

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Newfoundland Club of Florida  
Celebration Weekend**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Saint Augustine, Florida**



**ST. AUGUSTINE 2016**

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**You and your Newfoundlands  
are cordially invited to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Newfoundland Club of Florida Celebration Weekend  
Featuring the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Augustine Christmas Parade**

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The Newfoundland Club of Florida has planned a wonderful Newfie Weekend you will not want to miss! Join us in Historic St. Augustine as we celebrate the Newfoundland Breed and raise funds for the Newf-FLA club and rescue program. All of the details and registration information are enclosed.

This year's activities will include a Friday night General Membership Meeting and Pizza Party, participation in the famous St. Augustine Christmas Parade, a special blessing and remembrance ceremony with lunch in the park, a brown bag raffle, a fine arts auction in conjunction with a fabulous wine and cheese party!

We recommend that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. There are very few hotels in the area which accept dogs, so if you miss getting into the host hotel, you may have difficulty finding a room.

**We look forward to seeing you and your  
Newfs for the Celebration!**

## GENERAL DETAILS

**Host Hotel and Newfie Headquarters:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Days Inn Historic Saint Augustine**, 1300 North Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Saint Augustine, FL 32084. The hotel is located one mile south of the junction of US Highway 1 (also known as Ponce de Leon Boulevard) and State Road 16; **reservation number (904) 824-3383**. The base rate is \$67 plus tax. There is an additional charge of \$6 per night for rooms with a microwave and refrigerator. There is also a fee of \$10.00 per night per Newf. **The Maximum number of Dogs per room is two (2)**. Please identify yourself as with the Newfoundland Club of Florida and make your reservations early.

Please help us in leaving the rooms and outside area clean. We recommend that you crate your dogs when they are in your hotel room unattended. Please also double check your door locks when you leave. In the past we have had some very interesting examples of escapism!

All rooms will be inspected by the hotel staff and a designated club member prior to departure. This hotel has been very Newf friendly and we would like to have it available in the future!

**Return of Forms/Deadline:** Please complete the forms promptly. All forms are to be returned to **Linda Seales, 10110 Ramblin Hinson Road, Lithia, FL 33547 (813) 493-1848** or you can email it to me at **lcseales@tampabay.rr.com**. The Deadline for the return of all forms is **November 14, 2016**.

**RV Parking:** RV parking is available at the Hotel at no charge, but must be matched up with a room. Please contact Linda Seales if you will be bringing an RV so we can match you up with someone who has a hotel room.

**Hospitality Suite:** The Hospitality Suite will be located in the Host Hotel. This will be the center of all the action: registration, T-shirt pick up, Brown Bag Raffle Tickets, and a place to gather with all your Newfie friends. Sorry no dogs allowed in the suite due to breakables on display!

**Registration Fee:** There is a \$15.00 registration fee per person (with a maximum of \$50 for the entire immediate family). The registration fee will include the Friday night Pizza Party!

**AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing:** CGC Testing will be available Sunday morning in the Hotel parking area. The fee is \$10 per dog. Please arrive promptly. Walkups will be accommodated based on timing and availability. Please sign up via enclosed form.

**Parade Grooming: Please bring all dogs to the parade freshly bathed!**

Newf trimming/grooming will hopefully be available, We are working on arranging this for Friday afternoon. We will be happy to trim and lightly groom your Newf so that they can put their best paw forward for the parade! Please bring a clean and brushed out Newf. Dogs will be groomed on a first come, first served basis. The grooming fee is \$10.00 per dog. Tickets will be available for purchase in the hospitality suite.

**T-shirts:** We will have wonderful T-shirts this year! Limited edition...Don't miss out! The design is the cover of this year's parade packet.

**Brown Bag Raffle: Please donate Brown Bag items!** Unless you are unable to attend please do not mail raffle items, but bring them with you to the hotel. Tickets for the raffle will be available in the hospitality suite until late Saturday. Winners will be posted and items will be available for pick-up Sunday morning.

**Lunch in the Park:** After a short break for everyone to refresh their dogs, after the parade we will be having delicious boxed lunch. On the grounds of the Mission of Novembre De Dios under the trees just East of the hotel. All lunches must be reserved in advance. Please use the enclosed reservation form. Also, if you would like something to sit on, please bring a chair or blanket as there are none provided.

**Blessing of the Newfs:** On Saturday afternoon, we will have the Annual Blessing of the Newfs and remembrance of our dogs who have crossed the "Rainbow Bridge" in the last year. If you would like to have your Newf remembered by name please complete the enclosed form. Individual Blessing for the dogs will conclude the program.

**Wine & Cheese and Fine Arts Auction:** This year we are having a wine and cheese party in conjunction with a fine arts auction at our host hotel in the hospitality room. There will be **light appetizers**, beer, wine and soft drinks. We are able to accept Cash, Checks, Visa, and most credit cards. **Please donate Auction items!!** Unless you are unable to attend, please do not mail auction items, but bring them with you to the hotel and to the Hospitality Suite.

**Sunday Morning:** Enjoy some final hospitality and check out your winnings in the Brown Bag raffle. Rooms will be inspected prior to departure. CGC (Canine Good Citizen) testing.

**Relax or Sightsee:** St. Augustine offers wonderful shops, historic buildings, parks, museums, carriage rides and many other interesting activities. Take the time to enjoy being in the oldest city in America or just relax and enjoy the company of friends and Newfs.

## **PARADE DETAILS**

**Parade Route:** The parade route is 1.3 miles through the heart of the historic district. The streets are wide and nicely paved along the entire route.

**Please start conditioning your Newf now! Your Newfoundlands are like athletes, they need to be conditioned for the big event.**

**Trolley Seats:** Trolleys have been made available for Newfs and humans. Please be realistic about the age and condition of your Newf when considering whether to walk or ride. Please consider signing up to help with the decorating of the trolleys. The Trolleys will be at the hotel early for the decorating. The two trolleys will be escorting NEWFFLA participants the length of the parade with one in front and one in back and will load us all up to return to the hotel at the end of the parade route.

**Safety:** Our parade safety and first aid committee members will be monitoring the Newf column throughout the parade. If they suggest that you place your dog on one of the trolleys, please comply. Their job is to put your Newf's health first. Water and first aid supplies will be on all trolleys.

**Dress:** Please plan to wear your parade T-shirt. Although the parade T-shirt is not required, our group looks better when we are all dressed in similar outfits. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. We encourage you to "dress" your Newfs in their holiday best. When selecting clothes for you or your Newfs remember this is Florida and the weather could be hot even in December.

**NEWFS ONLY PLEASE!!!** No dogs other than Newfoundlands are to be walked, carried, or otherwise be present within the parade group. Our agreement with the St. Augustine Parade Officials is that our group will be Newfoundlands only. Please respect this requirement, and do not request that any dogs other than Newfoundlands be accommodated as we do not have discretion to do this. If anyone is near the Newfie group with a breed other than a Newfoundland, they will be asked to leave. We are giving advanced notice so that you may govern yourself accordingly.

### **Attention: Persons With Disabilities**

**In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in any parade or celebration events should contact the Newfoundland Club of Florida, Inc. not later than seven days prior to the event. Notice should be sent to Linda Seales, 10110 Ramblin Hinson Road, Lithia, FL 33547, (813) 493-1848.**

**\*\*\*General Membership Meeting Notice\*\*\*  
Newfoundland Club of Florida, Inc.  
Friday, December 2, 2016  
7:00 PM**

Location: Days Inn Historic Saint Augustine  
1300 North Ponce de Leon Boulevard  
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Please join us for a brief club meeting and Pizza Party.  
All members, guests and parade participants are welcome to attend.

***PLEASE PARTICIPATE, DONATE AND VOLUNTEER  
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE  
THIS WEEKEND A SUCCESS!***

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**DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS AND  
PAYMENT NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

## **Schedule**

### **Friday, December 2, 2016**

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Registration in Hospitality Suite

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Newf Grooming for the Parade at Hotel Parking Area

7:00 PM - General Membership Meeting and Welcome Pizza Party

### **Saturday, December 3, 2016**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM – Personal vehicle drop off at the end of the parade route.  
Details will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting.

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Registration in Hospitality Suite

**8:30 AM – Trolleys at hotel for decorating.**

**9:30 AM – Trolleys begin loading. Please be on time!**

10:00 AM - Parade Begins

11:30 AM – Approximate return to hotel after parade

**1:00 PM - 2:30PM – Lunch on the grounds of the Mission of Nombre De Dios  
Blessing of the Newfoundlands**

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM - Hospitality Suite Open

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Wine/Cheese Party with appetizers and Fine Arts Auction

9:30 PM - 11:00 PM – Hospitality suite open. Final chance for brown bag tickets.

### **Sunday, December 4, 2016**

8:00 AM -10:30 AM - Hospitality Suite Open. Pick up Brown Bag winnings.

8:00 AM - 12:00 noon – Inspection of Hotel Rooms

8:30 AM – 12:00 noon – CGC Testing (Canine Good Citizen) at Hotel Parking Area

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM – Clean up grounds and Hospitality Suite

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