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Renowned comedian Brad Williams will take to the stage at this summer's *Nasty Show* at the Just For Laughs Festival

The **Just For Laughs Festival** has announced the return of *The Nasty Show* this summer, with six performances from July 18 to 21 at MTELUS in Montreal, with additional shows added from July 24 to 28.

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Brad Williams
(Photo source, Internet)





Saddlebrook Resort near Tampa offers attractive walking village concept

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Some 25 years ago I was part of a press tour to Tampa. Our group was hosted at a spectacular place called the Saddlebrook Resort (www.saddlebrook.com) in the suburb of Wesley Chapel – a half hour drive from downtown Tampa. I could not believe my good fortune when I was given the keys to my own private town house condominium.

I never forgot my experience at Saddlebrook, so when we recently set our sights on another trip to Tampa I targeted this 480-acre property for a return visit. We were fortunate to spend five nights there. The three of us booked a 950-square-foot two-bedroom suite. It included a spacious living room, separate dining area and a fully-equipped kitchen with a serving bar. The master bedroom boasts a King bed as

well as a separate dressing area and elegant marble bathroom. The second bedroom is thoughtfully-appointed with a Queen bed, as well as an additional dressing area and marble bathroom. Both bedrooms offer complete privacy. These spacious two-bedroom suites also feature a private patio or balcony that is accessible from the living room. There were two in-room safes.

All accessible units are equipped with ramp access, wider doorways, grab bars, roll-in showers, lower shower heads, lowered clothes rail in closets, chairs for bathing and toilets, visual smoke detectors and available TDD telephones. There are reserved accessible parking spaces and golf cart service to take you anywhere on the property. There are no less than nine handicapped accessible washrooms on the vast property. At the spa there is a service elevator and a ramp to the treatment area. A ramp also exists in the main lobby next to the registration desk leading to Tropics and Dempsey's restaurants. Outdoors, there is a lift for one of the Jacuzzis.

Saddlebrook formally opened in 1981, with a unique car-free Walking Village design that allows guests to easily walk throughout the



The beautiful pool at Saddlebrook.

resort without the need of a transportation system while providing sanctuary to nature.

During your stay, you may catch a glimpse of the area's colorful wildlife, which includes an array of birds from Sandhill Cranes, Wood Storks and Great Blue Herons to Snowy Egrets, and wildlife, even alligators. Fragrant flowers compliments the swaying palms and stately cypress trees dripping with Spanish moss beckoning guests to explore and convene with the elements.

When it comes to guest room transportation, resort maintenance and golf course use, the majority of the carts in the Saddlebrook fleet run on rechargeable electric batteries. Not only is this better for the environment, but also results in less noise pollution so you can fully enjoy your resort experience. By using a model of central parking and providing bus transportation for team members, it is calculated that on average about 200 miles per day of cars being driven on the open roads is saved.

This Florida hotel and conference center is completely self-contained, with restaurants, spa, golf, tennis, fitness facilities, three pools and an outdoor team building course all on-site.

The restaurants at Saddlebrook offer both fine and casual award-winning dining served by their signature hospitality. Whether you are enjoying a post-game lunch while over-

looking the 18th green, or enjoying a fresh breakfast with the family at Tropic's Restaurant, options are sure to delight every palate. The hotel also offers In-Room dining services 24 hours a day.

In addition to the world-class golf courses and tennis courts, the fitness facilities at Saddlebrook cater to every interest and skill level. The Sports Village features grass and sand volleyball courts, a regulation-size basketball court and a Field Turf sports field. The refreshing waters of the 500,000-gallon free-form Superpool are a highlight of any stay. There are two additional pools at the resort, including the adults-only Serenity Pool.

Bicycle rentals and fishing poles are available at The Swim Shop, and the resort also offers a variety of scheduled activities from morning power walks and group fitness classes to poolside games. Families visiting the resort can take advantage of S'Kids Club, a fun-filled program for guests.

To reserve your stay today at Saddlebrook Resort contact a Reservations Agent toll-free at (800) 729-8383 or locally at (813) 907-4401. You might enjoy the place so much you will consider buying a unit. The sales office is located right next to the registration center.



A two-bedroom suite king bed option.