

CROOKED LAKE Annual FUN DAY

August 4, 2018



Schedule of Activities Saturday, August 4, 2018

10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Crooked Lake Market

**Game Station: Balloon Toss,
Hopscotch, Bubbles, Badminton, Etc.,
& Face Painting**

4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

1209 E. Crooked Lake Dr

Arleigh Smyrnios' house

Potluck Picnic—Bring a dish to pass

Entrees provided by CLTA

Magician, PJ Weber, 45 minute show starting at 5:30p

7 p.m.—?

Crooked Lake Market

Band—Leaky Tikis

**Come meet your neighbors,
re-kindle old friendships,
and hang out!**

For volunteer information to help with the game station, contact
Jennifer Abnet at 312-498-2363 or Lesa Newby at 269-760-0040.

General Membership Meeting Thursday, Aug 9, at 6p.m.

Texas Twp Hall—High Water Level Discussion & Store Ramp Update

NEW Crooked Lake Market BOAT RAMP Procedures

As you may know or have observed, Crooked Lake Market is not in use which resulted in the ramp not being monitored or controlled. The Board has decided that we will control the access and it will be available only to the 2018 CLTA members.

We have a new procedure that we developed for scheduling use of the ramp for the rest of the 2018 season. Since this is being handled by CLTA volunteers, please be patient for the first week or so while we work out any "kinks" that may develop. Note that the ramp is chained close.

PLEASE respect that the ramp is ONLY for CLTA members and do not allow others to use it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and fall and keep following the "NO WAKE" zone!

Procedure: Schedule an appointment **at least two (2) days** in advance (more starting mid-September)

- Text (269) 743-7892 or Call (269) 744-7473
- Leave your name, address, date, and the ½ hour time slot requested
- If you will not be there, give the name of the marina or dock company.
- We will text or call to confirm the appointment

A CLTA member will meet you or the vendor at the ramp, open the access, stay until you/they are done, then close the access.

NOTE: any equipment that will be going into the lake (trailer, boat, lift, etc.) must be rinsed **before** using the ramp (not after you're on it). Put any loose weeds or other lake vegetation in the garbage. There will be a water hose available for you or the vendor to use.

PLEASE be on time or use the contact info above to cancel or change.

<i>Crooked Lake Market -</i> Boat Ramp HOURS Launch & Load by Appointment ONLY			PLEASE, No Power Launching or Loading
Mon-Sat	10:00am to 11:30am	3:00pm to 4:30pm	
Sunday	3:00pm to 5:00pm		

What Responsible Wakeboat Operators Can Do to Help Minimize Damage to Inland Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Property —ML&SA June 2018 Newsletter

1. Restrict the operation of their boats to large inland lakes.
2. Always operate a minimum of 150 yards from shore.
3. Adjust the displacement, and wave amplitude of their boats based on the size of the lake they are operating on.
4. Restrict the operation of their craft to waters of a minimum depth of twenty feet.
5. Always use sound judgement, and be mindful of the fact that improper operation of their boats can cause damage to docks, hoists, moored boats, and other shoreline infrastructure as well as destroy fish spawning areas and other ecologically sensitive habitat.



President's Message...

Hello Friends and Neighbors. First of all, the Board thanks everyone who has followed the “no wake” policy on the lake this summer; we have had almost 100% cooperation; your neighbors appreciate your sacrifice and so does the Board of Directors.

In the spring newsletter, I indicated that the water level was 13” above the high water mark and was hopeful evaporation would kick in and bring it down. Although we haven’t had that much spring rain, the current water level is 25” above the high water mark which is down from 27-1/2” from about a month ago. Evaporation is just barely staying ahead of the current rains. The Board was hoping to be down to 12” by now so we could look at lifting the “no wake” restriction, but that obviously hasn’t happened. In addition, we aren’t confident at this point that the lake will be down enough by winter to accept the winter snow and subsequent spring rains. We could be 12” to 24” higher next year.

So, we’re moving on to Plan “B”, so to speak. The Board met with the Deputy Drain Commissioner of Kalamazoo County this week to start discussing the feasibility of draining some of the water out of the lake. We are having another **General Membership Meeting at the township hall, August 9, at 6p.m.** to inform you of our findings and take your input just as we did with the Store/Ramp purchase.

The rest of this message is a little more upbeat. The capital campaign to raise funds to purchase the store has gone very well thanks to all of you, our

residents. We are scheduled to close on Wednesday, July 25th, so we should own the property by Fun Day. All the details on the store will be available at the upcoming General Membership Meeting.

I’d like to thank the Ramp Committee Chairman, Russ Walters, Vice Chair, Tom Labrenz, and the committee members: Brent Bassett, Chuck Buxton, Don and Harriett DeVries, Judy Ford, Landon Kovacs, Kevin Noe, Matt Regnery, Dave Stafford, Glenn Steeg, and Sandy Steinbach for the very successful capital campaign and working on all the details to purchase the store. An amazing amount of time and effort went into it. Thanks, everyone.

You may have noticed this past week a boat out on the lake putting the bacteria treatment in for the Laminar Flow Aeration project. This treatment requires no water usage restrictions and is just part of the ongoing program. The treatment should also help with the algae growth you may have noticed, and due to the high water level took 4 days to apply rather than one.

I’ll end with three parting thoughts, all good. Our lake membership is at 134 members which is the highest ever. Fun Day is August 4th at the Market, pot luck at Arleigh Smyrniotis’ house (1209 E. Crooked Lake Drive), and then back to the store for the band that night. Finally, thanks again for respecting the “no wake” policy on the lake, your neighbors will remember your thoughtfulness for years to come.

- Jim Roberts

Texas Township Firefighters Association Annual

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL, CARNIVAL
AND GREAT LAKES BURN
CAMP (GLBC) PARADE**

**will be held Sunday, August 5th from
Noon to 3:00 P.M.**

**The GLBC Fire Trucks &
Motorcycles Parade
will travel by the Farmer’s Market
around 1:15 P.M.**

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at 6p.m.**

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News & Views—
Newsletter of your Crooked Lake Texas Association

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Please No Wake!



YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION GOALS

The Association's goal continues to be to protect our lake from invasive species, take steps to create a healthier lake, "which includes a better environment for fish, frogs, turtles and other friends", educate our residents on best practices when using the lake, bring a sense of community to Crooked Lake, and to enlist the help of lake management professionals to safeguard and improve waterfront owners' property values. We look forward to seeing you on the lake this summer. Let's enjoy a safe season on the lake. ...Jim Roberts, President, CLTA

Ramp / Store Capital Campaign

CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN

Hopefully you have either attended one of the meetings or heard about this program from one of your neighbors. We encourage all Lake owners to review the material sent to you a few weeks ago (by e-mail or the Post Office). It includes the details of the program and should help address any concerns you may have. We also encourage you to call Jim Roberts (269) 372-7084, Russ Walters (269) 372-4488,

Chuck Buxton (269) 743-7892 or Sandy Steinbach (269) 568-0770 if you have any questions regarding the program.

We want you to have the facts and be able to make the right decision for your situation. The information packet has, or will soon be, posted on Facebook and the Crooked Lake Texas website. We would ultimately like to have all the Lake owners participate. We have reached our short term goal to have 100 or more participants by August 1st. We have received checks and / or commitments from over 107 Lake owners as of July 23rd. We need and appreciate your support. - Russ Walters