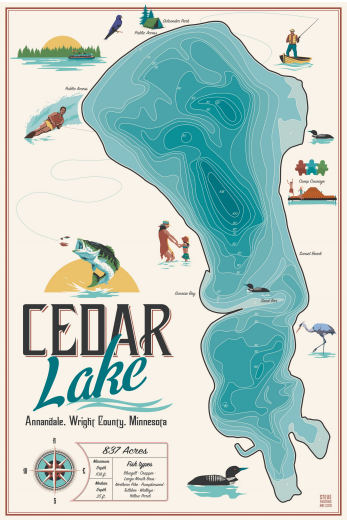


Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN
June 2024

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 13th, 2024

CLCC is delightful to announce the 2024 Picnic and Music on the Water. The day of fun will be July 13th.

The picnic will once again be held at True Friends—Camp Courage lake front facility. From 11:30am to 12:30pm, Any Thyme Catering will serve a tasty picnic lunch.

The popular raffle will start at 12:15—must be present to win.

No reservations are required and guests are welcome.

Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "Benjamin Raye & The Empire Players" will perform on a barge from 2:00-6:00pm.

This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.

11:30am-12:30pm Camp Courage
Member Appreciation Free Lunch
8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358
Lakeside Dining Hall ***Air Conditioned***

The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; stay to the left to get to the Dining Hall.
Sorry—no boat parking is available.

Cost for Lunch: ***Free for Members***
Guests $8 (kids 12 & under free)

Indoor and outdoor picnic seating.
Raffle (indoors) at 12:15pm and must be present to win.

2:00-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar
"Benjamin Raye & The Empire Players"
Live Band

Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty
Bring Your Own Refreshments

—No reservations required.
—Guests are warmly welcome.
—Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate

Picnic Raffle Donations Needed

Would you like to donate something to the CLCC Picnic raffle? Perhaps a gift card from a favorite local business? Or an original piece of art? Or cash is always good, too!
If you are willing to make a raffle donation, please contact:

Lori Larson
ljlarson@mac.com
703-599-4128
by July 1st.

July 4th Water Parade 2pm | North side of sandbar

Start making your plans for the CLCC July 4th Water Parade.
Categories of competition are:

- **Most Patriotic;**
- **Most Enthusiastic;**
- **Most Creative, and;**
- **Best Dock/Shoreline.**

There are great prizes for the winners!

Bunch up on the north side of the sandbar Thursday, July 4th a bit before 2:00pm and follow the lead boat.

2023 Most Enthusiastic | Dave & Cheryl Wagner

2023 Most Patriotic | Glenn & Liz Baird

Kids Don't Float
Free Life Jacket Loaner Station

Never. Ever. Risk It.

CLCC, with kind cooperation from Wright County Parks, sponsors a **FREE life jacket loaner station** on Cedar. The station is at Schroeder Park beach (north side of lake) and is **available for all to use.**

You will find a great assortment of high quality life jackets, including adult sizes. **Just use and return.**

Mark Grimme, CLCC member, manages the station and works with Wright County Parks and the Wright County Sheriff's team to provide this service.

Fishing Contest Ends Sept. 2nd

Join the fun with the time honored tradition of the CLCC Fishing Contest. Though the competition is tough, all entries are welcome!

Here's the fishing contest scoop:

- Contest runs through September 2nd, 2024.
- Bring your lunker for weigh-in at:
  Dean and Kathy Nicholson's 8979 Iresfeld
  (north side near Schroeder Park)
  320-274-3516
- Usual prize categories are for walleye, bass, northern pike, crappie, and sunfish—but judges are impressed by all the fish in our lake.
- All ages encouraged to join the fun!
- Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Member Meeting, September 14th, 2024 | 9am | Corinna Township.

Seeking Communications Manager & Web/Email Master

The CLCC communications are a cornerstone to the success of our amazing lake association. All the communications work is completely managed by volunteers.

Changes are in the works for our newsletter, directory, website, and email management. Our current team is moving on and we need your help. The communications manager acts as the coordinator for compiling and editing our newsletter and other communications. The Webmaster manages our website and email communications.

Do you have skills or interest in any of these areas? Is this a good time for you to step up and engage with CLCC in any of these "contribute from home" roles?

Please let President Greg Duppler (greg.duppler@yahoo.com) and President-Elect Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com) know if you are interested in helping and to get more details!

Wright County FREE
Watercraft Pressurized Hot Water Decontamination

If your summer guests bring a watercraft to Cedar, please encourage them to do a free decontamination before launch, and after they leave Cedar.

WHERE: 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd—follow road to the end).

WHEN: 5/27/24 to 7/26/24: 9am-5pm seven days a week

7/27/24 to 8/30/24: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri
8/31/24 and 9/1/24: 9am-5pm
Closed: May 27, June 19, July 4

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?: Smaller boats about 10 minutes, larger vessels 20-30 minutes.

CLCC Happy Hour
Spilled Grain, August 16, 5-7pm

Last August CLCC hosted the first annual Happy Hour for CLCC members at Spilled Grain Brewery. The event had great attendance and was well received by all.

A new tradition begins!

We hope to see you August 16th, 5-7pm at Spilled Grain Brewhouse, 300 Elm St., Annandale.

Spilled Grain
300 Elm St Annandale

Loon and Wildlife Update

Loons

The CLCC Fish and Wildlife Committee put up four loon nesting platforms this year. Please see page 4 for the location of the loon platforms.

As of this writing, the south pair was first with one chick, but that chick was lost sometime in late May. The sandbar pair had twins and they appear to be thriving.

The northeast pair (by Camp Courage) have been observed swimming close to the nest; we hope for a chick. The northwest pair are devoted to their one sweet chick.

The chicks do not go back to the nest so they are exposed to the many perils of open water. Also, if a parent has a chick on its back, it will not dive.

Please give these precious neighbors plenty of space—at least 200 feet.

Purple Martins

We have numerous purple martin landlords on Cedar and reports are they are doing great. Their favorite food is dragon flies (think purple martin potato chips) and they are in heaven on Cedar.

DNR Fisheries Net Survey

The DNR is doing a fisheries survey on Cedar this year. They were on the lake in May, and more visits are expected. We should get the report late fall.

Good Weed or Bad Weed?

Included with this mailing is a page of common lake vegetation in Cedar.

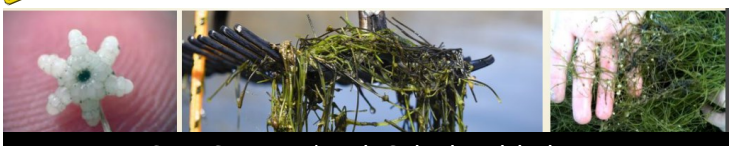
Good Weed

Over 99.9% of the aquatic vegetation in our lake is a good weed—native vegetation. We have a wonderful assortment in our lake including the highly desired hard-stemmed rushes and lily pads. Some scientists believe a robust native population may reduce invasives. Our diverse native vegetation is a sign of a healthy lake with a balanced system to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Bad Weed

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)—aquatic invasive species are in our lake. Our aggressive control strategies over the past decade have been successful and we have very small areas of infestation.

The newest bad weed in Minnesota is starry stonewort. The threat is close to Cedar given nearby infestations in Clearwater, Sylvia, Pleasant, and Koronis. Starry stonewort spreads by fragments.


Starry Stonewort | Not in Cedar, but High Alert

There are strategies to control starry stonewort, should we face an infestation. But, we need to catch it in the early stages. So please keep a watchful eye and if something seems different, don't hesitate to reach out to David Glass (glassdavida@gmail.com), Chair Water Quality Committee.

Schroeder Park Campground Gets Major Facelift

by Karl Leslie, Board of Directors

At the June 8 CLCC Board meeting, Ross Demant, Director of Parks and Recreation for Wright County, provided an overview of the recent upgrades to Schroeder Park, located on the north side of Cedar Lake.

The most noticeable change to the Park is a new office, shower, and bath facility located at the center of the camping area. With this change, campers will now access the Park through a new entry directly across from Ingram Avenue NW.

Day users of the beach, picnic area, and boat access will continue to enter the Park using the prior access. Signage was added to help direct people to the proper entrance.

The redesigned layout actually has one less campsite, with the upgrades reducing the total number of sites to fifty. However, the redesigned layout includes easier access for campers in the north loop, a tandem site, and two ADA sites located just south of the Park office. Campsites cost $35 per day for nonresidents. Wright County residents pay $32 per day.

Other modifications include the addition of water spickets to all campsites as well as 30/50-amp service to each of the sites. Costs for the project came within budget.

Demant concluded by saying Schroeder Park has a great relationship with CLCC and wants to continue to be a good neighbor to lake residents.

New Schroeder Park Campground Office

Centrally located shower & bath

Aquatic Invasive Species Updates

Plans are well in place to control aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Cedar. Here's the bumper sticker of what is happening this summer:

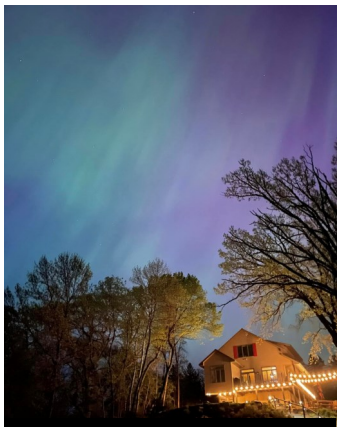
- **CLCC secured $6,000 of AIS treatment grants (DNR and Wright County) for 2024.** Thanks to **Glenn Baird** for making this happen!
- Clap and cheer! Our professional lake mapping service carefully searched for **curly leaf pondweed in April, and no areas need treatment this year!**
- **Access monitoring** is in full swing at Schroeder Park and the CTY RD 6 landings. CLCC has purchased an extra 1,135 hours of access monitoring to supplement the Wright County Soil and Water standard program.
- **A new type of AIS search is scheduled in August** on Cedar. Given Cedar's stable vegetation profile, we will conduct a point intercept survey (maps all vegetation by type and density) every 5 years, and this year will be an all-lake search for AIS by our professional mapping service. The final search in early fall will be a snorkel/dive hunt for starry stonewort.
- **Treatment, if needed, of limited Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is planned for late summer.**. For the past 4 years, we did not have any patches that met treatment criteria. If the water within 150 feet of your property is treated, there is a sign posted on your shoreline. There are very few restrictions should your property be in the treatment area.

HEADS UP! Cedar Lake is infested with zebra mussels. If your watercraft is "resident" to Cedar (e.g. in the lake all summer) there is a given it will have zebra mussels. Given this knowledge, and the time and difficulty for a complete decontamination, **consider not visiting other lakes with your watercraft.** Likewise, docks, lifts, and sea legs are favorite hiding places for zebra mussels, so sell or buy used equipment only if it has over-wintered before moving to a different lake.

Facebook Contest
Spring Winners and a New Summer Contest

Spring Photo Contest Winners

Spring 2024 Board Favorite
Clemence Family



Spring 2024 Most Likes/Loves
Susan Stinn Northern Lights

New Summer Photo Contest

Two Ways to Win Prizes
Contest Details:

- **Post your best photos on the CLCC Facebook page.** *facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn*
- **Two Winners**
  1) Most Likes/Loves of a Photo
  2) CLCC Board of Directors Favorite
- **Judging Criteria**
  1) Quality of photo
  2) Shows why we love Cedar Lake
- **Prizes are $100 for each winner.**
- **Contest ends on September 7, 2024.**
- **Winners announced at the CLCC Board of Directors Meeting**, September 14, 2024, 10-11am, Corinna Township, 9801 Ireland Ave, Annandale.

Note: CLCC Board of Directors not eligible.

CLCC Annual Member Meeting | September 14th | 9-10am
Corinna Township Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave NW Hope to see you there!

When on Cedar
Stay Safe and Have Fun

Important to Know

- ⇒ Sandbar mid-lake, go slow and to the east.
- ⇒ 4 loon plat-forms; please stay 200 feet away.
- ⇒ Caution in shal-low ar-eas and please go slow.
- ⇒ Kids Don't Float

Free life jacket loaning (kid and adult sizes) station on the north side at Schroeder Park.

OWN YOUR WAKE

We Love CEDAR Lake