

WINTER LAKES ALLIANCE
May 2019

Hi all, We are excited to start another year of projects and activities to benefit our area lakes, kids, families and the great outdoors. If you haven't you will be receiving your membership cards, letters and opportunity to provide some additional \$\$ for stocking for our area lakes. Last October saw a total of 2500 extended growth walleyes swim their way through our area lakes and are at this moment continuing to grow to adulthood. Last stocking saw a beautiful batch of fish that were maybe some of the largest we have stocked (7 to 9 inches) (hope you get an opportunity to see this event). Thanks to all who helped out placing these into the waters!! Yes! We did need to use buckets to haul some. In cooperation with the DNR 8 of 10 area lakes were stocked this year with WLA placing 1500 in Lake Winter, 500 in both Fish trap and Hunter. The DNR stocks our other lakes on an every other year rotation with the most (1800 going to Barber Lake) This partnership has allowed many more fish into our lakes than if we tried to do it by ourselves. Thanks to the DNR for their continuing support and for ALL of our membership for your time and money to support our continuing efforts on improving our area lakes.

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday May 25th is the Spring Fling in Winter.... besides great food, family and fun on the streets of Winter, we will be having our yearly ticket raffle..... This is our main \$\$ drive for stocking our lakes.... We will be giving away a beautiful Kayak as a first and another Kayak as a second prize. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5....please support our organization by purchasing tickets. Get them on the day of the Spring fling or let me know how many tickets you would like and I'll get them to you. If you'd like to help us out on the day, we will be at our ticket booth from 9:00 am to 3:00pm. It's lots of fun and we get to talk to many people. Let me know if you can help for an hour or 2.... Yes, we'll even get you a doughnut and coffee!!

June 15th (Saturday) Kid's fishing contest!! This is REALLY a great event... if you haven't been there try it you'll LOVE it.... Hot dogs, drinks, Families, fishing and fun. We've got it all.... last year was really WET and we still had 77 kids and over 180 fish caught, measured, and released. This year with decent weather we'll look for maybe 100 kids participating... what a way to get kids and families hooked on fishing... if you can help please let me know.... Tent set up starts at 8:00 am with the contest going from 10:00 until noon.... (DEB, yes we'll get that tent up in record time this year, Steve don't forget the directions) Angie has the name tags, Pat the head cook, Judy at the booth, Jerry organizing the prizes for the kids.... and that's just the start.... many hands make it go smoother... let me know if you can help!::

4th of July parade: Yes we'll have a float again and yes we'll have snacks and drinks at Rick and Mary's house while we put together our float for the parade. Have a great idea for a float?? Want to help?? Let me know and I'll get your ideas out there at the meeting. Great time and fun for all of our members to get together and get ready for a fun day on the 4th... see you at my place..... Rick

August 3rd: end of the year picnic.... raffle ticket winners drawn, member prize drawings, Food and Fun!! (Watch for our special menu items, last year it was fish boil, Great recipe STEVE!) Meeting and picnic at the park

Meeting dates and special speakers: (all meetings at the town hall, 10:00am, yes doughnuts and coffee, yes invite a friend member or not, all are welcome)

May 11th SPECIAL SPEAKERS: Jeff Scheirer & Kendal Patire (DNR fish biologist) subject: Lake Sturgeon

June 1st SPECIAL SPEAKER: Tom Heisler, DNR warden

July 6th Discussion and Topics, See you there!

August 3 SPECIAL SPEAKER: Kris Larsen subject: lake monitoring meeting and picnic at Doc Smith park

Sept 7th SPECIAL SPEAKER: John Snell, sawyer county rescue squad subject: use of drones in rescue search.

Oct 5th Discussion and Topics- Annual Wrap-up. Stocking plan. See you there!

Questions, comments, ideas, input.... please let me know and I'll get it on the agenda

Thanks, Rick Hasselquist (secretary)