

Shrimporee



Chairman Dr. John Wilson, retired CCISD superintendent, tries to coax his fellow Space Center Rotary members to get to work on the Oct. 17 Shrimporee in Clear Lake Park during club meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club. The former educator is the club's president-elect and is serving as chairman of this year's fundraiser.

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Long a fall tradition in the Bay Area, the Space Center Rotary's 36th annual Shrimporee Festival and Auction will be held this year on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Clear Lake Park's Landolt Pavilion. Shrimporee Chairman John Wilson said the Rotary club's big fundraiser will get under way at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

The community is invited to join in the fun, which will include both live and silent auctions, kids activities, and an enjoyable shrimp and brisket meal cooked by Rotarians. Judge Louie Ditta and Port Commissioner Steve Phelps will conduct the live auction.

Admission to the Shrimporee is free but the shrimp and brisket plate will cost \$15. Major beneficiaries of the proceeds will be used to provide play equipment for the Shriner's Children's Hospital and building handicap accessible trails at Armand Bayou Nature Center, Wilson said.

"We hope the entire community will come out and join us and help raise funds for these worthwhile causes," Wilson said.

Chief Deputy Phil Sandlin and deputies from Constable Bill Bailey's Precinct 8 office will be on hand to fingerprint children and the Clear Lake Emergency Corp will be on hand to teach child CPR to anyone who would like a demonstration..

Meal tickets may be purchased from any Space Center Rotarian, at www.spacecenterrotary.org or by calling Ticket Chairman Courtney Lindberg at 409-252-5193.

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