

Newsletter

Lake Meddybemps Association

Summer 2013

Dear Members of the LMA,

We are well into another summer and that probably means a few updates are in order, if not overdue.

I am excited to report on several exciting LMA events and programs that all need volunteers! But first, I would like to remind you that our **Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, August 4th @ 11am** in the Meddybemps Community Center. In addition to our regular updates on important lake issues, we will be electing a slate of 4 directors to a 3 year term. If you're interested in volunteering your time in this capacity, please contact me! In addition, we have lined up the dynamic Steve Norton to give our informational presentation. He will be speaking on the history of atmospheric metal pollution, including mercury, as measured in lakes from Maine to Florida.

I am also pleased to announce that the **Courtesy Boat Inspection Program** is up and running! Huge props to **Glenn Ball** who spearheaded the grant writing process and to **Meg Rothberg** for taking on management of the program. Paid inspectors will be at the town dock starting at 7am Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. In addition to saying

"Hi!" when you see them, please consider volunteering for a 2-hour afternoon shift. This program's success and the continued health of the lake will depend on participation by you! The boat launch has already been busy this summer. The LMA will have a table at the **Meddybemps Festival** on July 27th with sign-up sheets.

Other opportunities to participate in lake monitoring programs include getting trained and helping to conduct the **LMP Invasive Plant Survey DATE**, contact NAME for more information. The annual **Audubon Loon Count** was held on July 20th, and we'll get an update at the annual meeting. If you're interested in participating in next year's count, please contact Pete Trouant to get on the list. Because the loon count is so short, please feel free to contact Pete with additional sightings you may have, especially if you see chicks!

Fast approaching on the fundraising front, the now annual **Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction** will be held on August 3rd, 8 - 10am at the Community Center. Diane James is organizing. Donations for the Auction are being accepted by Meg and Sherry until Friday, August 2 @ 5pm. Additional volunteer

opportunities and food donation needs are listed in the table below!

Finally, a weather report. There was significant rain this spring across the Eastern seaboard, and Maine was no exception. I got lots of rain reports from folks on the lake well through June. Despite the rain, the lake level was quite consistent with a full lake throughout June. Information from the lake has become all the more valuable for successful management of the dam since the USGS was forced to shut down the Denny's River stream gauge earlier this year due to sequestration. To that end, I'm happy to report that communication between representatives from the town, the LMA and Maine DMR continues to be positive open and constructive!

I hope all of you have been able to enjoy some quality time on the lake this summer or have plans to do so soon, and I'll see you at the Annual Meeting in a few short weeks!

All the best,

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Program	Contact	Important Dates	Volunteer Need
Courtesy Boat Inspection Program	Meg Rothberg, teele1234@aol.com	Sat/Sun, 7am - 5pm, through Sept.	Volunteer Inspectors, 2hr. afternoon shifts
Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction	Diane James, dianefnp@gmail.com	August 3, 2013, 8-10am	Volunteers: Fri. set-up, Sat. Servers Donations: muffins, breakfast casseroles, fruit salads, silent auction items
LMP Invasive Plant Survey	Pete Trouant, trouant@pwless.net	Monday, August 19, 2013, 9am	Surveyors (training provided), w/Mark Whiting of DEP, lunch to follow at Pete and Liz Trouant's
Audubon Loon Count		3rd Sat. in July	Loon Surveyors