

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 13,
2022

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Aley Vitale-Richards, our 13 year-old granddaughter, shot this photo of Bad Patty's hummingbird feeder being visited by one of the wee beastie last Sunday after sailing (just before she headed off to Camp T for a week). Nice job Aley!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*Commodore's Comments
August 13, 2022*

The BLYC Corn & Sausage Roast was held this past Saturday and it was a hit! Co-chairs Blair and Bernie Garceau (east side) and their committee of Vickie and Tom Rogers (cove) and Julie and Mike Sheffieck (west side) organized and managed a crew of volunteers to smoothly implement this event. Well, they've had a lot of experience: The Garceaus and Rogers each about 19 years; the Sheffiecks about 10 years.

Those partaking of the delicious grilled meats and corn, salads and sides, were given the option of eating inside, outside or carry out. It was great to see Birch Lakers with extended families and friends show up for this casual dinner option. The vibe was friendly and there were a lot of positive comments on the tasty food. Thank you to all who worked the dinner and to those who attended.

Speaking of volunteers – this Birch Barker newsletter you hold in your hands is the result of much work by many people. Phil Vitale (east side) has been the Barker editor for 22 years! Ron Niezgodski (west side) started this summer picking up the printed issues and getting them to each of nine individuals who distribute them to

your mailboxes each week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Those distributing for the first time are Karen Curtis-Miller (east side), but she did deliver one year around the entire lake 45 years ago, Vic Jones (east side), and Aubrey Coppens (south side). Holly Troeger (east side) has been delivering since her youngest child Neil was in a stroller, about 27 years. Julie Lacy (south side) delivered the Barkers as a kid for years and later as an adult together for more years than she can count. Buzz Rasmussen (west side) said it has been 20-25 years he has been distributing the Barker. Vickie Rogers (cove) settled on 20 plus years. Ken and Sarah Petty's children (north side) have all been helping deliver since they moved to Birch Lake 11 years ago. Claudia Phipps (north side) has spent about 5 years getting newsletters into your mailboxes. Please make sure you stop and thank these neighbors when you see them out and about.

Some quick important messages. Please know that all Birch Lake residents are welcome at our many events. This is especially important for our new residents, as it can be hard to walk into an event not knowing many people. We welcome you, and these events are a great way to meet your lake neighbors. You are also invited to attend any of our regular BLYC board meetings (listed on the front page under Calendar). Only BLYC directors can vote but you are welcome to attend to see what

2022

Birch Lake Calendar

Aug 13 - Kidz Regatta, Kings' (north s9de)

Aug. 17 - Hazardous waste and tire collection, Road Commission, Cass, 3-6 pm

Aug. 20 - Fall Dinner, BLYC, See P5

Aug. 26 - Birch Lake Ladies Style Show & Luncheon, Woodfire, Dowagiac, See P 2

Sept 11 - Sailing Awards, Frew's house

Sept 17 - Crockpot Challenge, 6 pm,

more details inside

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July 1, 2023 - Fireworks (tentative)

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

is happening as we work on safety and water quality of the lake, plan events, and strengthen our lake community.

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 BLYC dues, there is still time to do so. See form on dues in this Barker issue that further explains what dues help achieve and where a donation can be sent.

Looking ahead at the remaining August events, please note August 11 is the deadline to order tickets for the Fall Dinner (Saturday, Aug/ 20 at the yacht club). Saturday, August 13 at 11 am is the Kidz Regatta at the home of Leslie and Bob King (north side). Arrive via sailboat

The Birch Barker will consider ads and editorial items for potential publication. E-mail items to sailorphil@philvitale.com, mail them to me (or put them in the stone mailbox) at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Contact Editor Phil at onlinebarker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). Contact Commodore Barb Cassady, via email at barbcassady49@gmail.com or call 574-574-229-9815. **DEADLINE** is Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

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with at least one kid on board for a light lunch and some casual sailing. Lastly, Friday, August 26 at 11 am Woodfire Grill in Dowagiac is the Ladies' Style Show & Luncheon. Tickets for the Fall Dinner or Style Show/Luncheon can be ordered at birchlakeyachtclub.com

Take care, be safe, and I'll see you out on the lake.

~Commodore Barb Cassady

Crockpot Challenge

Let's talk about the BLYC Crockpot Challenge! We have a tentative date set for the event on Sept 18,.

NOW FOR THE RULES!

You may submit entries of either savory or sweet, or both. Not sure about sweet? Check Pinterest for ideas!

Participants Only: Arrival time at 5:30 pm. Please be on time! Bring extension cords, and utensils.

DO NOT ID YOUR CROCKPOT!!

Arrival time for participants will be 5:30 pm to allow setup time for the crockpots: Hors d'oeuvres and toppings (crackers, cheese, diced onion, breads, butter, etc.)

Non crockpot challenge desserts (i.e. Julie's Cookies ... HAHAHA!) set on table provided. Good idea to I.D. your dishes. (But NOT the crockpots).

BYOB: we will be using leftover beer and wine, but it is unknown how

LADIES' STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON



FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 11 am
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much will be available after the previous events. If it is available, we will offer it.

Guests arrival time 6 pm! NO EARLY ENTRIES to eat. Get your voting ballots at the door as you come in.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category.

6:15 pm EATING BEGINS!
Scoring and prizes at approximately 7:15 pm.

There will be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawings. Watch the Barker for

any updates. Any questions call Bad Patty at 317-605-6421.

Again all of this depends on the COVID 19 virus and whether or not we would feel comfortable enough to host this event.

~BP

2022 Corn & Sausage Roast – Thank You!

Last Saturday's Corn & Sausage Roast was a wonderful time for 145 of our

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lake neighbors and friends, with many of them enjoying the take-out option offered. Once again, the delicious roasted corn from Elkhart was the hit of the evening, while beautifully grilled brats from Mills Market in Zimmyville, hot dogs and chicken breasts rounded out the main course. Coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, baked beans, cookies, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea completed the tremendous feast. It wasn't possible to go home hungry!

THANK YOU to the extremely energetic, dedicated and smiling crew members who made this event a big success, led by Blair and Grillmaster Bernie Garceau, Vickie and Cornmaster Tom Rogers, Steve Plaia, Greg Bolin, Patti and Rick Russwurm, Julie Dickey, Tom and Commodore Barb Cassady, Amy and Matt Koscielski, Karen Brovold, Claudia Phipps, Terry and Dave Carroll, and Mike and Julie Sheffieck. Phenomenal job, Everyone!

This event only happens once a year – hope to see you in 2023!

Sign up now for the Fall Dinner

Everyone is welcome to the annual fall dinner on Saturday, August 20, at the yacht club. A delicious polish dinner will be catered by The Skillet in South Bend. Come and enjoy appetizers, dinner and dessert with your fellow birch lakere. The Vice Commodore for the upcoming 2023

year will also be revealed, which you won't want to miss! See ticket information in this week's barker. I guarantee it will be an enjoyable evening!

~Deb Hall, Vice Commodore

Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Birch Lake Ladies' Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, August 26. Lunch will begin at 11 at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. There are three lunch options. Tickets are \$32, and include main dish, salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drink, tax, and tip. Tickets can be purchased from Ronni Eshleman, 317-418-9557, Denny Weesner 650-862-4711, or Jeannie Welch 574-286-2890. They will also be available online on the Birch Lake Yacht Club website. This event sold out last year, so get your tickets early!

Birch Lake Sign Contest

We had several winners in the Birch Lake Sign Contest from last week's Barker ... Apparently it was a big hit! Waiting for the final prizes to arrive from Amazon. Winners will be announced next weekend.

Hazardous waste, tire collection

A household hazardous waste collection will be held on August 17, 2022 from 3 to 6 pm at the Cass County Road

Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cassopolis. The event is sponsored by the Cass County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, Cass County has received a grant for the collection of used passenger car/pickup truck tires. No appointment is necessary. Proof of residency is required. The event will also be on August 17, from 3 to 6 pm at the Cass County Road Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cassopolis.

Yacht Club building use

To make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

The Printed Birch Barker

The Birch Barker is delivered to homes on Birch Lake available each week <http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>.

To submit items for publication, email sailorphil@philvitale.com or onlinebarker@gmail.com, or mail (or deposit items) at 63174 Birch Rd. (East side), Vandalia, MI 49095.

To contact the editor, email to onlinebarker@gmail.com or to sailorphil@philvitale.com, phone 269-476-1680 (no texts since I don't use a cell phone).

Contact Phil Vitale for information. Deadline for any week is noon on Tuesday prior to the weekend of publication.

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RESTART: Saturday 08/13 Birch sailors "give back" to the **Kidz** of Birch, no experience needed, just come meet other Kidz and try out sailing !!!

Kidz can arrive at 11 am, Sailors to arrive early or late(r).

We will be serving hot dogs, cookies, juice and water.

Boats depart for the course at noon, racing until 1 pm.

NOTES: advance forecast looks ideal! 5-6 mph SSW.

There will be a RC & Safety boats on course.

WHERE: at the Kings (mid N. shore), walk to the sails.

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— Water Quality Report —

2022 lake E coli report

As was mentioned in last weeks Barker we have tested for E coli in the lake for the past 14 or so years following some resident's concerns after the installation of the sewer system. The first couple of years we employed a validated testing laboratory to actually come out and take samples and do the laboratory testing. Since there were no elevated levels of E coli beyond what might be expected in a natural environment (geese, ducks, swans, muskrats, washed in dog feces, and small children accidents), we decided to sample and analyze the samples for ourselves at considerably reduced costs in succeeding years.

The test materials were obtained from a testing laboratory and supply center in Goshen. This included sterile sampling bottles, petri dishes, and a nutrient agar that will show E coli colonies in dark blue due to a particular chemical reaction. An egg incubator was also obtained to hold the samples at 95 degrees, a temperature defined to facilitate the development of E coli colonies.

We also defined 5 testing sites and have taken the samples yearly from these same five sites. We measure E coli as that is considered an indicator bacteria for pollution and safety for water activities. Higher levels may not necessarily mean water is unsafe, but is an in-

indicator that there may be other bacteria of danger or potentially mutated E coli that can lead to serious illnesses. Thus, when one reads of beach closures it is due to high levels of E coli, commonly as a result of runoff from combined sewer storm water drains after large rains, or big goose populations on a shoreline.

Again, this year the results show virtually no E coli from the samples taken. Three sites had no E coli colonies grow, and one site had a single colony from triplicate petri plates. The only sampling site where we have had high E coli levels is from the inlet stream in the northeast part of the lake.

Previously, E coli from this site has been genetically tested and is of non-human origin and thus not a sewer leak. Also, as we have demonstrated in the past, as well as this year, the E coli levels 20 feet away from the stream are



no more than any other part of the lake indicating an almost immediate dilution effect.

The bottom line is Birch lake is still the safe lake it has been for all water activities. Since there has been no issue with this test for the past 14 years, we may discontinue this testing in future years, unless we see a particular need to resume.

PS There is bacteria in the lake just as there is bacteria everywhere in all ecosystems. Remember you as individuals have 70 trillion (yes trillion) bacteria on the surface of your skin as well as in your alimentary tract.



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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Finally, a Sunday with good wind!

After five Sundays without good wind for sailboat races, Sunday morning brought a nice 8 mph breeze and plenty of time to complete three races before rain arrived.

Committee Boat Captain Bad Patty and her crew were missed, as Bad Patty was not feeling well. We hope to see you back next Sunday, Patty and crew! Many thanks to Tom Cassady and Sandy Vitale for pitching in and handling both the Course Setting and Committee Boat duties so that the races could proceed.

Scott Troeger led the MC fleet with 1-2-1, while Commodore Barb Cassady got a first and a second. Pat Welch scored a third and a second. Phil Vitale and Bill Luecht each snagged a third place.

In the Sunfish fleet, Rick Russwurm and Stewart Spratt battled it out, with Rick going 1-2-1 and Stewart 2-1-2. Close behind were Herb Cleveland with two third-place finishes, and Bob Niezgodski with a third place.

I watched part of the races, while spending time with visiting family members. It was really great to see sailing back in action on Birch Lake! My thanks to Stewart Spratt, who filled in for me as fleet captain.

REVIVAL OF DON HARMON KIDZ REGATTA SATURDAY, AUG/ 13

Everyone with a sailboat and a kid on board is welcome at Bob King's revival of the Don Harmon Kidz Regatta this Saturday! Meet at the King's home on the North Shore at 11 am for a light

lunch and then fun sailing!

BLYC-CAMP TANNADOONAH JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM - ONE FINAL WEEK COMING UP!

Commodore Barb Cassady's wonderful column in last week's Birch Barker



shared her recent experiences in teaching sailing at Camp Tannadoonah. Barb will be back again next week as our "closer," to share her love of sailing as well as her formidable sailing skills with young campers during the final week of the camp season.

And on Friday, August 12 at approximately 9 pm. all boaters are invited to float near the camp and be serenaded by the campers as they descend the stairs by candlelight. It will be a beautiful finale to a great season at Camp Tannadoonah!

~F.C. Steve



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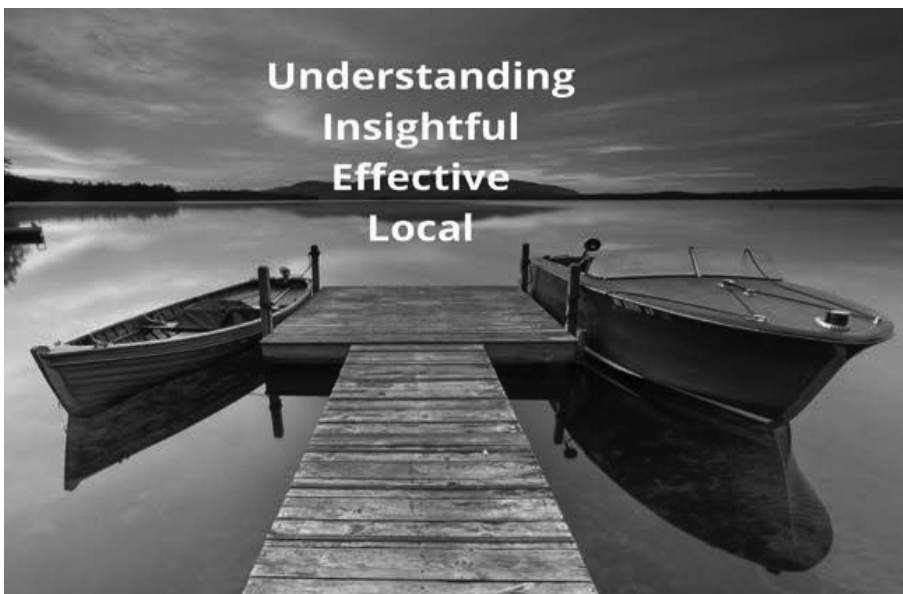
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BIRCH LAKE SAILING



BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	7-Aug	7-Aug	7-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race	18	19	20	Points	Average	Finished	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor				MC Races				20
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	1	19042	1587	12	60.0%	
Barb Cassady #2506	2	1	5	23695	1481	15	75.0%	
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	12852	1428	9	45.0%	
Phil Vitale #500	4	4	3	19934	1424	14	70.0%	
Bill Luecht #1579	3	5	4	25495	1416	18	90.0%	
Pat Welch #1979	5	3	2	23327	1372	17	85.0%	
Pat McGann #1735	6	6	6	22210	1306	16	80.0%	
Amber Grundy	DNS	DNS	DNS	17567	1255	14	70.0%	
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	DNS	12732	1157	11	55.0%	
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	DNS	6276	1046	6	30.0%	

Sunfish/Sailor				Sunfish races				20
Gail Turlock	DNS	DNS	DNS	3200	1600	2	10.0%	
Bob King	DNS	DNS	DNS	4721	1574	3	15.0%	
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	3121	1561	2	10.0%	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	2	1	30675	1534	20	100.0%	
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	5934	1484	4	20.0%	
Stewart Spratt	2	1	2	16139	1467	11	55.0%	
Scott Sortal	DNS	DNS	DNS	7230	1446	5	25.0%	
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	5565	1391	4	20.0%	
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	DNS	11061	1383	8	40.0%	
Bob Niezgodski	4	3	4	26049	1371	19	95.0%	
Herb Cleveland	3	4	3	15736	1311	12	60.0%	
Camille Butler	5	5	5	22560	1253	16	80.0%	
Cole McGann Bell	DNS	DNS	DNS	2458	1229	2	10.0%	
Chris Scofiled	DNS	DNS	DNS	2381	1191	2	10.0%	
Jeff Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	9471	1184	8	40.0%	
Tammy Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	5.0%	

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season.; DNF (Did Not Finish) DSQ (Disqualified) scores as last place (if 5 boats started the race, you will be scored as 5th place). DNF, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed; CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total. Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.) Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted; Crew - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



For the second year in a row, Papaw Russwurm (northside) got to spend the day kid dragging to celebrate our oldest Granddaughter Greta Beacher's birthday. She was joined by California friends the Mortillaro's. From left Tina, Gianna, Papaw, Julia, Clara, Lyla, Greta, Gabriella, and our favorite daughter Lori.

2022 Birch Lake Yacht Club **FALL DINNER**

August 20, 2022

at the Birch Lake Yacht Club

5:30 – Appetizers:

an assortment of cheese and crackers, fruits, and vegetables and dip

6:30 – Dinner:

Polish Sausage, broasted chicken, kluski noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, seasoned green beans, rolls and butter (catering provided by The Skillet, South Bend)

7:30 – Year-End Meeting

\$25 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance by using the Birch Lake Yacht Club website

<https://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com/>

or by contacting Vice Commodore Deb Hall (cove).

Tickets must be purchased by August 11.

No tickets will be sold at the door or after the above date.

— Barker Kids of the Week —



Marc and Lynn Caenepeel (west side) sent in these photos of their grandsons, Dylan & Jack Caenepeel, visiting from South Carolina. They caught this monster snapping turtle, from the end of the pier while trying to fish? What a surprise after their Dad, Jason, had to go in and net it!!



Miss Lauren Snider (cove) celebrated her 5th birthday last Sunday with family and lake friends.

Birch Barker Kids of the Week

Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week?

Mail your photo (with a SASE if you want it back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; or put them in a ziplock in the mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (on the east side), or email me at Sailorphil@PhiVitale.com

Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.928
2.2 days after full moon



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Sunset: 20:46:28 PM
Moonrise: 22:10:54 PM
Moonset: 08:26:41 AM
Daylight: 13 Hr 59 Min 14 Sec

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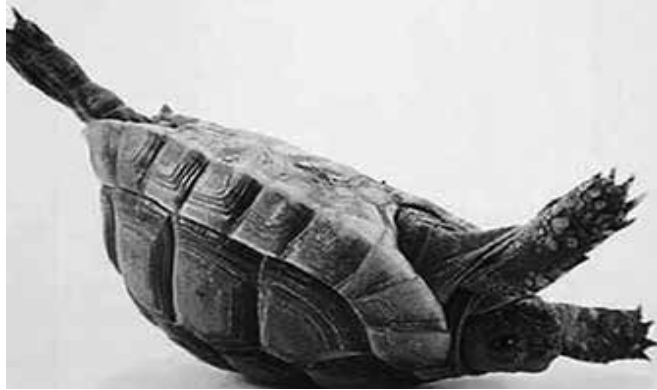
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Etch-A-Sketch...
I shake my head and
forget everything!**



**Stop taking Facebook
posts personal!
Nothing is real here. Look
at this chicken**



It is bigger than the car



"Laughing at your own
mistakes can lengthen
your life."
- Shakespeare

"Laughing at your
wife's mistakes can
shorten your life."
- Shakespeare's Wife



*I am not
aging like
wine, I
am aging
like milk.
getting
Sour and
Chunky*

PaddyCake



~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

PARMESAN TOMATOES - YUMMY!

Baked sliced tomatoes covered with a cheesy, spicy topping. Yummy!

Ingredients:

- 4 ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon brown mustard
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Step 2 - Arrange tomato slices in a single layer on a baking sheet. In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise, Parmesan, Dijon mustard, and brown mustard. Season with oregano, and salt and pepper to taste. Use a spoon to top each tomato slice with a small amount of the mayonnaise mixture. Sprinkle with Mozzarella, and then top with parsley.



Step 3 - Bake in preheated oven for approximately 15 minutes, or until golden brown.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

It's the last week of camp and it's hard to believe the summer is nearly over. Our after school programs start up again on the 22nd of August!

This week at camp we have special activities on Friday evening for the final council fire event of the season. If you want to watch the Friday night candlelight serenade, we will likely be coming down the stairs around 9pm.

At Council Fire on Friday we will be honoring our Order of the Birch recipients. This year we had 20 campers complete the Order of the Birch award, and they have all been invited back as guests for this Council Fire for a ceremony recognizing their achievement.

The Order of the Birch is the highest honor a camper can earn at Camp Tannadoonah. In order to qualify, they must be going into at least the 7th grade, and have attended camp for at least 5 summers. During the week they are here at camp, they must complete a series of tasks, including keeping their bunk neat and clean, going to Polar Bear every morning, attending each "free choice" activity at least one time during the week, help lead our song circle one night, be a model camper, and on Friday night read or perform a poem, song, or speech about what Camp Tannadoonah means to them.

Here are a few of the speeches/poems that campers wrote this year for their Order of the Birch awards:

On a hill, above the lake, in among the trees, lies my home away from home. I have been coming to Camp Tannadoonah for 7 years. Every summer I have been here all of my counselors and staff have made me feel at home. Each summer more memories are made. Bonding with my cabin and other campers / counselors is the biggest part of camp. There are so many traditions at camp, but there are ones that mean most to me. Sing and council fire are very special. We are all brought together. Another traditional is the morning quote at flag. Every morning it is nice to hear an uplifting quote at the beginning of the day. These traditions and more are all a part of the camp experience. That's what draws me back every summer. The counselors will always have a place in my heart. All the staff and counselors have made me want to come back to camp next year to be a CIT. Their kindness, caring, and encouragement show me that I can strive one day to be like them. Every year I have been looking forward to receiving and becoming part of the Order of the Birch. I will always hold Camp T in my heart.

~ Grace

A gathering of friends.

We meet in cabins of summer hope and laughter
Surrounded by high wooden walls
We share tiny pieces of ourselves, only to depart, to start fresh again next year
But the memories last a lifetime

A gathering of friends, on a hill
Almost total isolation, we're freed from the real world
Serene walks across the grounds
This is my safe place, even through the sun's hot malice
Every blade of grass, every rock, every weathered footpath
Is my summer pride and joy
On a hill, above a lake
A see a shimmering star, we bask in its glow
For early morning trips down the never-ending stairs
And special singing times, it absorbs our jolly spirits
Keeps them for generations to come
Above a lake, among the trees
Mighty trunks frame our woodland oasis
Housing birds and their nests, scampering squirrels
And the whispering words of campers young and old
These trees are a sturdy pillar for me to fall back on
Each year they softly croon with dreams and wishes
A testament to Tannadoonah's legacy among the trees
A gathering of friends, on a hill, above a lake, among the trees

~Salem

~Mrs. Amber

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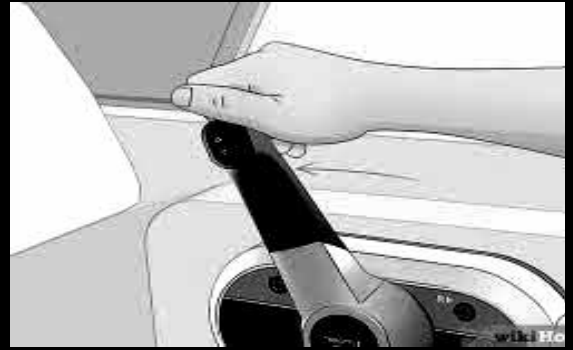
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DON'T POWER LOAD!

When putting your boat onto a trailer, don't "power load" by using the motor to get it onto the trailer. Power loading causes damage to the ground behind the boat ramp and makes it difficult for other boaters to move their vessels.

This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



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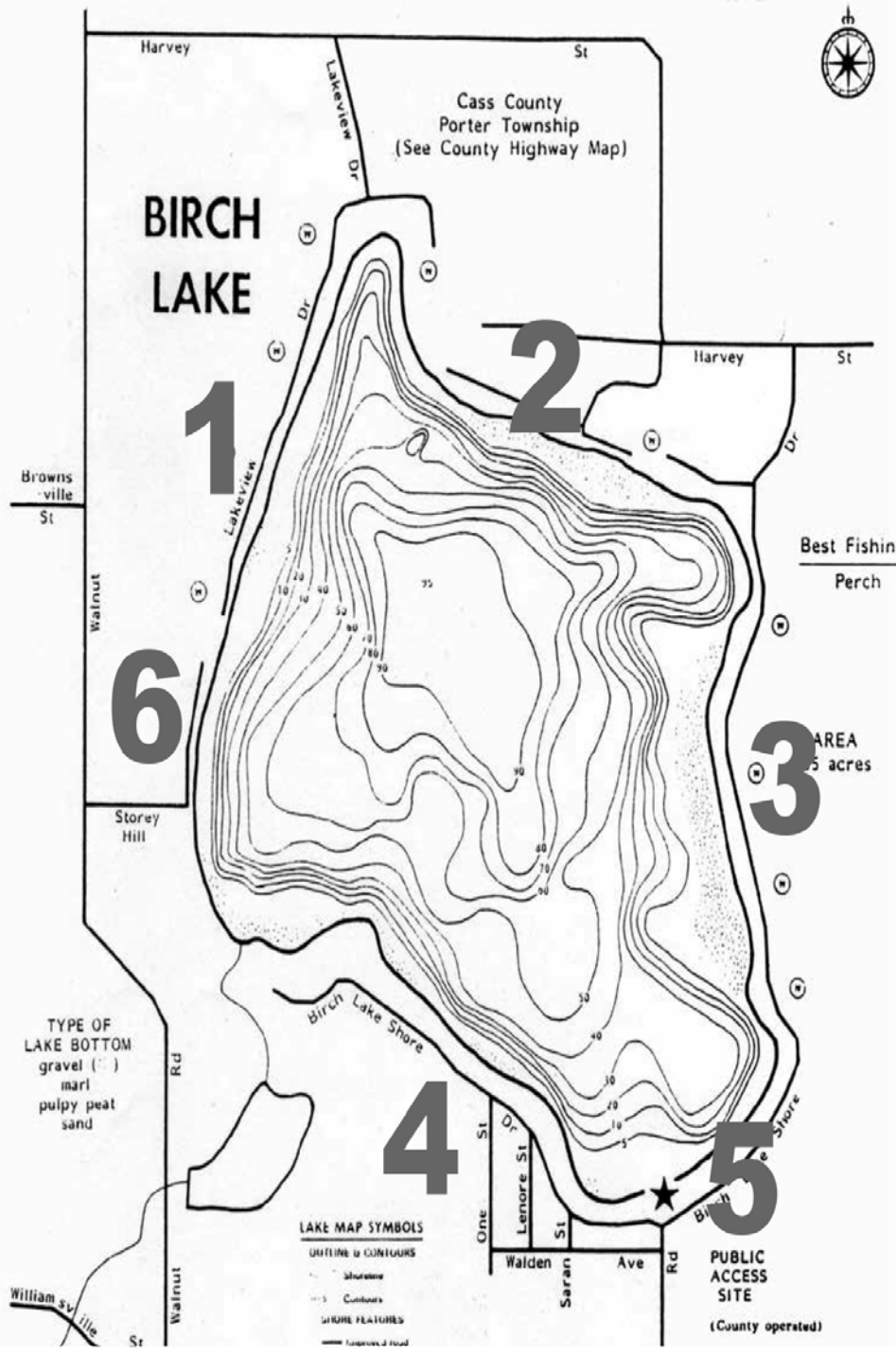
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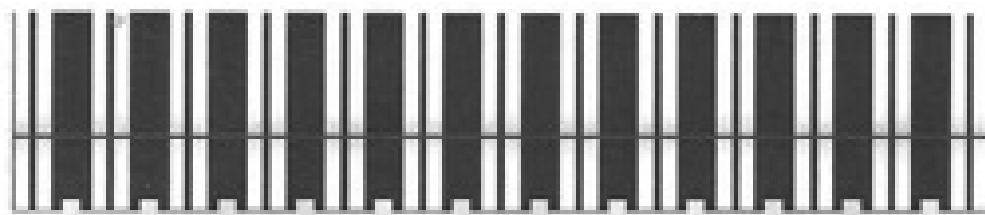
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