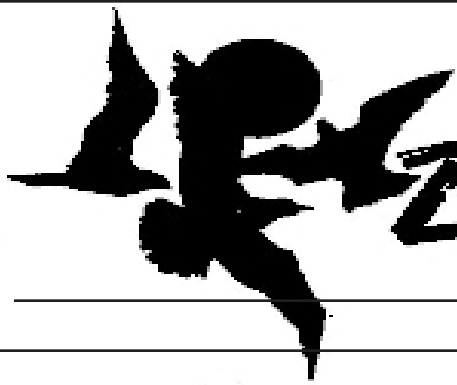


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2017



# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**



Thanks to Patti Russwurm (north side) who sent the great photo of what she described as "prehistoric size creatures coming in to sun themselves on a beautiful Memorial Day."

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It was a glorious weekend in the neighborhood! There was a lot of work in preparing for the summer, putting in docks, cleaning up yards, getting the boats in the water, setting up cottages, etc.

Then there was playtime! It was great hearing people laugh, children playing, motors running, waves on the shore, and friends and family enjoying each other's company. It is a kick to see how people express themselves with the new water toys and unique watercraft. Birch Lakers celebrated in typical Memorial Day fashion!

Remember there are events to mark on your calendar for June. The lakewide garage sale, the Commodore/Vice Commodore party, the Spaghetti dinner, and the directors board meeting this Saturday.

Vice Commodore Karen Curtis Miller and I are making preparations for the Commodore/Vice Partaaaay. As always, anyone and everyone is encouraged to attend. By no means is this a formal get together, so please

dress casual and be at the yacht club next Saturday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert, a smile, and the mindset for a good time!

*-Commodore Claudia*

### Boat Parade Help Wanted!

The Yacht Club is seeking new volunteers to plan and oversee the Annual Birch Lake Boat Parade. The current chairs are Sue and Bob Waddle, who have decided to retire after this summer's parade. They were hoping for someone to volunteer, who has a better understanding of the world we now live in. The Waddles would welcome any new volunteers and invite them to participate in the planning for this year's parade. Please call 269-476-2293. Operators are standing by.

### High speed Internet project

Birch Lake is part of the Jones zone for the high-speed Internet construction project by Midwest Energy. This zone is currently in 5th place, at 35 percent of its goal. Midwest Energy is looking for approximately 451 more sign ups before they will begin construction in our area for 2018.

## 2017 Birch Lake Calendar

Birch Lake Garage Sale - June 10  
Commodore/ Vice Comm Party - June 10  
Spaghetti Dinner - June 24  
Fireworks - July 1  
Pancake Breakfast - July 2  
Fireworks rain date - July 2  
Ladies Golf Outing - July 21  
Mens Golf Outing July 28  
Corn and Sausage Roast - July 29  
Fall Dinner August 26  
Soup Challenge - October 14

Board of Directors Meetings:  
June 3, July 8, August 5, Sept. 9

*More info as available.; Dates subject to change; Watch the Online Barker for 2017 schedule when available and for updates!*

The more sign ups they receive in our zone the more quickly construction will begin. Spread the word! Advise friends and family to sign up on [team-fiber.com](http://team-fiber.com). Signing up there does not commit you to anything it just shows that there is interest in the fiber service.

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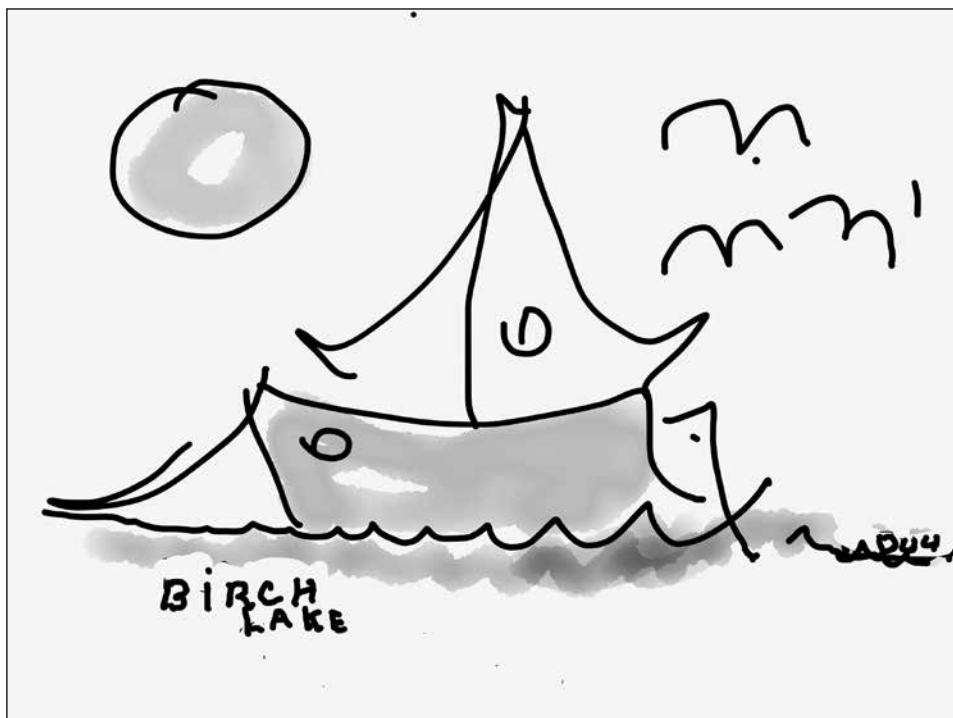
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Thanks to our Birch Lake Artist Duffy Dufor for the great artwork!

## New Directory in the works

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of collecting data for a new Birch Lake Directory, which will be published this year. We will be collecting data through July 4 and hopefully will have directories available for the Fall Dinner.

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Off Lake Address (if any)

Off Lake Phone Number(s)

Email address(es)

Kids names.

## Sailing News

The racing has thus far debunked several enduring America's Cup myths including:

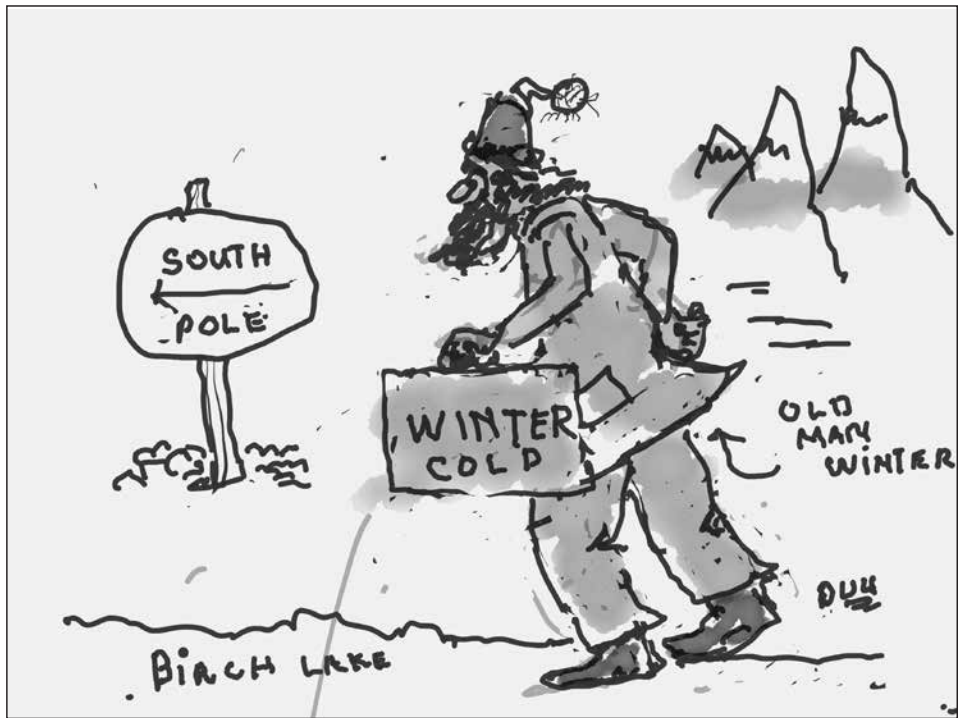
1) Catamarans can't go to weather (Artemis Racing was clocked doing 34 knots upwind in Race 14)

2) Catamarans can't match-race (evidence to the contrary abounds on Great Sound, Bermuda)

3) There are no passing lanes in AC35 (Race 14 had no less than (9) lead changes in 20 minutes)

4) Someone will dominate the Regatta (thus far there is relative parity with all teams in the hunt)

Purists still disavow the change to



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multi-hulls but ... with slick aero-fairings it's hard not to marvel at the current crop of boats. If George Lucas was to redesign the Star Wars X-wing fighter it might look like an AC50.

Round Robin 2 is on, to be followed by Challenger Playoffs and then The Match. The entire Regatta is available on NBC, NBC SC (Sports Channel), or mobile on the NBC

Sports app (sign in through carrier required).

## Eagle Lake to host Regatta

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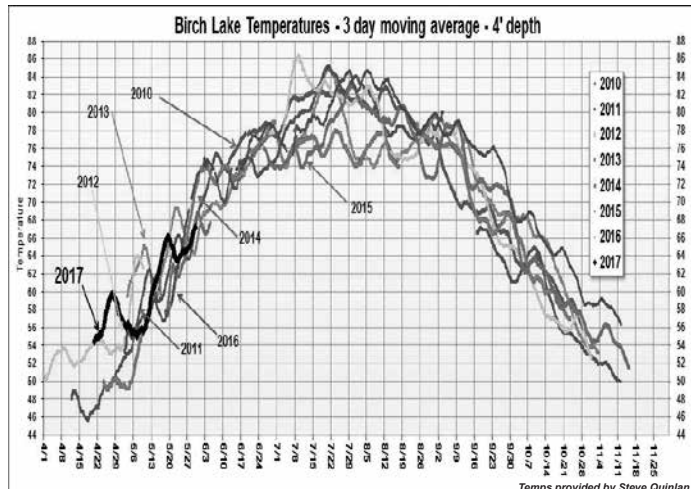
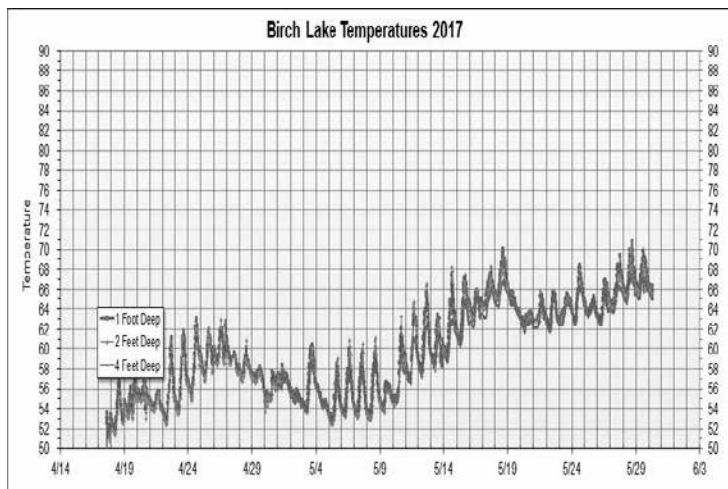
## The Birch Barker is Online

The printed Birch Barker will be online this season, as well as additional content ... go to [www.philvitale.com](http://www.philvitale.com) and follow the links to the Printed Birch Barker.



*Wing flag from the 2013 America's Cup winner, USA 17. Thanks to Mr. Bob (King) for sending it in!*

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**D**ue to little wind and not many boats ready for the upcoming season, I decided to postpone the start of the sailing season until this Sunday. All of us had so many things to get ready and honey do lists that I thought it would be better to start this Sunday! To be honest I forgot to call Harold and Bad Patty, our two instrumental people that are needed to support our race habits!

As in the past we will start at 11 am, with noon being the last attempt to our races in. I hope everyone had time this last weekend to get their boats in and ready for the upcoming season. Hope to see everyone out this Sunday!

Until Next week,

*"SPlice THE MAIN BRACE."*

*~Fleet Captain Mike"*



**Keep in mind that  
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*That's me and my grandson Dominic at the end of my pier taking care of a minor equipment malfunction.*



*Ok, that's my granddaughter Morgann (right) and her friend Macie mugging for a selfie ... They reset my computer to show a different photo of the two of them as my background in Windows while I was on vacation recently so when I found this one I decided to get even and put them in the Barker to get even ... touche!*

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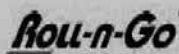


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*Barker kid of the Week kudos to, from left to right: Brody Bienz, Elyse Grundy, Mackenzie Dobsiewicz, Avery Grundy, Braden Bienz. Thanks to Chas Grundy for sending in the photo.*

## KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

*Mail your kid-of-the-week (or pet of the week or plant of the week or whatever you've got) photos to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email to me at [SAIL-ORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAIL-ORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)*



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*Katie Luecht (east shore) spending some quality time with Luna, Blair and Bernie Garceau's wandering cat.*



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# — Water Quality Report —

In last week's first printed Barker of the year report, we mentioned the real need for both diligence and funding.

It is a true credit to the Birch Lake community that, so far, the supply of both diligence and funding has been sufficient. This is of particular note when considering that they have been obtained solely as a result of voluntary donations in terms of time and money.

As to diligence and time ... members of the Water Quality Committee (WQC) past and present have given enough not only to monitor Birch's ever changing status but also, particularly over the last decade or so, to look out for and respond to threats of invasive species. Since the composite hair color of most of the committee members is somewhere between gray and white, it would be nice to have a few more of the next generation sign on, watch, and learn so that they may someday seamlessly take over the reins as the current herd is eventually put out to pasture. This is where we all clap for young Peter Soldato, who has agreed to do just that. If any others wish to join Peter in his apprenticeship, please speak up.

As to funding and money ... Birch Lake enjoys many blessings, including but not limited to, its water quality and depth, the springs that feed it, the beauty of its surroundings, the kind and generous people that live on or nearby the lake, the Yacht Club, the social life,

and last but not least its weekly newsletter the Barker. Cheer, Cheer for Sailor Phil.

Motivated by all these positive influences, Birch Lakers are relatively highly educated in what's going on around here and very willing to respond positively when warranted.

To provide a contrast ... Over the last 9 or 10 years at least a few members of the present WQC have attended dozens of regional and/or statewide Michigan Lakes and Streams Associations meetings, at which we've heard what's going on at hundreds of member lakes.

The shared stories collectively include the following:

1) Essentially all of them need and regularly spend money to combat challenges, typically some kind(s) of invasive species.

2) Virtually all of them do have voluntary organizations, which raise and collect donations for such purposes

3) And yet only two (Birch and one other) of which we have heard in the entire state have been able to fully sustain their needs via donations.

4) All of the other lakes that we know of have had to beg their local townships to create and maintain "Special Assessment Districts" (SADs) in which the township(s) ultimately determine what gets done and when, who pays and how much, and the township's costs get added to the tax bills of those determined to be in the "district." Not being subject to



these constraints is just one more huge reason why life at Birch, God's favorite lake, is grand, and very hard to match.

Only two of 100 to 200 known Michigan Lakes enjoy this SAD-free status. This borders on miraculous! Thank you, thank you and congratulations to all community members that help make this possible.

While we are getting along fine now, please make sure to keep up the good work by continuing to donate generously to the Water Quality and Invasive Species funds. You might even consider bumping up your gifts. Unfortunately, we never know when the next "invasion" will come!

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## Traveling at light speed

**G**rowing up, *Lost in Space* was one of my favorite TV shows. For the benefit of those who didn't experience their formative years in the 1960s, *Lost in Space* was a "Gilligan's Island" version of a story involving a group of space castaways stranded on a planet orbiting Alpha Centauri and being constantly foiled by the bumbling Dr. Zachary Smith. The utter ridiculousness of it all almost rivaled *Flipper*. But not quite.

How the Robinson crew ever got to Alpha Centauri in the first place is unclear, but one might very well wonder if inter-stellar travel is in any way possible. Well, guess what? It isn't. At least not for us Earthlings stranded here in the 21st century. You heard it here first.

When discussing the possibility of interstellar travel, there is something called "the giggle factor." Some scientists tend to scoff at the idea of interstellar travel because of the enormous distances that separate the stars. According to *Special Relativity* (1905), no usable information can travel faster than light, and hence, it would take centuries to millennia for an extra-terrestrial civilization to travel between the stars.

Even the familiar stars we see at night are about 50 to 100 light years from us, and our galaxy is 100,000 light years across. The nearest galaxy is 2 million light years from us. Ordinary intelligence says that the universe is simply too big for interstellar travel to be practical.

(Cultural aside here - a light year is a unit of distance, not time. One light year is the distance that a particle of light can travel in one Earth

year. I'm not going to do all the math for you, but start with light traveling 186,000 miles per second and go from there. Light from the moon gets to our eyeballs in about 2 seconds. By contrast, if the sun blinked out right now we wouldn't know about it for about another eight minutes.)

Similarly, investigations into UFOs that may originate from another planet are sometimes the "third rail" of someone's scientific career. There is no funding for anyone seriously looking at unidentified objects in space, and one's reputation may suffer if one pursues an interest in these unorthodox matters. In addition, perhaps 99 percent of all sightings of UFOs can be dismissed as being caused by familiar phenomena, such as the planet Venus, swamp gas (which can glow in the dark under certain conditions), meteors, satellites, weather balloons, even radar echoes that bounce off mountains.

What is disturbing to a physicist however, is the remaining 1 percent of these sightings, which are multiple sightings, have been made by multiple methods of observations. Some of the most intriguing sightings have been made by seasoned pilots and passengers aboard air line flights which have also been tracked by radar and have been videotaped. Sightings like this are harder to dismiss.

That aside, propulsion systems that are still on cocktail napkins would require incredible amounts of energy to attain the speeds required to navigate the vast distances between galaxies, or even nearby star systems.

Most scientists doubt interstellar travel because the light barrier is so difficult to break. However, to go faster

### The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.840  
3.8 days since first quarter



**Sunrise: 06:12:13 AM**

**Sunset: 21:14:18 PM**

**Moonrise: 15:42:12 PM**

**MoonSet: 03:19:48 AM**

**Daylight: 15 Hr 02 Min 05 Sec**

than light, one must go beyond *Special Relativity* to *General Relativity* and the quantum theory. Therefore, one cannot rule out interstellar travel if an advanced civilization can attain enough energy to destabilize space and time.

It's fun to think about. And some awesome stories and movies about such things have entertained us for decades. But for today anyway, it's just not in the cards.

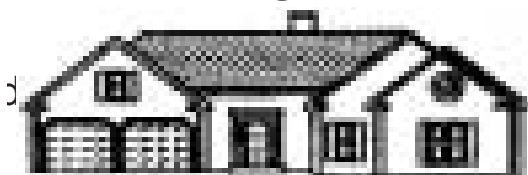
Hmmm ... I wonder if anyone ever said that to Wilber and Orvill.

Next week - Let's play make-believe.

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You might feel frustrated financially speaking. You might quarrel with someone about finances or possessions. Things will be difficult. Fortunately, this is your toughest day of the week. By Monday, this strain is relieved and things begin to hum along quite nicely for you!

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - This is a strong week for Gemini because both the Sun and fiery Mars are in your sign. Take it easy on Sunday, because you might be at odds with partners and close friends. Things will be difficult. But hey, after that, it's a great week! You are energetic, enthusiastic and also fortunate because favorable situations and important people will be attracted to you.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - This week you continue to do things behind the scenes because you're playing everything low key. Fear not - that's just how it should be. Nevertheless, after Sunday, this is quite an easy week for you; in particular, you will make a great impression on bosses, parents and VIPs. In fact, this impression is so positive, some of you will strike up a cozy romance with a boss or someone in a position of power.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Relations with friends and groups are a bit sticky on Sunday, however, the rest of the week will be a fun, social time for Leos! To begin with, you feel friendly to others and keen to socialize. You might also compete with someone. Meanwhile, surprise opportunities to travel and go places that are unusual and stimulating will please you.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - You continue to be high viz. to everyone, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. Furthermore, they admire you now, which is why you should take advantage of this and do anything to advance your cause. Ask for what you want because the likelihood that you will get it is a great. Plus your ambition is aroused!

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - This is a fabulous time to travel for you because you're hungry to see new places and feel stimulated by new environments. (Preferably tasteful with excellent service.) Even short trips will please you because essentially, you need a change - that's all. This week will hold a few surprises with partners and close friends.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Two broad areas are your primary concern this week. The more mundane focus is to do with shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and insurance issues. You are involved in dealing with things that other people own. You might have disputes about ownership, debt or the division of labor or expenses. Your other primary focus is quite different. It's passionate and it sexy! Your sex drive is pumped now and you might be involved with someone of an age difference.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Relations with partners and close friends will be challenging on Sunday. Cut everyone some slack, including yourself. Don't make a big deal about anything. Fortunately, the rest of the week is a charmer. By mid week, you might want to make travel plans for the future or use that same energy to make practical plans about any creative project, sports event or child-related activity.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Basically, your drive to get better organized and feel like you are on top of things continues to be strong this week. Give life everything you've got because Mars will help you. Many of you are driven to get organized at work at this time. Nevertheless, it's also a great time to redecorate where you live and to entertain at home.!

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - This continues to be fun city for Aquarius simply because right now you are putting vacations, pleasure and entertainment at the top of your list. Many of you are involved in sports events and also enjoying playful activities with children. Furthermore, your sense of competition is strong! Accept invitations from others to socialize and party because this is the perfect time to do so.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Life is still about family and getting on top of your home scene for many of you. This could be because of residential moves or major changes at home. Many of you are more involved with a parent than usual.

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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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"Nothing canned here! Use fresh fruit, nuts, and organic vanilla yogurt (very important! - it's less sweet than other yogurt). A dash of cinnamon really adds that special something. Quick and delicious!"

### Ingredients

- 2 cups diced apples
- 1 cup sliced banana
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

### Directions

1. In a bowl, mix the apples, banana, strawberries, and walnuts. Fold in the yogurt. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Gently stir just before serving.

### Slow cooker chicken fajita soup

A delicious and easy soup that takes 5 minutes to throw into the crockpot and you have an amazing flavor packed soup ready for dinner!

Serves: 4-5

### Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup salsa
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups water

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

### Instructions

Spray your slow cooker with cooking spray. Add chicken to the bottom of the slow cooker.

In a medium sized mixing bowl, mix cream of chicken soup, salsa, corn, black beans, water, cumin, and cilantro. Pour over the top of chicken.

Cook on low for 4-6 hours. Remove the chicken and shred with two forks.

Place back into the slow cooker and add shredded cheese. Continue cooking until cheese has melted about 15 minutes. Serve with your favorite toppings.

### Optional Toppings:

- sour cream
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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Camp staff arriving!

**C**amp staff start arriving this week! In fact, by the time the Barker arrives at your doorstep, our lifeguard training will have begun. Our first staff members start arriving this week on Wednesday, May 30, and by Friday we will have 10 staff members here for lifeguard training.

We have an incredibly diverse staff this year! We are once again bringing in international staff through the Wild-packs staffing agency. This is the 3rd year we have hired international staff and it's always exciting to learn more about their cultures and share that with the campers. In addition to our international staff, we have a group of international volunteers coming to camp from a program through the University of Wisconsin Madison called AIESEC. They are bringing us 6 volunteers from around the world to assist at camp.

So this year we have counselors and volunteers from the following countries: US (of course!), Scotland, Mexico, the Netherlands, England, China, Kenya, Cyprus, Russia, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Canada, France, Armenia, Egypt, India, and possibly Malaysia! It will be so exciting to have such a variety of back-

grounds and experiences among our staff members. Plus we have campers coming from France, Myanmar, and Singapore.

Our Unit Leaders will arrive Monday for leadership staff training, and then the rest of the staff get here on Wednesday, June 7 for training. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for staff training this year, including an epic scavenger hunt around camp, lots of team building activities (Michelle is calling these activities "BOAT"s – which stands for Building Our Amazing Team), a surprise field trip, setting up camp and planning activities for the summer, and (not as exciting, but just as important) learning the serious stuff like rules, procedures, and emergency action plans.

We extended staff training this year to be a week and a half long, instead of the one week training we've done in the past. We wanted to spend more time on group bonding learning to communicate and work together as a staff team. So the staff will be here for 10 days before the first group of campers arrive on June 18.

We currently have 849 campers registered for the summer, and our goal is to get to 950. We're about 2 weeks ahead of where we were for registrations at this

time last year, and roughly 70 campers up from last year on this date. The new cabin is almost complete, and the beds and mattresses will be arriving later this week!

Our Camp Fire Board of Directors has agreed to take on the planning of the Pancake Breakfast this year at camp. We are very grateful to the wonderful volunteers who have coordinated this event in the past – most recently the chairs of this event were Phil and Sandy Vitale and Mike and Amy Lutz. Thank you for all your efforts! They've decided to pass the torch, and our Board Members agreed to be the planning committee going forward.

So we will still have the Pancake Breakfast at camp on the Sunday morning following the Fireworks. This year that date is Sunday, July 2, from 8:30-11 am. We will need more volunteers, so if you're interested in helping out at the breakfast, please contact me by email ([amber@tannadoonah.org](mailto:amber@tannadoonah.org)) or phone (574-387-6095). We look forward to continuing the long-standing Pancake Breakfast tradition!



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Wanted: A friend of mine is **looking to**

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Please let Chas Grundy know if you have any ideas so he can connect you with her.

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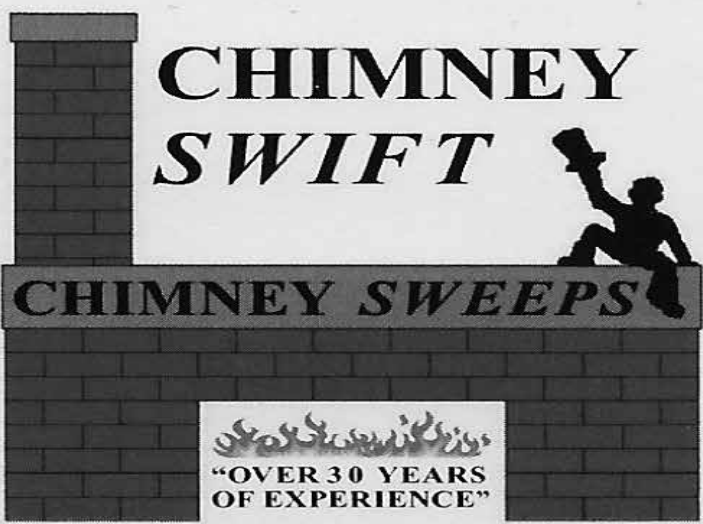
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