

Friends of the Winter Lakes Alliance,

It's that time of year again when we invite you to join—or rejoin—us in supporting the efforts of the Winter Lakes Alliance to maintain and protect the lakes and fisheries we all enjoy.

Based on the results of our recent member survey, there was strong interest in holding our monthly meetings during the week. As a result, meetings will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will be doing a trial run for the first three meetings of the year, and if attendance is good, we will continue this weekday schedule.

The meeting schedule for the first three months is as follows:

**May 12, 2026**

**June 9, 2026**

**July 14, 2026**

All meetings will be held at 4:30 PM at the Winter Town Hall. As we move forward, the meeting location may change to a local establishment, but the first three meetings will take place at the Town Hall.

Through the financial and volunteer support of our members, we have been able to sponsor and expand several important programs:

**Kid's Fishing Event:** Held annually on the Saturday before Father's Day on the flats area on Lake Winter Road, this event continues to grow each year.

**Fish Stocking Program:** We successfully added another 2,500 walleye to three of our Alliance lakes, continuing our commitment to healthy fisheries.

**Children's Holiday Store:** Along with other community sponsors, we donated gifts for students in the Winter School District, allowing children to purchase gifts for family members.

**Scholarship Program:** While no scholarship was awarded this past year due to the absence of students entering environmental studies, we remain committed to supporting future graduates.

**Children's Parade at July Jubilee:** We once again coordinated the children's parade and handed out goody bags at the end.

**Supplemental Food Support for Students:** The Winter Lakes Alliance contributed to the \$5,000 community challenge to raise funds for purchasing supplemental weekend food for Winter School District students, helping support families in need.

These programs—and many others—would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our members.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following upcoming events:

**Spring Fling – selling raffle tickets**

**Kid's Fishing Event****4th of July Children's Parade – handing out goody bags****Children's Christmas Store**

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Deb Eirschele at (608) 343-5525. Let her know which event(s) you may be interested in volunteering for.

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12th at 11:30 AM at Doc Smith Park in Winter. The Winter Lakes Alliance will supply drinks, chicken, and dinnerware. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!

This June's election will include the offices of President and Treasurer. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Kathy Abraham, who will not be continuing in her role as Treasurer. We thank Kathy for her time, dedication, and years of service to the Winter Lakes Alliance. Her position will be open during the upcoming election.

As we look forward to another productive year, we welcome your comments, suggestions, and ideas for future projects. This is your organization, and your involvement helps guide its direction.

Please visit our website and Facebook page for updates, announcements, and upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Deb, Jerry, Denise, Kathy, and Steve

Please mail this completed application with your dues to:  
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