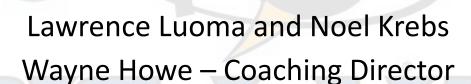
Big Lake Bass Team

Parent / Coaches Meeting
What have you gotten yourself into ...













2023 MNSATT State Champions!!

Lily Zylla and Zoey Christian (Lawrence Luoma)
Drew Parks and Mason Krebs (Jason Parks)
Gavin Krebs and Tait Hanrahan (Noel Krebs)



Agenda

Parent Information – 4-5pm

- Coaching Staff
- Board Members
- General Information
- Practices
- Volunteering
- Sponsors
- Classic Bass Boat Marshall
- Raffle Tickets
- Brag Board / 5lb Club
- Smart Phone Apps

Tournament Information – 5-6pm

Tournaments

Coach Information – 6-7pm

- Coaching
 - Coach / Boat Captain Expectations
 - Coaching Profile

Coaching Staff Coaching Director

Wayne Howe



Junior Head Coaches

Lawrence Luoma



Paul Barker



High School Head Coaches



Noel Krebs



Board Members

Board of Directors

Noel Krebs – President

Lawrence Luoma – Vice President

Brittany Christie – Secretary

Kris Knodle – Treasurer

Carrie Hanrahan – Fundraising Director

Wayne Howe – Coaching Director

Coordinators

Jon Christie – Apparel Coordinator

Aaron Jarvi – Raffle Coordinator

Heather Luberts – Sponsor Coordinator

Courtney McConnell – Volunteer Coordinator

General Information

The Big Lake Bass Team is made up of both Junior and High School Teams. Our Junior program is designed for students in grades 2nd through 7th grade and our High School team is focused on students in grades 8th through 12th grade.

There are competitive Junior and High School Teams, but our primary focus is to teach students how to be successful anglers and stewards of the outdoors while providing volunteer opportunities in our community.

Big Lake Bass Team provides opportunities to fish, learn and grow as an angler and a young adult. Our coaching philosophy is that we help everyone from novice to more experienced anglers. This includes the coaches, boat captains, and students.

\$150 registration fee and \$300 volunteer check (per student angler)

- Fishing Jersey and hat
- TBF/SAF membership
- In-house monthly virtual tournament with prizes
- SAO virtual tournaments
- B.A.T.S. in-person tournaments (Junior Teams)
- MNSATT in-person tournaments (High School)
- Product discounts

Junior and High School Teams (2023/2024 school year)

- Junior 2nd through 7th grade
- High School 8th through 12th grade

Volunteer Opportunities – 2 events per family

MNSATT Raffle Tickets

Fundraising Opportunities

Registration is now open

https://biglakebassteam.com/

Practices

March 24, April 7 & 21, May 5

- High School Lecture Hall, Cafeteria, Room E100
- Classroom Style
- Topics boater safety, knots, rods / reels, line, lures and casting
- Tournament preparation information
- Discount codes will be made available once we receive them
- Raffle tickets available for pickup
- Encourage your student to visit our website and watch the YouTube videos/channels we have posted
 - Coaches make indoor practices interactive and encourage student engagement bass tackle is often handed out for participation

May 13 – August 12 (classroom or on the water, weather permitting)

- Meet at designated lake
- 15-30 minutes of Coach instruction
- Skills and focus on different lures and presentations
- Shore fishing and/or from boats (based on availability)
- Head Coach may ask their assistant coaches and kids to meet at another local lake (Eagle, Ann, Birch, etc)
- Head Coach / Assistant Coach to schedule fishing times throughout the week with High School Varsity Team kids

Custom Lure Building Workshop

- This will be scheduled during one of the indoor practices
- Students will be able to pick out spinners and jigs

Practices

Student / Parent must RSVP for practice each week

- Only RSVP for either Monday or Wednesday, not both to ensure we have enough boats available
- Use the SportsEngine smartphone application for communication
 - Student (if they have a smartphone) or Parent
- This helps the coaches to determine the number of boats needed that week
- Students who do not RSVP may end up fishing from shore if there are not enough boats available

Students are expected to be on time for practices with the required equipment

Students on boats must help their coach take the boat out of the water, clean up the inside and help remove any weeds from the boat

Students are expected to come to practice with line already spooled, arrangements can be made with coaches to get their reels spooled outside of practice times

Students should spend time studying bass fishing techniques when not at practice

- https://biglakebassteam.com/beginner-videos
- https://biglakebassteam.com/advanced-videos
- https://biglakebassteam.com/youtube-channels

Practices

What should you bring to practices?

Please be sure to bring the following to every practice!

2 Rod/Reel Combos - 1 Bait cast / 1 Spinning - Bass Fishing setup

- Spooled full and correctly
- No large treble hook lures attached
- Snaps and Single Hooks are Ok

Backpack with:

- Tackle Kit / Small Boxes
- Water/Water Bottle (No colored Gatorades)
- Pliers/Hook Out
- Light Snack (No sunflower seeds)
- Sunscreen
- Ball Cap
- Sunglasses Safety (Preferably Polarized)
- Life Jacket correct size for the angler
- Rain Jacket

Volunteering

\$300 Volunteer Check per student – 2 events per family

Volunteer Opportunities

- Spud Fest June 27-30, 2024
 - Parade Saturday, June 29th
 - Beer pouring
 - Bingo
 - Garbage Sweep Saturday and Sunday morning
- Early Childhood Family Events (ECFE) 10 11:30am
 - June 12 Lake Ridge
 - June 26 Sanford Select
 - July 10 Hudson Woods
 - July 24 Wrights Crossing
 - August 7 Highline
 - August 21 Lakeside
- 4H Fishing Camp in August
- Preseason practice assistants
- Photographer during the season
- On-Shore practice assistant
- Coach or boat captain

Volunteer Opportunities

- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Rib Fest
 - September TBD
- Big Lake Legion Veteran Dinner
 - October TBD
- Big Lake Lions Fish Fry
 - Date TBD
- Monticello VFW Lure Building
- Monticello Fish Frys
 - March 22nd
- Premier Marine Open House
 - April 12 and 13
- More opportunities to be announced

Volunteer Coordinator Courtney McConnell



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Classic Bass Boat Marshall

The Champions Tour is pleased to announce that the Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT) will be providing boat officials for all Champions Tour events.

SATT is made up of a group of young anglers that are passionate about learning, and the Champions Tour provides great access to that education. The "Every Fish Counts" format engages the boat marshals and truly makes them feel part of the larger event. There is no better way to excite a group of young anglers than to be a boat marshal in the Champions Tour.

Speak to a coach if your student is interested - sign up soon as these fill up fast!

\$50 to student and random drawing for prizes

- Must be 14 or older the day of the event
- Ride with anglers during a Classic Bass tournament
- Great way to learn tournament fishing, techniques and speak with anglers
- 6/11 Lake Okoboji
- 6/25 Mille Lacs Pro AM
- 7/16 Gull Lake
- 8/6 St Croix River
- 8/27 Tour Championship Lake TBD



Raffle Tickets

MNSATT Raffle

- \$20 per ticket
- \$10 per ticket goes towards scholarships
- \$5 per ticket funds the MNSATT
- \$5 per ticket comes back to the association
 - student can use towards fishing expenses
 - 10 tickets sold is \$50 to the student, 20 is \$100, etc
- Only 10 tickets per student allowed at a time
 - Unreturned tickets are the responsibility of the parent/student
 - Volunteer check will be cashed for any number of tickets not returned by the due date

Raffle Tickets will be available at our first practice on 3/24

- Aaron Jarvi is our Raffle Coordinator
- Volunteer check must be on file to receive raffle tickets
- Turn in sold ticket stubs and money to Aaron, must turn in all 10 before receiving more

Raffle Coordinator
Aaron Jarvi

Brag Board / 5lb Club

Brag Board

Picture of student angler with fish

5lb + Club

- Separate page on our website
- Using length conversion
- Picture with timestamp app on MNSATT approved bump board
 - 2 Pictures required (on bump board and student holding fish)
- Fish caught during the season
- 5lb club pins

https://biglakebassteam.com/5lb-club



Smartphone Apps

FishDonkey

- Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments
- B.A.T.S. Junior Tournament Trail

MNSATT and SAO Virtual Events

- ReelLiveWell
- TimeStamp
 - Date, Time and Location

SportsEngine

- RSVP for in-person practices
- Communication through-out the season



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Tournaments

Is participating in tournaments a requirement to be on the Big Lake Bass Team – NO. These are optional and we will provide guidance and support to those that do participate.

Virtual Tournaments

- In-house (Big Lake Bass Team only)
- Student Angler Organization

Juniors

- B.A.T.S.
- Junior B.A.S.S.

High School

- MNSATT
- Junior B.A.S.S.

Tournaments – Virtual In-House

FishDonkey

• Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments – Search BLBT in FishDonkey

Divisions

- Junior 2nd 7th grade
- High School 8th 12th grade
- Coach / Parent

Prizes – Junior and High School

- Based on best 7 fish bag
- Largest fish per grade(s)
 - \$25 gift card
- 1st 5th place
 - 1st \$125 gift card
 - 2nd \$100 gift card
 - 3rd \$75 gift card
 - 4th \$50 gift card
 - 5th \$25 gift card

3 Virtual Tournaments

May 11 – June 10

June 11 – July 10

July 11 – August 10

•	Random drawings for everyone who entered a fish that month
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\$25 gift card

Rules

- Length measured using approved measuring tool
- Fish any MN public access body of water
- Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass
 - Fish caught during practice or other tournaments do count enter those fish!
- Length to weight conversion chart used for weight

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19	3.83	3.89
20	4.51	4.59
21	5.28	5.36
22	6.13	6.22
23	7.08	7.17
24	8.13	8.21
25	9.29	9.35
26	10.56	10.6
27	11.96	11.95
28	13.49	13.42
29	15.16	15.01
30	16.97	16.73
31	18.94	18.58
32	21.08	20.56

Tournaments SAO Virtual

www.studentangler.org

- TBF/SAF membership
- Virtual
 - Kindergarten+
 - \$20 per angler reimbursed by Big Lake Bass Team
 - \$40 per team (up to 2 student anglers)
 - Parents are allowed to fish with the student(s)
 - If only a single student angler, the parent's fish count towards the bag limit
 - Any publicly accessible body of water
 - Cannot fish same body of water if angler places 5th or better
 - Fish from shore / boat / kayak or canoe
 - Boat captain must register if fishing from boat
 - Use MNSATT approved measuring board
 - Drawing for Scheels gift cards for each participant per tournament
 - Rules
- Smartphone App
 - ReelLiveWell
 - TimeStamp

Random Scheels gift cards Scholarships and more



2023 Top 5 Finishers

May 21st

- 2ⁿ
 - McCormack/Blank Big Lake

June 4th

- 19
 - Stanek/Kotecki Big Lake

June 18th

- 5th
 - Stanek/Kotecki Big Lake

2022 Top 5 Finishers

June 5th

- 1st
 - Stanek/Kotecki Big Lake
- 5th
 - Luoma/Luoma Big Lake

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Tournaments – B.A.T.S.

B.A.T.S. (Bassinator Anglers Traveling Series)

https://www.facebook.com/bassinatoranglerstravelingseries

www.mnbats.org

TBF/SAF Membership

In-Person

- Juniors (must be 8th grade or less as of September 6, 2024)
- \$50 entry fee per team (paid for by Big Lake Bass Team)
- Up to 50 boats per tournament
- Tournament runs from 7:00am to 1:00pm
- Top 25% per tournament advance to TOC on September 14th

Tournament Dates

- June 8 East & West Rush Lake
- July 13 Mille Lacs
- August 10 Mississippi Pools 4 & 5
- September 14 TOC Le Homme Dieu
- 1 team per 20 unique teams participating will be invited to National Championship based on Championship placement

Rules

http://www.mnbats.org/rules/



Ruler Requirement Summary

All fish will have to be measured on approved rulers listed below

- Hog Trough (Make sure to get the one with the black lines),
- Scheels Aluminum
- Scheels Plastic Board (color all the lines in with a black fine tip permanent marker)
- Ketch Board (candy apple red to see better)
- Lund Aluminum Ruler
- Judge Ruler

Recommend that all the marks are in black so we can see them.

All pictures submitted to the FishDonkey app on an unapproved ruler will be rejected

It is the angler's responsibility to have a ruler and photo that we can see 1/4 marks

if we can't read anything it will be tossed

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TBF/SAF Membership

In-Person

- 8th 12th grade (7th grader can fish with 9th grade+)
- \$40 per team paid for by Big Lake Bass Team
- Varsity level competition
- Lakes are pre-fished Friday & Saturday before
- Tournament runs 7:00am to 2:00pm
- MNSATT Branded Ruler only
- Mandatory in-person meetings for 2024 events
 - Saturday night of tournament weekend
 - Boat Captain and at least 1 student angler MUST attend
 - Except Regional Events

Smartphone App

- ReelLiveWell
- TimeStamp

2024 Parking Plan open dates				
Event	Registration opens			
5/19/24 Regional day events	6pm on Monday, April 29th			
6/9/24 - Le Homme Dieu event	6pm on Monday, May 20th			
6/23/24 - Whitefish event	6pm on Monday, June 3rd			
7/14/24 - Mississippi Pools 7 & 8	6pm on Monday, June 24th			
7/28/24 - Mille Lacs event	6pm on Monday, July 8th			
8/18/24 - Pelican - State Team event	6pm on Monday, July 29th			

2024 Registration open dates				
Event	Registration opens			
5/19/24 Regional day events	6pm on Thursday, April 4th			
6/9/24 - Le Homme Dieu event	6pm on Thursday, April 25th			
6/23/24 - Whitefish event	6pm on Thursday, May 9th			
7/14/24 - Mississippi Pools 7 & 8	6pm on Thursday, May 30th			
7/28/24 - Mille Lacs event	6pm on Thursday, June 13th			
8/18/24 - Pelican - State Team event	July 15th			



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SATT branded ruler, which will be the only approved ruler for 2024





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Regional Event

- Central Division
- Clearwater Clear Lake, MN
- Sunday May 19, 2024
- TOC qualifier
- No TOY points for this event



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www.mnsatt.org

Tournament of Champions (TOC)

- Big Stone August 4
- Top 10% from In-person tournaments are invited
- Approx. 75 teams
- No entry cost to teams

State Tournament

- Pelican (Orr, MN) August 18
- Approx 75 boats (25 teams)
- 3 Teams per Club are invited
- No entry cost to teams
- Big Lake to send top 3 performing High School teams
 - Top 3 teams from Big Lake in MNSATT Team of the Year (TOY) points will attend



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Tournaments – Junior B.A.S.S.

https://www.minnesotajuniorbassnation.com

Requires B.A.S.S. membership

- Juniors \$62
- High School \$82

Junior

No Teams in any of the North Metro Leagues in 2023

High School

- Elk River/Anoka-Ramsey/Rogers/Osseo/Champlin Park/Heritage Christian
 - 37 Boats in Northwest Opens last year
- 40 Boats max per Open
- Divisions fished either Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday
- Live Weigh-Ins
 - Top 5 fish
- 3 Opens in 2023 on Mondays (2024 schedule is not out yet)
 - East/West Rush June 19, 2023
 - Big Birch Lake June 26, 2023
 - Lake Koronis July 17, 2023
- Regional Qualifier Last Chance State Qualifier
 - Those in 6-10 places in each conference qualify for this event
 - 2023 Aug 13 (South on Tetonka-Sekatah and North on Serpent Lake)
 - Top 10 from this event advance to State
- Top 2 from State qualify for Nationals



Additional information and rules can be found here https://www.minnesotajuniorbassnation.com/page/show/8386242-northwest-metro-conference-opens

** Students are responsible for B.A.S.S. membership / Registration / Boat / Captain / Travel Costs / Partners **

Tournaments Costs

\$100 per tournament is due by April 1st \$200 is due the week before the tournament

Raffle tickets can be sold to offset some of these costs

Additional fundraising opportunities will be available ... more to come

Example 2023 MNSATT costs

Minnetonka – no hotel

• \$251 per student angler

The following include lodging, meals, fuel and tackle Leech Lake

• \$440 per angler

Mississippi River Pools 4&5

• \$345 per angler

Mille Lacs

\$405 per angler

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Tournaments - What to Bring

Recommended Equipment

- 4-6 Bait Casters
- 2-4 Spinning Rods
- Life Jacket
- Rain Suit
- Quick dry clothing pants, shorts and shirts
- Team jersey and hat
- sunglasses
- Tackle and extra line
- Snacks and water
- Wool socks (light and heavy)
- Footwear (crocs, tennis shoes and/or rubber boots)
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- Phone chargers!

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2023 Nationals/Worlds



2023 MNSATT TOC Qualifiers



Lily Zylla and Zoey Christian (Lawrence Luoma)
Drew Parks and Mason Krebs (Jason Parks)
Gavin Krebs and Tait Hanrahan (Noel Krebs)



Drew Parks and Mason Krebs 9th Place

2023 MNSATT State Champions!!

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Gavin Krebs and Tait Hanrahan (Noel Krebs)



Thank you for attending parents!

Coaching Expectations

Attending scheduled practices

- Attend at least 2 practices a month
- Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 8:30pm (Big Lake Lakeside park or alternate location as directed)
 - 30 minutes of on-shore coaching
- In-Person Tournament Teams
 - Boat Captain to schedule time during the week to fish with your team

Rule of 3 on boat

Coach + 2 others

Supplies

- Provided by Big Lake Bass Team
 - Big Lake Lakeside Park Season Pass
 - Fishing Jersey and Hat
- Scheels Aluminum Fish Ruler
 - MNSATT Ruler for High School Boat Captains
- Life Jackets
 - Students will bring their own
- Fire Extinguisher
- Emergency ignition-shutoff device in order to participate in MNSATT virtual and in-person events
- Minimum \$300,000 in boater insurance

Social Media

- Regularly posting to Facebook and Instagram tagging Big Lake Bass Team and our sponsors
 - Email pictures to Brittany Christie to post on FB/Instagram
- Encouraging students to post on a regular basis
 - Taking pictures of our Junior Team members and sending to Brittany Christie
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel, Like our page on Facebook and follow us on Instagram

Coaching Goals

Junior practices

- Focus on fundamentals
 - Knot tying
 - Uni to Uni and Palomar knots
 - Casting
 - Using a bait caster
 - Lures and presentations
- Encourage the use of a daily fishing log
- Develop advanced skills as needed
- Tournament preparation for students attending B.A.T.S.

High School Practices

- Focus on developing advanced skills
 - Knot tying with speed and technique
 - Casting accuracy
 - Lures and presentations based on scenarios
 - Tournament preparation

2024 Tentative Schedule

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

3/24	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/7	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/21	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
5/5	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
5/13 & 15	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
5/20 & 22	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/3 & 5	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/10 & 12	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/17 & 19	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/24 & 26	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/8 & 10	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/15 & 17	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/22 & 24	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/29 & 31	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
8/5 & 7	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
8/12	FINAL ON-SHORE 5:30-8P BIG LAKE

NO PRACTICE

- Week of 5/27 Memorial Day
- Week of $7/1 4^{th}$ of July Week

Coaching Profile

Hometown:

Proudest Fish:

Favorite Fisherman:

Favorite Species to Fish For:

Favorite Lakes:

Favorite Lure:

Go to rod / reel:

How did you learn to fish:

Who do you fish with most:

Boat:

Send a picture with a fish, preferably a bass to biglakebassteam@gmail.com

Feel free to add a few sentences about yourself

www.biglakebassteam.com/coaches



Head Coach - Noel Krebs

Hometown: Reaumont TX

Proudest Fish: 6lb Bass when I was a kid

Favorite Fisherman: Bill Dance / Roland Martin

Favorite Species to Fish For: Bass, Muskie and Walleye

Favorite Lakes: Leech Lake and BWCA

Favorite Lure: Anything top water, I have always enjoyed a top water blow up Go to rod / reel: G Loomis NRX / Curado

How did you learn to fish: Dad and Grandfather

Who do you fish with most: Wife and Kids

Boat: Ranger 620 Pro

President - Big Lake Bass Team

Head Coach - Lawrence Luoma

Hometown: Minneapolis, now Big Lake Proudest Fish: Any fish my kids catch!

Favorite Fisherman: Al Lindner

Favorite Species to Fish For: Walleve and Bass

Favorite Lake: Osakis

Favorite Lure: Rapala Shad Rap

Go to Rod and Reel: St. Croix Avid 6'8" MF and Daiwa Revros LT 2500

How did you learn to fish: My dad

Who do you fish with most: Wife and kids

Boat: Alumacraft Competitor 185 CS

2017 USA Ice Team, NAIFC Pro. 2 time UPL TOY Champion.

Owner of West Metro Walleye League and Luoma Outdoors Guide Service

https://www.facebook.com/WestMetroWalleyeLeauge/

https://www.instagram.com/luomaoutdoors/

Vice President - Big Lake Bass Team



Paul Barker - Junior Head Coach



Hometown: Shepheardsville KY Proudest Fish: 5lb Bass when I was a kid at Fort Knox KY

Favorite Fisherman: G Man Gerald Swingle Favorite Species to Fish For: Bass and Crappie

Favorite Lakes: Chickamauga TN and Mille Lacs MN

Favorite Lure: Frog topwater Go to rod / reel: Favorite 7"3 medium for finesse fishing

How did you learn to fish: Dad and Brother n-law

Who do you fish with most: Wife and Kids Boat: Alumacraft FSX 185

Ion Christie



Hometown: Blaine, MN Proudest Fish: 19" Smallmouth Bass Favorite Fisherman: My kids Favorite Lake: Sugar Lake Favorite Lure: Rapala Shadow Rap Go to Rod and Reel: St Croix Bass X/Daiwa How did you learn to fish: With my

Who do you fish with most: My wife and

Boat: Lund 1775 Adventure



Coach Director - Wayne Howe

Coaching Director - Big Lake Bass Team

