

Spring Break!

Yay! It's Spring Break. Holiday revelers are coming from far and wide to enjoy the Florida sunshine. It can get crowded, and the locals are on holiday too. Since many of them are alligators, this can sometimes cause problems.

Mrs. Cora Adele, from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is registering a complaint with hotel management. She wants to spend some quiet time by the pool, but the party-crazy gators are splashing around and making an awful ruckus. There are 25 alligators in the main pool, 16 in the kiddie pool, and 12 in the hot tub. How many gators in all are chilling out poolside?

There has also been some grumbling about the "first-come-first-serve" breakfast buffet. This morning, 20 of the guests got only a single pancake. The alligators, on the other hand, ate 576, while little Tommy Lumpkins gutted down the other 36. Management has patiently explained that they ran out of ingredients, but some people just like to complain, I guess. How many pancakes was the hotel able to make before they ran out of supplies?

Why do the hotels put up with this nonsense? Well, the alligators are reliable customers. Also, they eat a lot of rats while they are in town. It's a good deal for everyone, unless you happen to be a rat. Last year, the alligators ate 3476 rats during spring break. This year they are trying for 4250. What will be their combined score over the last two years if they meet their goal?

It is almost time for the alligators to go back home. Every one of the 575 gators had a great time and will be back again next year! Next week, the Burmese pythons are on break. The hotels have already booked rooms for 636 of the gigantic snakes. What's the total number of reptilian spring breakers visiting town this year?

