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## Eight fun things to do this weekend in and around the Suncoast



(Embracing our Differences)

SARASOTA CO., Fla. (WWSB) -- Looking for something to do this weekend? Here are eight of the top events and activities happening around the Suncoast.

### 1. Sarasota Film Festival opening weekend (March 31-April 9)

It's one of the biggest events of the year. Featuring 10 days of movies, celebrities and parties, who wouldn't want to partake in this fun event? Hollywood stars attending the 2017 festival include Diane Lane, Rory Kennedy, Stanley Tucci, Rosanna Arquette and Aisha Tyler.

### 2. 5th annual Wine Walk to the Ca'd'Zan (March 31)

Taste fine wines and savor delicious food pairings as you stroll along to the mansion. The evening will also feature live music and surprises. VIP ticket holders will enjoy early entry valet service and a champagne toast. The VIP tickets also allow access to the Ca'd'Zan terrace which will feature special cuisine, distinctive blends and dedicated service staff.

The event takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. General admission tickets are \$135 and \$200 for VIP tickets.

### 3. Music in the Park at the Bradenton Riverwalk (March 31)

The new season of this fun event kicks off at the Riverwalk where patrons can listen to live music while lounging on blankets or in chairs. Your furry companions are also welcome. The event is free and snacks are available for purchase.

This concert series will occur every Friday evening through April 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mosaic Amphitheater.

#### **4. Robinson Preserve Fit2Run Twilight 5K and 10K (March 31)**

Interested in starting your weekend off in an active way? Head over to the Robinson Preserve in Bradenton Friday night. There are five race coralls based on your estimated (5K) finish time so you can run at your pace without interruptions. You will finish to the famous Fit2Run after-party featuring catered food, refreshments, live music and adult beverages.

The race starts at 6:30 pm. Kids races will be held at 5:30 pm.

#### **5. 31st annual run/walk for the Turtles on Siesta Beach (April 1)**

Sponsored by Mote Marine, this event is a great way to start your Saturday. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Siesta Key Gazebo south of the pavilion. The one-mile fun run or walk begins at 7:30 a.m. The 5-K Run begins at 8 a.m. The entry fee benefits the Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program at Mote Marine Laboratory.

#### **6. Moonlight Movies: "Finding Dory" on Siesta Beach (April 1)**

Does spending your Saturday night lying under the stars, the ocean breeze on your face and laughing out loud to a great movie sound good? Then head to Siesta Beach for a "Finding Dory" screening sponsored by the Sarasota film Festival. The film begins at sunset. All Moonlight Movies screenings are free and open to the public. Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs!

#### **7. 5th annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event (April 1)**

All proceeds of this event will go directly to fund programs benefitting homeless youth in Manatee County. This one mile fun walk will include a sand blast/castle competition, drawings and raffles, tee shirts (for pre-registered walkers), family pictures, face painting, a bounce house, food, music and the post walk party and sunset watch.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. with the walk at 5:30 p.m. and the post party at 6:00 p.m. Registration is FREE for kids under 5, \$10 for students and kids, \$20 for individual adults and \$45 for families. It will be held at South Coquina Beach on Anna Maria Island.

#### **8. 14th annual Embracing Our Differences event at Island Park (April 1-May 31)**

Inspiring quotes and images will be on display in Sarasota's Island Park with about 45 billboard-sized works of art. It's an annual outdoor public art exhibition with each art piece accompanied by an inspirational quote. Students from 204 schools from 115 countries around the world and 48 States submitted artwork or quotes to the exhibit.