



Adirondack White Lake Association



Spring 2023 Newsletter

The Adirondack White Lake Association (AWLA) aims to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake



Photo by: Lincoln Armstrong

Happy Spring, Fellow Members and White Lake Community!

Now that winter life is behind us and spring is starting to show its beauty, many of us are preparing for our 2023 season on White Lake. As in years past, AWLA has many fun, family events planned throughout the season. We hope to see you there!



Photo by: David Gillmeister

AWLA SPRING MEMBERS' MEETING

The Annual Spring Members' Meeting will take place at the White Otter Fish and Game Club (10914 Woodgate Rd, Woodgate) on Saturday, May 27th at 10:15am, immediately following the Pancake Breakfast. This is an opportunity to learn more about community happenings, ask questions, and make suggestions. We encourage you to attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We can't wait to see you at the Annual Pancake Breakfast! Come socialize and share in our common passion – White Lake. The Turczyn family, who has hosted the pancake breakfast for over 20 years, has kindly volunteered to do so again at The White Otter Fish and Game Club (10914 Woodgate Rd, Woodgate) on Saturday, May 27th from 8-10am. This event, along with your generous donations to the Fish Fund, helps to support our annual fish stocking, which is essential to keeping the delicate ecosystem of White Lake balanced.

WHITE LAKE APPAREL

Pre-order your White Lake apparel today! Orders placed prior to May 6th will be available for pick-up at the Pancake Breakfast. We will also have a selection of merchandise on hand, and come and check out our sale items. To place online orders, visit <https://www.companycasuals.com/AdirondackWhiteLakeAssociation/start.jsp>

You will also have an opportunity to purchase our **White Lake Maps** and the new **White Lake embossed coffee/hot cocoa mugs!** Purchases are now more convenient with our White Lake Venmo account, and as always, AWLA accepts paypal, cash, and checks.



Photo by: Virginia Vorhis

SAVE THE DATE! 2023 SOCIAL EVENTS*

Saturday, May 27, 2023 8-10am	Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 27, 2023 10:15am	Members' Meeting
Saturday, July 1, 2023 @ 10am	Boat Parade and Blessing of the Fleet
Saturday, July 1, 2023 @ noon	Annual 4th of July Picnic, AWLA Boat Launch
Saturday, July 1, 2023 @ 9:30pm	Flares & Firepits
Sunday, July 2, 2022 @ 2-4pm	DJ on the Dock
Saturday, August 5, 2022 @ 9:30am	Annual Meeting (location tbd)
Saturday, September 2, 2022 @ 10am	50/50 Mega Raffle Drawing

*For more information, refer to our website or email AWLA Secretary awlasecretary@outlook.com



Photo by: Tammy Jo Riedman

REMINDER: 2023 MEMBERSHIP

If you have yet to do so, please join or renew today! Avoid the May 1st \$10 late fee. Let us know if we can assist you with your renewal or donation process. To join or renew, visit our website at www.whitelakeadk.com/membership.

To our members, we want to **thank you** for all that you do for our lake! Your membership dues help to fund AWLA's operating budget. Your additional donations to our various funds are vitally important: the **Fish Fund** allows us to stock our lake each season to keep our lake healthy; the **Environmental Fund** helps to keep our lake clean and invasive species free; and the **Legal Fund** helps ensure that all State and Park laws are appropriately applied in protecting our lake and surrounding environment.

White lake is funded solely by you! Your membership dues and generous donations support all of White Lake's programs; simply put – we receive no state, local, or grant money to fund the operation of our private lake.



Photo by: Tammy Jo Riedman

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Please welcome Meg Marcone, who was appointed by the board to replace outgoing member T.J. Entwistle and will fill out the remainder of his term (8/23). Meg, a fourth generation White Lake member, works as a Pediatric Optometrist and lives and works in Danbury, CT. We are happy to have her input on our AWLA board!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, TJ ENTWISTLE

We would like to recognize and thank T.J. Entwistle for his many years of service on the AWLA board! TJ has done so much to make our lake community a better place to live; he has always been amongst the first to volunteer or to step up with assistance. Thank you, TJ! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

50/50 MEGA RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

You will be receiving raffle tickets for our environmental 50/50 Mega Raffle ticket fundraiser. In the past three years, the 50/50 Mega Raffle has helped to fund our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Stewardship Program and has made three winners very happy – Carol Kress won \$4,325 in 2020, Katrina Vandermark won \$3,620 in 2021 and Michael Hurd, took home \$2,985 last September. Thank you for making the effort to sell tickets and raise funds to pay for our invaluable lake steward, a program that has cost our association approximately \$8,000 per season and continues to go up annually. Who knows – maybe you, a loved one, or a friend will win! Contact Karen Dwyer, our AWLA 50/50 committee chair, for additional tickets or with any questions: karensdwyer@yahoo.com



Photo courtesy of Susan Sickels

CENTENNIAL CAMP CELEBRATIONS

Our lake has a long, interesting history. While we have a handful of historic camps, the oldest camps are Camp Utley & Camp Idlewhile, which were both established in 1895. Camp Utley still operates without electricity! For more information, you can read some of White Lake's history on the AWLA website or in Barbara Spring's book *White Lake 1798 to 2012*.

This year, at least two camps are celebrating their 100th year - the Dewey Camp and Forest Lodge (there are certainly others who have reached this milestone as well, such as White Lake Lodges and Camp Edgewood - the former Friendly Girl Society).

DEWEY CAMP by Susan Sickels

In 1923, Chester and Helen Dewey built a cabin, so that their growing family would be able to summer at White Lake. Their two daughters, Helen and Priscilla, inherited and loved this land and cabin as their parents had. Today, Chester and Helen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren celebrate every moment they can spend at "Camp." This summer the extended family will gather in August to celebrate 100 years of swimming, boating, and playing at White Lake.

FOREST LODGE by Barbara Spring

100 years ago, the Hall brothers, Charlie (President of Oneida National Bank) and Raymond (President of Savings Bank of Utica) built the three stud and clapboard, balloon-style buildings of Forest Lodge - the Boathouse with the Lakehouse above, the Main Camp, and Hill House (consisting of garages and apartments). Thirty five years later, in December 1958, the Spring family bought the camp. For the last 64 years, the Springs have lovingly maintained Forest Lodge, appreciating its history.



Photo by: Ralph Cossa

BOATING SAFETY REMINDER!

We can have fun and be safe while boating! Please be familiar with and adhere to safe boating practices. White Lake is relatively small, especially with the amount of boat traffic that can occur on weekends and holidays; be courteous, respectful, and aware of fellow boaters. **Parents, if your children are out on the lake, check in to make sure they are aware of and observe all boating safety regulations.** AWLA & WLSA will once again be coordinating efforts to identify offenders of boating safety guidelines. Most of the "offenders" we approached last season curtailed their behavior once a gentle reminder was given. Small tweaks to our boating behavior can make all the difference. Please refer to these boating safety guidelines: <https://www.whitelakeadk.com/boating-safety>

INVASIVE SPECIES BOAT INSPECTIONS

Inspection of boats and boat washing prior to launching on White Lake is **required by law** and extremely important to stop aquatic invasive species from entering our pristine waters. This includes your renters and guests! Thank you for adhering to these requirements.
LOVE YOUR LAKE? WASH YOUR BOAT!

We have hired stewards seasonally since 2016 and will continue this summer, with lake steward staff onsite weekends to keep White Lake invasive species free. In an effort to control rising costs of the steward boat inspection program, this year AWLA has opted to independently manage boat stewards.

If anyone is interested in joining the inspection team or wants to learn more, there will be a 4 hour in-person training program on Friday afternoon, May 26th @ 1:30pm. RSVP required. Contact Ralph Cossa at Ralph@pacforum.org

501c3 WHITE LAKE ADK ASSOCIATION (WLADK)

Our 501c3 tax exempt arm of AWLA is a great way to donate to your lake while taking advantage of charitable donation tax exemptions. We are currently working on streamlining this process for online donations. We will keep you updated on this process.. Questions? Contact: Louanne Cossa (808) 393-3199 oldicehouse74@gmail.com.



Photo by: Derek Davey

IN MEMORIAM

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, Alice Smith (Walker, Colacicco of Woodgate, NY) passed away at 87 years old surrounded by her family.

Alice was part of the White Lake community for decades. She owned and operated Alice's Beauty Shop, where customers became her lifelong friends.

There will be a special celebration of Alice's life sometime in July. Details at a later date. Our condolences to her family.

<https://www.adirondackexpress.com/obituary-alice-smith-walker-colacicco/>

Message From the President

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter! It is important to keep all our lake front property owners fully informed. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our fun social events or on the lake this season!

AWLA remains committed to conserving, protecting, and monitoring White Lake to ensure that our community remains a peaceful refuge for our families, wildlife, and forested lands for generations to come. We will also continue to provide a program of social and recreational activity for members of the association and their guests.

Doing this requires a team effort. We have a great **volunteer** Board and are thankful so many of you have stepped up and given freely of your time and dollars. We look forward to another great season!

Best to all,



Louanne Cossa, President
Adirondack White Lake Association

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To learn more about AWLA, please visit our website. You will find information in regards to our programs designed to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake for today's enjoyment and future generations. Thank you to those that have and continue to support AWLA. We appreciate your ongoing service and contributions!