

## Calendar of Events

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September 5, 2017  
- September 26, 2017

**LRC's SAT Prep**  
**Learning Resource Center of Polk County**  
**1628 South Florida Avenue**  
**Lakeland, FL 33803**  
05:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST  
Susan Larson, 863-688-9477  
susanl@lrmpolk.com

*The Learning Resource Center's SAT® Preparation provides an efficient and effective 23-hour course designed to help students achieve their best possible score on the exam. The full course will take place on Tuesdays (Math) and Thursdays (Reading) for four weeks as well as one Saturday.*

September 13, 2017

**2017 Professional Development Academy: Leadership In The Workplace**  
**Polk State College Corporate College**  
**310 Technology Drive**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
07:30 AM - 09:30 AM EST  
Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125  
barbara@bartowchamber.com

September 14, 2017

**Business After Hours-Bartow Ford (Chamber Members Only)**  
**Bartow Ford**  
**2800 US Hwy 98 N.**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM EST  
Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125  
barbara@bartowchamber.com

September 20, 2017

**2017 Diversity Luncheon**  
**Bartow Civic Center**  
**2250 S Floral Ave**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST  
*To enhance the quality of life for Bartow Community through understanding and appreciating the differences among its people.*

September 25, 2017  
- October 25, 2017

**LRC's ACT Prep**  
**Learning Resource Center of Polk County**  
**1628 South Florida Avenue**  
**Lakeland, FL 33803**  
05:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST  
Susan Larson, 863-688-9477  
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*Learning Resource Center's ACT Preparation Course provides an efficient and effective 23-hour course designed to help students achieve their best possible score on the ACT. This course provides: Small classes with highly trained teachers; Problem-solving strategies for analyzing and answering ACT questions; Practice taking ACT exams; Emphasis on test-taking techniques and strategies specific to the ACT that help build confidence and reduce test anxiety. The full course will take place on Mondays (Math/Science) and Wednesdays (English/Reading) for four weeks as well as one Saturday (Writing).*

September 25, 2017  
- October 30, 2017

**LRC's Study Habits of Successful Students**  
**Learning Resource Center of Polk County**  
**1628 South Florida Avenue**  
**Lakeland, FL 33803**  
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM EST  
Susan Larson, 863-688-9477  
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*The Learning Resource Center's Study Habits of Successful Students provides study skills and motivational strategies to prepare students in grades 6-8 to become more effective learners. Students learn and practice time-tested, effective, and efficient study strategies. The course is designed to offer small classes with activity-oriented lessons to help students learn and practice these study habits of successful students.*

October 7, 2017

**Bartow's Unity Day Festival**  
**Bartow Civic Center**  
**2250 S Floral Ave**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
11:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST  
Gloria Washington, 863-205-1173  
glo930@aol.com

*Part of the Community Relations Committee's Bartow Multicultural Initiative, the Unity Day Festival is a Citywide celebration, free to the public, to be held at Mosaic Park and Bandshell from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Community groups perform live music; also available: ethnic foods, games, barbecue vendors and Lots of Fun will be featured.*

- October 11, 2017      **2017 Professional Development Academy: Leadership In The Workplace**  
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Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125  
barbara@bartowchamber.com
- October 12, 2017      **Business After Hours- Moody Law (Chamber Members Only)**  
**Moody Law**  
**575 N. Broadway Ave.**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM EST  
Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125  
barbara@bartowchamber.com
- October 12, 2017      **Mr. Central Florida**  
**Sun'N Fun Florida Air Museum**  
**4175 Medulla Road**  
**Lakeland, FL 33811**  
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM EST  
Debbie Burdett, 863-686-3189  
dburdett@cfshc.org  
*All proceeds support the patients of Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center.*
- October 13, 2017      **Central Florida Health Expo**  
**International Market World Flea and Farmers Market**  
**1052 US 92 West**  
**Auburndale, FL 33823**  
09:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST  
David Kiessling, (863) 248-7537  
david@centralfloridamediagroup.com  
*The Central Florida Health Expo is the area's premier event for health-conscious adults. The event will be held at International Market World Flea and Farmers Market in Auburndale. The market comes alive on Fridays as shoppers stroll through one of the area's largest farm fresh produce markets, enjoy live entertainment and experience the market's vibrant atmosphere. This event is free to the public. Everyone is welcome!*

October 17, 2017

**Champions Cup - Business, Industry & Spirit of Bartow Awards**

**Bartow Civic Center**

**2250 S. Floral Ave.**

**Bartow, FL 33830**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Jeff Clark, 863-533-7125

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*Champions Cup recognizes and honors businesses/organizations that have championed exemplary best practices and have had a positive influence on the economic well being of the Bartow area business community. CHAMPIONS CUP AND SPIRIT OF BARTOW NOMINATION FORM [HERE](#). Nominated businesses/organizations are judged by an anonymous random panel of more than 20 community leaders who review the applicants based upon strict criteria regarding community and economic impact. The prestigious awards are presented at the evening event held at the Bartow Civic Center featuring a prominent keynote speaker.*

*Spirit of Bartow Awards: The evening is also a time of recognizing those who give back to the community. The Spirit of Bartow award is presented to area citizens who have contributed to the community in a significant way.*

*All awards will be judged by a blue-ribbon committee of Chamber members based upon the following criteria:*

*Business & Industry Awards*

*The mission of the Champions Cup Business & Industry Awards is to recognize businesses/organizations that have championed exemplary best practices in the areas of customer service, sustainability, employee retention and opportunity, reputation and positive influence on the economic well-being of the Bartow area business community.*

*Spirit of Bartow Awards*

*Nominees for this award should be individuals or groups that have significantly contributed to the Bartow community and their individual accomplishments/contributions made a positive impact on the area's quality of life.*

*Nominations are easy, no long forms to fill out!*

October 21, 2017

**Stepping Out for Education**

**The Lakeland Center**

**701 W Lime Street**

**Lakeland, FL 33815**

06:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Susan Copeland, 863-534-0434

susana.copeland@polk-fl.net

*Stepping Out for Education is a Dancing with the Stars type event featuring community celebrities who learn ballroom dances and perform for judges, "stepping out" of their dance comfort zone to raise money for education services of the Polk Education Foundation. Dinner with dance competition.*

November 6, 2017

**Achievement Academy's Big CUP Golf Tournament**

**Lone Palm Golf Club**

**800 Lone Palm Drive**

**Lakeland, FL 33815**

12:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Stacy Williams, 863-683-6504

stacy@achievementacademy.com

*Registration and lunch begin at 12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Banquet and awards following play. We all know that a little help makes a big difference. With a little help from you through tournament play or sponsorship, you too can make a big difference in the life of a child with special needs.*

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities.*

November 6, 2017

- December 11, 2017

**LRC's College Success Planning**

**Learning Resource Center of Polk County**

**1628 South Florida Avenue**

**Lakeland, FL 33803**

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM EST

Susan Larson, 863-688-9477

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November 8, 2017

**2017 Professional Development Academy: Leadership In The Workplace**  
**Polk State College Corporate College**  
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**Bartow, FL 33830**  
07:30 AM - 09:30 AM EST  
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November 8, 2017

**Inaugural Early Learning Coalition Gala**  
**Magnolia Building**  
**702 E. Orange St.**  
**Lakeland, FL 33801**  
06:30 PM - 09:00 PM EST  
Gregg Heinkel , 8632882122  
greggheinkel@elcpolk.org  
*A fundraising event to help the children and families of Polk County.*

November 11, 2017  
- November 12, 2017

**Veteran's Barbecue Under the Big Top**  
**International Market World Flea and Farmers Market**  
**1052 US 92 West**  
**Auburndale, FL 33823**  
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST  
David Kiessling, (863) 248-7537  
david@centralfloridamediagroup.com  
*Polk County is home to over 54,000 veterans. We invite all area veterans and active military personnel to join us for two big days of live entertainment and a free barbecue feast prepared under the big top.*

*We can't say thank you enough for your service.*

November 15, 2017

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**  
**Bartow Civic Center**  
**2250 S. Floral Ave.**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
11:30 AM - 01:00 PM EST  
*George Long gives you a chance to hear how the City of Bartow is doing. This is a free event, open to the community. If you'd like, lunch is available for \$10. You may purchase your ticket online, or pick up at the Chamber. Doors open at 11:30; program begins at noon.*

November 16, 2017

**Business After Hours- BayCare Bartow Regional Medical Center (Chamber Members Only)**  
**BayCare Bartow Regional Medical Center**  
**2200 Osprey Blvd.**  
**Bartow, FL 33830**  
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM EST  
Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125  
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December 1, 2017

**Central Florida Health Expo  
International Market World Flea and Farmers Market  
1052 US 92 West  
Auburndale, FL 33823**

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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December 7, 2017

**Business After Hours- Boswell & Dunlap, LLP (Chamber Members Only)  
Boswell & Dunlap, LLP  
245 S. Central Ave.  
Bartow, FL 33830**

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM EST

Barbara Adamson, 863-533-7125

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February 3, 2018

**Yellow Jacket Stomp Adventure Run VI**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Steve Githens, 863-529-8679

Steve@githensinsurance.com

*Bartow Rotary Clubs present Yellow Jacket Stomp Adventure Run VI*

*The 6th annual Yellow Jacket Stomp Adventure Run will be held in Mosaic and Mary Holland Parks at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The course is run over a combination of grass, paved streets and walking paths. Various obstacles will be arranged to challenge the runners on their way around the course.*

*The registration, start, finish and awards ceremony will be held in Mosaic Park at 2250 South Floral Avenue in Bartow, one block north of the Bartow Civic Center.*

*The fees are \$20 for runners ages 16 and up/ and \$15 for runners ages 15 and under. Anyone who has any questions may contact Steve Githens at 863-529-8679.*

February 3, 2018

**13th Annual VISTEBall**

**Sun 'n Fun**

**4175 Medulla Rd**

**Lakeland, FL 33811**

06:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Steve Bissonnette, 8636838458

steve@viste.org

*The 13th Annual VISTEBall will be held February 3, 2018 from 6-10 p.m. at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland. VISTEBall is an indoor golf-themed fund-raiser where attendees may play golf-related games, enjoy a buffet dinner and drinks. In addition to the meal and games, attendees may bid on silent and live auction items. Proceeds from the evening go to support VISTE (Volunteers In Service To the Elderly). VISTE's mission is to enable the frail elderly to remain safely and independently in their own homes. VISTE assists clients 70 and older in Lakeland, Bartow, Ft. Meade and Mulberry. VISTEBall is the organization's largest fundraiser each year. VISTEBall tickets may be purchased from VISTE Board members, by contacting Steve Bissonnette (at either 863.683.8458 or steve@viste.org) or via the VISTE website. To purchase tickets online, go to: [www.viste.org](http://www.viste.org). For questions, contact Bissonnette at 863-683-8458.*

February 9, 2018

**Central Florida Health Expo**

**International Market World Flea and Farmers Market**

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**Auburndale, FL 33823**

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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February 24, 2018

- March 12, 2018

**2018 Polk Senior Games**

**Locations Vary**

**Office : 515 East Boulevard St**

**Bartow, FL 33830**

Deena Wilbur, 8635330055

polkseniorgames@verizon.net

*Two weeks of athletic and recreational competitive events for men and women 50 and years and over.*

May 9, 2018

**2018 Just Say No Parade & Rally**

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Ernie Cooper, (863) 533-7125

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*Dear Friends:*

*Committee Members are making plans again for "JUST SAY NO" Week, May 7-13, 2018.*

*This special week will be highlighted by Bartow's 28th Annual March and Rally. Planned activities will begin on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. with a parade in Downtown Bartow that ends with a rally at the Bartow High School Gymnasium. ALL MAIN STREET BUSINESS PEOPLE and BARTOW COMMUNITY PEOPLE - PLEASE COME OUT TO CHEER ON THE 5th GRADERS TO JUST SAY NO!*

*The City of Bartow along with the Greater Bartow Chamber of Commerce, City of Fort Meade, City of Eagle Lake, and area schools, which include Alturas, Anna Woodbury, Bartow Elementary Academy, Eagle Lake, First Methodist School, Floral Avenue, Gibbons Street, Highland City, Spessard Holland Elementary, Stephens, and Wahneta will participate in the event.*

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SAY NO TO DRUGS.**

*We welcome your involvement. Donations are needed to fund our programs. Funds are used toward the guest speaker at the rally, specialty items, awards, trophies, refreshments and to help offset the expense of providing T-shirts bearing the "JUST SAY NO" message to all 5th graders.*

*To make a donation, please send a check to:  
(Make checks payable to "Just Say No")*

*CenterState Bank  
ATTN: Anita Stasiak  
1375 N. Broadway Ave.  
Bartow, Florida 33830*

*Thank you for your consideration to help support this struggle against drugs.  
Sincerely,  
W. Ernest Cooper  
"Just Say No" Chairman*