



WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



EVENT GUIDE

Tampa Bay
April 4, 2026

EVENT INFO:

WHEN

April 4, 2026

WHERE

Sunwest Park
17362 Old Dixie Hwy.
Hudson, FL 34667

PARKING

See details on next page.

*The use of public transportation or rideshare is encouraged!

WHAT TO BRING

Event ticket	Sunscreen/Bug Spray
Lawn Chair	Weather appropriate clothing
Blanket	

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

5:00-7:30 PM

Arrival time between 5:00-7:30
Please arrive before 7:30 PM

6:30-7:30 PM

Performers

7:30-8:00 PM

Lantern Stories, Meditation,
Launch Instructions

8:00-9:00 PM

Lantern Launch Window

9:00 PM

Event Ends

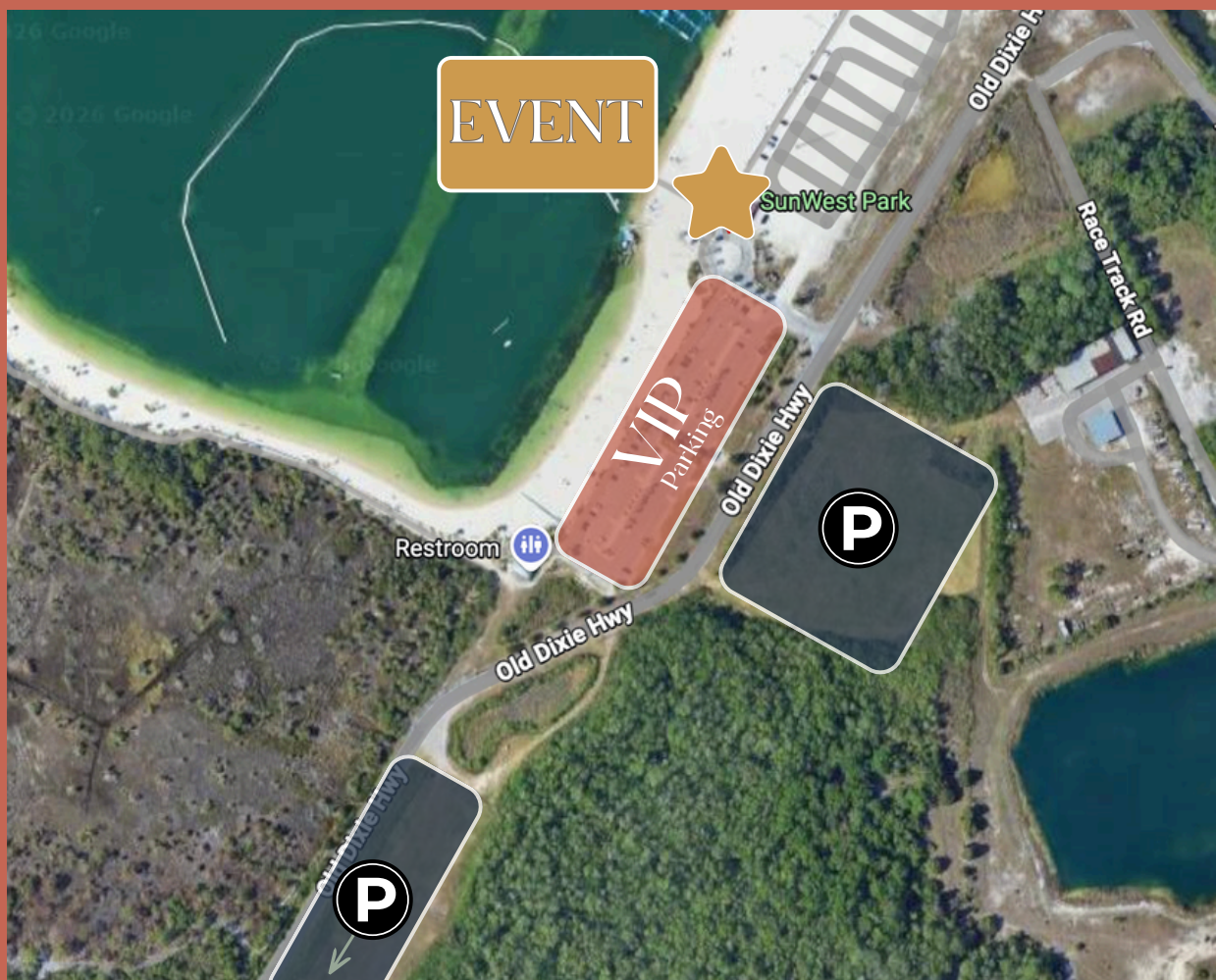


VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Parking is mandatory for all attendees. General parking is available for \$25, or you can upgrade to VIP parking for \$50 for closer access to the event. We strongly encourage purchasing parking in advance through our website to ensure a smooth arrival. Cash payments will not be accepted on-site.

[Purchase Parking →](#)



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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VENDORS

FOOD

Lobsta rolls

Tropical Silver

Florida Juice Company

Blizzard (tornado truck)

Tornado Food Truck

Mr. B's Southern

SPONSORS



W by L Crochet

PERFORMERS

JOSSIE

Jossie is a rising Pop-soul artist whose music blends bilingual storytelling, emotional truth, and fierce self-expression. Performing live at the Water Lantern Festival, she brings soulful vocals and heartfelt lyrics that light up the night with vulnerability and hope.



HEATHER DESANCTIS

Heather DeSanctis is an Orlando-based singer-songwriter known for her emotive vocals and engaging live performances. Blending heartfelt lyrics with a contemporary pop and acoustic sound, she has built a growing following through her original music and performances at events and venues. Her EP No More Love Letters highlights her ability to connect with listeners through authentic storytelling.



MORE INFO

SUSTAINABILITY

Water Lantern Festival cares deeply about our environment and our water resources. Our lanterns are made from wood and biodegradable 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, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at

<https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver>.

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.

