



BIG MOOSE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1928

Promoting informed stewardship of our environment, appreciation for and preservation of our natural and cultural legacy within the Adirondack Park, water safety for children and adults, and enjoyable social interaction among individuals, families and all members of the community-at-large.

Spring 2026

Following a soggy Memorial Day weekend, the weather has turned to summer! We have lots of news and exciting happenings this year. Looking forward to another great summer!

Calendar of events:

<p>July 4 • Holiday Picnic & Fireworks</p> <p>6:00 pm Picnic at BMPOA Center 10:00 pm Fireworks on the lake</p> <p>Fireworks donations appreciated at GoFundMe</p>	<p>July 25 • Annual BMPOA Meeting & Chicken BBQ. BMPOA Center 8:30 am Coffee 9:00 am Meeting 12:00 noon Chickens Contact Darren Smith 805-421-3950 re: chickens</p>
<p>July 6 — August 14 • BMPOA Rec Program Contact: Darren Smith, Director, cell 805-421-3950</p>	<p>TBA • Jolly Moosers Summer Lunch Contact Deb Van Slyke for details DVSDUFFY@gmail.com</p>
<p>July 11 • Jolly Moosers “Great ADK Bake Sale” 9 am-noon Big Moose Fire Hall Contact Jeanne Brown jeannebrown19@gmail.com or 315-591-5413</p>	<p>Aug 1 • Big Moose Community Chapel Balsam Bee 9:00 am -1:00 pm Big Moose Community Chapel Contact Mary Moore at BigMooseMittens@gmail.com</p>
<p>July 11 • Fun fish—Sunfish Sailing Regatta 2 pm Higby Bay, main lake. Contact Marge Correll 315-357-5599</p>	<p>Aug 8 • Big Moose Fish & Game Club Cookout Noon until sold out Club property 1779 Big Moose Road Contact Craig Smith 315-369-8485</p>
<p>July 18 • Lake Swim takes off from the Glenmore 7 am full lake from boathouse dock 8 am mile swim departs from Mastroianni / Williams’ dock</p>	<p>DATE CHANGE Sept 5 • Boat Parade & Farewell to Summer Bonfire 5 pm Parade starts at Property Owners’ dock 7 pm Bonfire at the BMPOA Center</p>

DUES REMINDER: Have you paid your dues yet? The BMPOA operates to provide water quality, water safety and programs which provide stewardship of the Adirondacks and enjoyable community interactions. **Your membership is vital** to continuing these programs. If you haven't yet paid your annual dues, you may pay online or by check. And remind any adult children that they can become **Associate Members** to support the lake! Also you may make general **recreation program donations** and **BMPOA general donations** on the site.

By check to Richard Widdicombe, 1711 Sherman Dr. Utica, NY 13501

[Pay Dues Online](#)

2026 Recreation Program Information:

Big News! We have a new Recreation Director!

We are excited to introduce Darren Smith as our new Recreation Director! If you missed the announcement in January, Darren comes to us by way of introduction from Kristin Dowling. He has his Masters of Art in Teaching with a specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis, and brings a wide array of experiences, including lifeguarding, teaching swim lessons, running youth groups, working in summer camps and managing a long-term care facility of 80 Severely Emotionally Developed youth. For the past 10 years he has competed in triathlons and open water swimming. Please read his note, and welcome Darren and his three kids to our community.

Greetings,

I am excited and grateful for this opportunity to serve as your Rec Director.

My name is Darren Smith from Southern California. I moved to Upstate New York 10 years ago and have fallen head over heels with the beauty of the Adirondacks. I love the water, the outdoors, and working with kids. 3 fun facts: I lived on a sailboat for 2.5 years, I have been to all 50 states, and I am the mayor of Argyle, New York. I look forward to meeting all of you and the adventures that await this summer.

Cheers!

Darren Smith

Recreation Program Details

Anne Dew and Darren have worked to create an exciting plan for this summer, including keeping favorites and adding new adventures! Here are just a couple:

Wet Wednesdays- Sailing on Wednesdays. We will be learning the fundamentals of sailing. This includes learning the parts of the boat, wind directions, points of sail, righting a boat, man-over-board drills, and fun/racing.

BARC Thursdays- This will be our big game night called BARC(Big Activity at the Rec Center). You can expect to dress according to a theme! There will be videos, skits, music, and a big fun game. The first BARC is going to be Western Dye Wars. That name alone should pique your curiosity!

Swim lessons will be hosted at the Marsacks, near the Property Owners Dock. We want to thank Dick and Faith Shore for many years of hosting the lessons. Their hospitality is greatly appreciated. **If you see Dick and Faith please express your gratitude!**

Here are the links for updated program activities and the parent letter and sign up.

[Registration Forms](#)

[Welcome Letter and Weekly Program List](#)

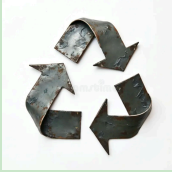
[Rec Calendar](#)



A call for sailboats: Sailing is a passion of Darren's, and with the reintroduction of sailing lessons, it would be helpful to have access to sunfish type boats. If you have a boat and are willing to let it be used during the program, or wish to donate one, please let Darren know.

Let's play ball - Adult Softball is back!

Bring your mitt from home and dust off the bat! – Join in the fun on **Monday evenings at 6:30** for drop in Adult and teen (16+) softball at the rec field. All teens and adults are welcome.



Trash Services and White Metal Day:

Thanks to everyone for working to make the transition to trash day pick up as smooth as it was. As a reminder, here are the guidelines to make the process as pleasant as possible

- Bring trash out **Monday morning by 9 AM**, rather than the night before, to minimize wildlife issues. Use quality cans, labeling both can and lids with name/address.
- Stickers for Recycling cans (no bags) and clear plastic bags within trash cans
- **No uncontained plastic bags! If you can't use the trash service with cans, please take your garbage to the transfer station or take it home for disposal – Carry in/Carry out!**
- Place cans at the end of each private road so not all cans end up at the Higby Point/Crag Point intersection. Local road associations may have additional guidance. North Shore Residents should use the shoulders beyond the PO Dock parking areas
- Retrieve cans after collection, timely on the same day
- Respect our members and do not place cans directly in front of residences or block mailboxes.
- If you have renters please communicate these guidelines to them.
- Here is the link to the Town of Webb official guidance: [TOW Trash Info](#)

Summer Town of Webb Transfer Station Hours

- Mon-Fri: 8 am - 12 PM, Closed Wednesday
- Sat-Sun: 8 am - 4PM, Closed 12-1PM
- Sticker required; available from the Information Center or Town Clerk

White metal day

Saturday, July 18 8am – 4pm Higby T. **Originally slated to be eliminated**, we were successful in maintaining the white metal day! **Please take advantage of this service**, and thank the Town of Webb team who staff the event.



Water Quality:

Dye testing: The Town of Webb Dye Testing of septic systems will continue. There is no cost to you for these tests. The BMPOA covers the cost. The goal is to test properties approximately every 3 years to assure properly functioning septic systems.

ALAP Update: The Adirondack Lake Assessment Program is conducted annually, testing for approximately 15 water quality variables (e.g., Chloride, Alkalinity etc.). The results are typically available after the new year. Our results have been consistent year over year, however we are still waiting for the new results.

Additionally, coliform testing, with sampling twice a summer across 20 different locations in the lake, yielded good results.

Invasive Species:

Prevention remains the #1 Priority

Continued diligence by each of us by inspecting our own and our guests' watercraft (including boats, jetskis, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, etc.) is critical in helping us maintain an invasive free lake. Special thanks to Dunn's for providing inspection services. Dunn's will inspect all boats not from this lake upon

entry, regardless of whether it has been inspected/tagged at one of State boat washing centers. If you have renters, please educate them on this important topic.

After Prevention, Early Detection is the most Critical Goal

A great way to help detect invasives is the **Lake Protector** program -where participants can be citizen scientists and help monitor the lake for invasive species. The Lake Protectors program involves attending online training, adopting and monitoring a section of the lake at least once a summer and reporting your findings back to APIPP.

The more people we can activate to monitor protect our lake, the more likely it is that we can quickly eradicate any invasives found. Follow this link for additional [Lake Protector Information](#)

We often think of invasives in the aquatic sense, but **terrestrial invasives**, like Knotweed, are an issue too. APIPP can help remediate this, free of charge. [Read more about knotweed management here.](#)

Contact Paul Powers at pkpowers@gmail.com for more information on our water quality programs

Boat Launch and Boat Washing update:

Dunn's Marina has been a great partner in helping to prevent the spread of invasives by mandating a high temp/pressure wash of all boats using their ramp. This year they are introducing a few changes to simplify and standardize the launching process. First, they are bundling the washing fee and launch fee into a single price at \$75. This will help ensure that ALL boats get washed without exception. Second, they are offering a discount for this service for property owners who have boats on the lake at \$45. Note that it is sometimes difficult for everyone at Dunn's to remember all the camp owners (and family members) all the time, so make sure to identify yourselves as a camp owner when launching your boat.

Water Safety:



Water Safety and Water Quality Flyer

We have created a flyer with information on both water safety and water quality to keep these important topics top of mind. [Click Here to View the Flyer](#)

Please:

- Share it with your family
- Post in your home and/or boathouse
- Make sure any renters have reviewed this important information

Wake Sports:

Wake sports and the use of wake boats are among the fastest-growing watersports in the Adirondacks. As their popularity increases, it's important to consider the impacts they have on the lake ecosystem, other recreational activities, and the shoreline. The increase in popularity has also led to increased scrutiny, including the establishment of intensive regulations in the neighboring state of Vermont.

Be “wake smart” about the impacts. **Large wakes and ballast tanks can:**

- **Flood loon nests** on shore. We love our loons! Loons nest their eggs just inches above the shoreline, where large wakes can wash them away.
- **Swamp smaller boats** such as kayaks and paddleboards. Wakeboats can generate waves up to 4 feet tall, which can be dangerous for small crafts, and their bows ride much higher than other motorboats, limiting visibility.
- **Stir up sediment and release phosphorus into the water column, feeding algae and toxic cyanobacteria**
- **Transfer invasive species** if not cleaned, drained and dried properly
- **Suspend sediment** into the water, disrupting the feeding behavior of fish and other wildlife and affecting the food web
- **Damage plant beds** which provide important habitat for fish populations

- **Increase shoreline** erosion
- **Damage** docks and moored boats

To do your part to protect our waters, the BMPOA encourages the following best practices when wake surfing and using the wake surf mode:

- Stay **at least 500 feet** from shorelines, docks, and other boats
- Operate wake boats in **water deeper than 20 feet**
- **Keep watercraft in our “home lake”**. If you do take it off the lake, Drain, clean, and dry boat ballast tanks and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species.



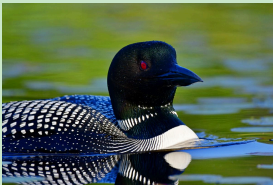
Property Owners’ Dock:

A few quick reminders regarding the property owners dock. While all members may use the dock for temporary dockage, the primary purpose of the dock is for BMPOA members who are boat access only to get to and from their camps on a daily basis.

Courtesy reminds us to:

- Use a smaller boat to the extent possible.
- Park your boat as far in towards shore as possible so that those using the dock on a daily basis have access to it.
- Tie up bow only rather than bow and stern.

The floating portion of the dock is meant for loading and unloading only. There is no swimming/fishing etc. off the dock. It is meant for access only.



Loon News:

For a second year, **we have not had any viable chicks** on the lake. While the reasons are uncertain you can help during the vulnerable nesting periods of May and June:

- 1) **Keep your wakes down**, keep away from shore and avoid creating large wakes outside of the center of the main lake. Loons’ nest are very near water level and are subject to wash outs
- 2) **Maintain distance from nesting pairs**, including from non-motorized vessels. If threatened while on the nest, loons may leave the nest, leaving eggs exposed to predators or if they leave suddenly may knock eggs in the water. **If you see a loon in a guarding position, (slung over the nest with its head near the water) move away promptly but calmly.**

Loon Friendly Lake Certification:

We again have been formally recognized by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation for our efforts to support our loons, including managing fishing line recycling collection tubes, lake cleanup efforts and educational efforts including signage and pamphlets available for residents and renters. Thanks to Barry Levin for coordinating this certification! More information can be found at: <https://www.adkloon.org/>

Reminders:

Association Center:

In deference to those living nearby, please refrain from using the association center past 10pm.

The AED is now onsite through Columbus Day.

It has become practice for some members who are unable to have packages delivered directly to their camp to use the center for package delivery. Please recognize that BMPOA has no responsibility for these

packages, with the recipient assuming the risk for any lost packages

Please consider logging into BMPOA.com and reviewing your information for accuracy. By clicking on your sign-in ID in the top right, you can view and update your account info, and if you want your name included in the BMPOA directory, then choose "yes" in the "include in directory" box under "my profile".

See you this summer!

Marge Correll
President, BMPOA



Follow us on social media – BMPOA has its own FaceBook and Instagram pages! These pages are separate from the Big Moose Lake group, and deliver content specific to our membership.

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