



September 16, 2025

Dear Community Member,

Lantern Fest is fast approaching! On **Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 6–10 pm**, the Crooked River Lighthouse will celebrate its **130th birthday** with an evening of light, history, and community spirit. This cherished annual festival transforms the park with more than 100 colorful hanging lanterns, live music, dance, ancient craft demonstrations, evening tower climbs, museum displays, and delicious food.

This year, we're thrilled to feature performances by the **Bottom Dollar Boys**, bringing their signature bluegrass, old country, and Americana sound, along with the return of the **Tallahassee State College Dance Company**, dazzling the crowd with a spectacular glow-in-the-dark performance. We anticipate hundreds of guests joining us for this magical evening under the stars at our 1895 maritime landmark.

The **Carrabelle Lighthouse Association**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the Crooked River Lighthouse and our region's maritime heritage. Lantern Fest is not only our lighthouse's birthday celebration, but is also important to help us sustain our mission of education, preservation, and community engagement.

We invite you to partner with us as a **Lantern Fest Sponsor**. Sponsorship levels are available at **\$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500** each with recognition and benefits for your organization. Sponsors are proudly acknowledged on event publicity and from our festival stage, reaching both local residents and visiting guests.

Your support helps cover essential expenses such as entertainment, lantern display supplies, and accessibility needs like courtesy shuttles. Most importantly, your sponsorship keeps the light shining for future generations.

Please consider becoming a sponsor today. Checks can be made payable to **Carrabelle Lighthouse Association** and mailed to **P.O. Box 373, Carrabelle, FL 32322** (please indicate "Lantern Fest Sponsor"). Contributions are tax-deductible. For more information or to confirm your sponsorship, please contact us at **(850) 697-2732** or **carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com**, or visit www.crookedriverlighthouse.com/lantern-fest.

Thank you for helping us keep the Crooked River Lighthouse shining bright!

With sincere gratitude,

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2025 Lantern Fest Sponsorship Levels

Guiding Light Sponsor – Top level (\$2,500+)

- Symbolizes the brightest, most guiding light of the lighthouse, representing the highest level of support and visibility and ensuring the continued success of the lighthouse and its programs
- Free membership for a year*
- Premier logo placement and sponsor acknowledgement on promotional materials, Crooked River Lighthouse website, and promotional social media (deadline October 1st)
- Acknowledged in radio advertisements (deadline October 1st)
- Recognized with premier placement on a sponsor's sign at Lantern Fest
- 10 Admission Tickets to the 2025 Lantern Fest event
- 4 Tickets for an Evening Climb (reservations needed)
- Opportunity to have your banner displayed on the Pirate Ship Stage at Lantern Fest
- Special invitation to VIP opportunities

Beacon Sponsor – Second level (\$1000+)

- Represents a strong signal of support, helping the lighthouse reach into the community like a beacon over the water
- Free membership for a year*
- Prominent logo display and sponsor acknowledgement on promotional materials, Crooked River Lighthouse website, and promotional social media (deadline October 1st).
- Acknowledged in radio advertisements (deadline October 1st)
- Recognized on a sponsor's sign at Lantern Fest
- 8 Admission Tickets to the 2025 Lantern Fest event

Lantern Light Sponsor – Third level (\$500+)

- Reflects keeping the glow alive within the lighthouse and symbolizing those who brighten the experience for all who visit
- Free membership for a year*
- Acknowledged as a sponsor on the website and social media recognition
- Recognized on a sponsor's sign at Lantern Fest
- 6 Admission Tickets to the 2025 Lantern Fest event

Fresnel Lens Sponsor – Fourth level (\$250+)

- Representing the brilliant innovation that magnified the lighthouse's power & sponsors whose impact reaches far and wide.
- Acknowledged as a sponsor on the website
- Recognized on a sponsor's sign at Lantern Fest
- 4 Admission Tickets to the 2025 Lantern Fest event

Lamp Sponsor – Fifth level (\$100+)

- Providing the vital spark that fuels the light, ensuring the lighthouse continues to shine
- Acknowledged as a sponsor on the website
- Recognized on a sponsor's sign at Lantern Fest
- 2 Admission Tickets to the 2025 Lantern Fest event

** Membership entitles you to free daytime tower climbs plus a 10% discount at the gift shop and moonlit event tower climbs for a year.*