

Crystal Lake Association

Since 1932, working for the preservation and improvement
of Crystal Lake and its watershed for future generations.

SUMMER SPECIAL EDITION

SAFE BOATING PROGRAM OFFERS SUMMER ADVENTURE

July 21 and 22 were the scheduled dates for the Crystal Lake Association Boater Safety Program. The CLA, Crystal Sailing Club and the Montcalm Sheriffs Department offered youth ages 12 and up the opportunity to have Boater Safety Training in a setting other than the usual classroom.

The pre-registered group consisted of 11 to 18 year old youths, whom were joined by parents and grandparents. Montcalm County Sheriff Deputies, Stephanie Clark, Lynn Hunt and Josh Patino were the officers in charge of the Boater Safety Training. Officers Hunt and Patino are the Crystal Lake Marine Patrol. The Boston Whaler and another Sheriff's Department Boat were brought to the training site at the Crystal Sailing Club. Officer Clark taught the text to the attendees inside the Sailing Club, explaining the 2002

Boating laws, relative to motorized water craft as well as non-motorized craft such as sail boats. Officers Hunt and Patino then boarded the youth in the two boats and took them out unto the lake in groups of 3-5 youth. They explained safe and unsafe boating practices and emphasized what had been taught in the classroom. Students had to answer a certain % of questions correctly after the second day of training in order to obtain their Safe Boating Certificate signed. All in all 26 attendees received Certification.

From Parents to Grandparents from Virginia to the 11 year-old whom will have to wait until he is 12 to use his Certification. This was truly a unique experience.

CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION THANK YOU'S

The Lake Association would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Sailing Club and their representative Steve Last, for graciously allowing us to use their Club House for the Boater Safety Training Program. Thanks to Officers Clark, Hunt, and Patino as well as Montcalm County Sheriff Barnwell for authorizing his officers to train the area youth in Boater Safety. To Tony Bohen of Blanchards Market who donated the fresh donuts both days for the youth. To the parents and grandparents that thought it a worthwhile venture to insure that their children were in attendance. Last but not least, the students themselves that participated. Thank You!

6th Annual Goose Round Up

Bill Willimin again led his "goose boys," on there trusty steeds (boats) for the goose round up. This year twenty-four Geese were gathered and taken to the wild game preserve located at Grass Lake, to be banded and turned loose in the preserve waters. The law mandates that 10% must remain at Crystal Lake, fortunately there were two geese that had been previously tagged and they were turned back into Crystal Lake. Six years ago when it was determined that something had to be done about the nuisance geese we gathered 100 geese. The roundup has proven to be a success.

A special thank you to Bill and his goose gathering men for planning and taking control of the nuisance geese.

FOURTH OF JULY FIRE WORKS

Fire works will be at dusk on Thursday, July 4th, 2002.

After researching all of the possible sites to fire off the fireworks and while considering the best viewing for the largest number of residents and visitors at Crystal Lake, the fire works committee has settled on a site on the North Shore. This site is on frontage at the lake shore in front of the old Carter farm. The location is between the Sailing Club House and the Seiter's Home.

With the help of the Crystal Fire and Police Department's we will be blocking off North Shore Drive between the skating rink and Spinaker Drive. This is a requirement for the safety of the crew shooting the show, as well as the need to keep viewers away from the firing area.

No parking or viewers will be allowed to be on or along the road in the shooting area.

Residents of the North Shore area should plan ahead that the road will be closed from 9:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**Art Shy, Fireworks Chairman
Crystal Lake Association**

MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the members Annual Meeting to be held at the Sailing Club on 07/06/02 at 10:00. We hope to see you there!