

DROP A LINE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKES COMMITTEE



The Lakes Committee is an open committee at the Griffith Chapter. We meet at 6:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. We have a 3-year management plan for the lakes. Our projects include improving fish habitat and stocking fish, rebuilding fishing piers, and holding public events such as the Catfish Derby, Ice Fishing Derby and Take a Kid Fishing.

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The Lakes Committee now has two **boats for rent**. The fee is \$10 for the boat, oars, anchor, & life jackets for the day, \$20 with trolling motor and Marine battery. For more information or to rent a boat contact Alice Butterfield or Jackie Larson: 219-487-0001.



Rental Boat Instructions

There are two boats, a green Jon boat and an aluminum deep V boat, that members can rent for use on our three lakes. Here are the instructions for renting:

- 1) There is a red folder in the office that contains the Waiver and Boat Rental Pass.
- 2) Sign a Waiver for rental boat use.
- 3) Fill out a Boat Rental Pass and pay rental fee to Lakes Committee, officer or board member of the Club.
 - a. Boats rent for \$10 a day with anchor, life jackets, and oars.
 - b. Boats rent for \$20 a day with the addition of a trolling motor and Marine battery.
- 4) All equipment is located in the Rubbermaid storage shed located on the east side of the green barn. To access this equipment, contact the Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357), Jackie Larson (219-487-0001) or officers Steve Grodetz (219-228-0167) or Kim Russell (219-629-3189). They will give you a word code to open the padlock on the storage shed so you can access the equipment.
- 5) The two boats for rent are located south of the Big Barn. You will need a hitch (ball size 1 7/8") to tow the boat to the lakes for launching.
- 6) Be sure to take the life jackets, anchor, and oars with you in the boat.
- 7) When done fishing, use the hose on the east side of the Clubhouse to rinse off mud and plants from the outside of the boat. Return the boat, place the equipment back in the storage shed, and lock it. Contact us if there are any problems or needs for repair.

Come out to the Ice Fishing Derby, January 18, 2020 (alternative date Feb. 1, 2020. If you don't fish, come out to enjoy a full menu breakfast!

ICE FISHING DERBY



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WHEN Saturday, January 18, 2020
Sign in: 5:00 am
Time: 6:00 am – 1:00 pm

Alternate date is Feb. 1, 2020 if there is no ice on Jan. 18

WHERE Griffith Izaak Walton
1532 East Main Street
Griffith, Indiana

PRIZES Prizes for Catfish, Crappie, Bluegill, Perch, etc.

FOOD FOR SALE Full Menu Breakfast

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\$12 Members
\$15 Non-members

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From John Holme...

Help Raise Funds for Fish Stocking

Fishing News and Recent Events

The Grounds crew opened up the north/west corner of Jordan Lake. This area had overgrown with hanging limbs and debris to the point that shore fishing was all but impossible. So now though a little challenge remains, this coveted spot that was only available by boat/kayak is now open to shore fishing. ENJOY!

In August, the Chapter hosted a day for the Carmelite kids. This event is very special to these children and this year there were 56 of them here to partake in fishing, archery, and a lunch for all.

The Lakes Committee held a "Take A Kid Fishing/Archery Day" event on September 29th. About 100 children, adults, and members participated.

The Lakes Committee is working to raise \$5000 for fish stocking of Wilson Lake in early Spring 2020. Here's how you can help:

- ✓ Buy baked goods at the Membership meetings!
- ✓ Put money in the Tip Jar which is now dedicated to Fish Stocking!
- ✓ Make a donation to the Lakes Committee!
- ✓ Buy fishing tackle, rods and reels for sale from the Lakes Committee!

New Fishing Rules and Limits are posted on the bulletin boards in the Clubhouse and at the Lakes!

DAILY NUMBERS AND SIZE LIMIT PER DAY PER PERSON AS POSTED

TYPE	SIZE	NUMBER
Catfish	12"	3
Largemouth Bass	10" – 13"	2
Less than 10" and over 13" must be released. All Bass are catch and release from April 15 th to July 1 st		
Walleye	21"	1
Red Ear Sunfish & Bluegills	5.5"	10
Crappie	8"	10
Perch	7"	10

Grass Carp catch and release only.

No limit or size limit on rough fish (carp, bullheads, pickerel and dogfish)

You are encouraged to remove all rough fish.

Get your Raffle Tickets for this Frabill Pop-Up Ice Fishing Shelter. It can be used as a hunting blind. Drawing will be held at the Ice Fishing Derby!

Ice Fishing Raffle! Frabill HQ200 Pop-Up Ice Fishing Shelter



- 2-3 Person Ice Shelter
- Can be used as a Hunting Blind

1 Ticket - \$3.00
2 Tickets - \$5.00



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GRIFFITH, INDIANA

**DRAWING at the 2020 Ice Fishing Derby
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

For tickets: Call 708-466-3357, Alice Butterfield, Lakes Chair or 219-487-0001, Jackie Larson, Lakes Co-Chair

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