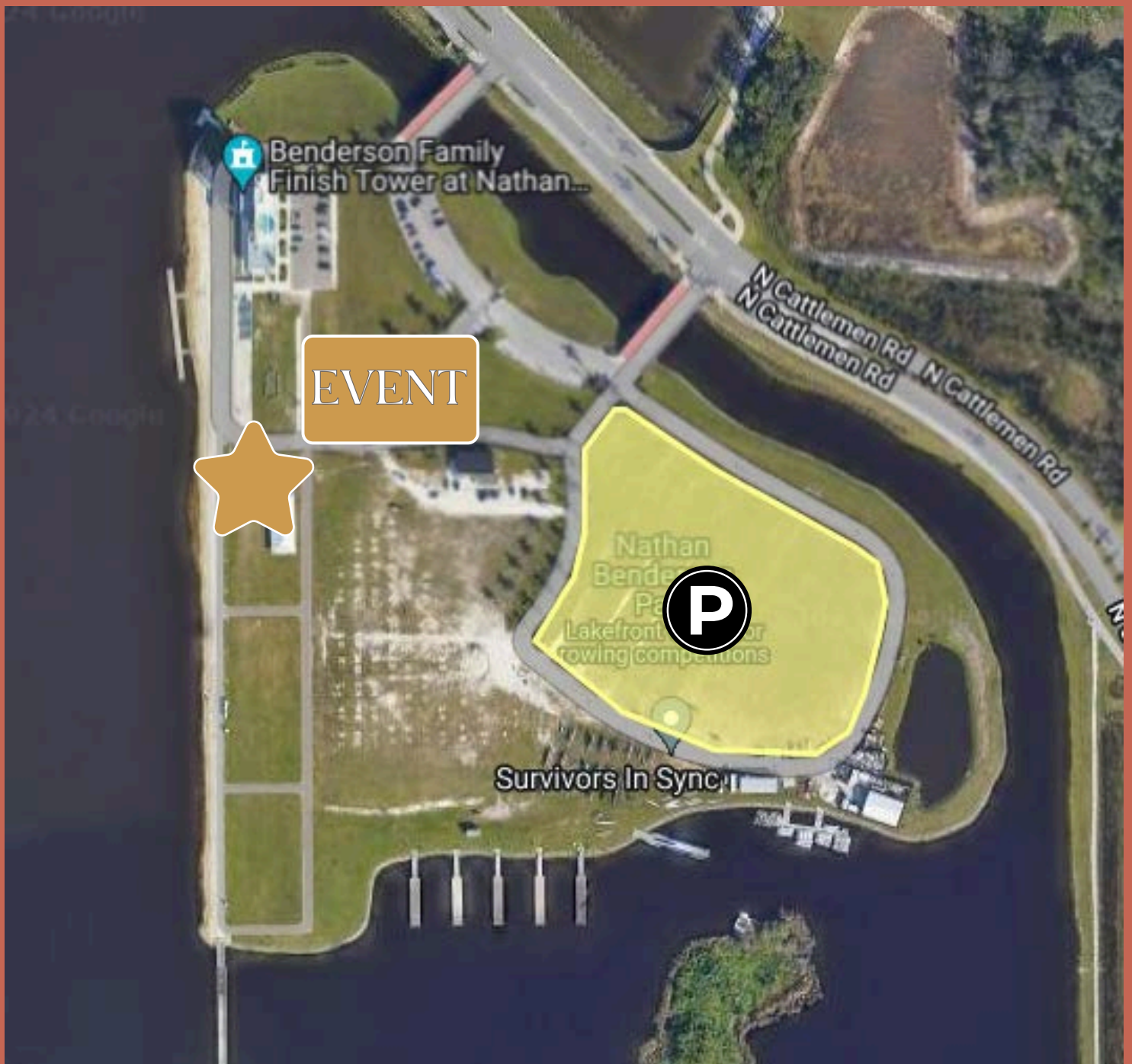
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VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Parking will be \$10 per car onsite at the venue and is charged by the park.



LANTERN LAUNCH

PLEASE NOTE

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

1. Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
2. Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods
3. Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
4. Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.



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PERFORMERS

JOSH STURGEON

Josh Sturgeon is a singer-songwriter whose folk-pop sound carries the weight of lived experience. After years solo tours, he stepped away to raise a family—returning a decade later with songs shaped by both silence and second chances. His latest work, recorded with a Grammy-nominated producer, pairs lyrical grit with melodies that feel both intimate and timeless.



RYAN MUNDY

Ryan Mundy is a rising Nashville Artist, originally from Springfield, OH who has made waves in the country music scene with his electrifying performances on stages across the country and his music that presents a fresh blend of country/rock infused songs. His talent and passion for music have garnered widespread recognition and acclaim earning him an impressive 11 Josie Music Award nominations at The Grand Ole Opry House in 2022-2024, including winning 'Song of the Year' last October for his solo write song "A Thing or Two". Mundy was also the recipient of the "Emerging Leader Award" last year from his hometown college as a 2013 alumni.



MORE INFO

DONATE

Water Lantern Festival is proud to support Water.org supplying clean water to people across the globe.

SUSTAINABILITY

Water Lantern Festival cares deeply about our environment and our water resources. Our lanterns are made from wood and rice paper making them as sustainable as possible. Following the event our team retrieves each lantern as well as any trash in or around the water. We encourage you to follow our example and leave the park better than we found it.

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival presented by One World, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at <http://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver.php>. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

