

THE RUSTED ROWBOAT

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This Weekend's Activities

Saturday, June 1: Music Bingo in the Event Center at 8 p.m.

Upcoming Activities

June 15: American Themed Potluck

June 22: Karaoke Night

July 4 - 7: 4th of July Celebration (many different activities!)

Campground Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 31: Rabecca Garcia (Lot 5)

June 5: Ryan Tougas (Lot 57)

June 6: Jordan Weigand (Lot 74)

Rule Reminders

As always, we tend to see a few rules being broken at the beginning of the year. Please keep these in mind, and remember to read through...



Zebra Mussels: The Facts

This year, Lee Lake has developed zebra mussels for the first time. Many area lakes have already been dealing with this invasive species, so, with our public launch and heavy boat traffic, it was only a matter of time until we, too, were affected. Here are the facts from the DNR website.

Zebra mussels are a small, striped animal, typically only 1/4 inch to 1 1/2 inches long, with yellow and brown stripes: they're typically only about the size of a fingernail! The mussels attach to hard surfaces underwater.

Zebra mussels feed primarily on algae. The females can produce 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year, so they reproduce quickly. Fertilized eggs begin as larvae known as "veligers". Beds of zebra mussels can reach tens of thousands within a single yard.

Zebra mussels are native to Eastern Europe and Western Russia. They were introduced to the United States by contaminated cargo ships in the Great Lakes. The first case in Minnesota was in the Lake Superior Harbor in Duluth in 1989.

Rule Reminders Cont'

...the rules annually, to refresh your memory, and to keep the campground running smoothly.

- 1) Registration **MUST** be completed on your first trip to the campground **EVERY** year. Please do so immediately if you have not!
- 2) Golf carts can only be operated by children age 13 and older.
- 3) Please watch your speed at **ALL** times on the premises!
- 4) Any upcoming sales must be discussed with the owners before any kind of tours are given.
- 5) All children under age 10 must be supervised by an adult or an older teen.

Lodge Corner

Hello! This week's lodge specials of the week are:

Pizza: Chicken Alfredo

Cookie: Fluffernutter

Baked Good: Strawberry Rhubarb Scones

Roll: Cream Cheese Frosting

Italian Soda: Strawberry Lemonade

Sundae: Nutty Caramel Roll

Zebra Mussels Cont'

Zebra mussel impacts include encrusted equipment, including boat motors and hulls. This reduces their performance and efficiency, and can lead to costly cleaning and repairs.

Swimmers can cut their feet on zebra mussels attached to hard surfaces in their swim area, including docks and swim rafts. The mussels also filter much of the microscopic food sources out of the water, leading to less available food for young fish and other aquatic species. Aquatic plant growth (weeds) may increase due to better water clarity.

Whether a lake is infested with mussels or not, Minnesota law requires all water recreationists to clean their watercraft of all aquatic plants and invasive species after a lake excursion. You are required to remove water from your boat by removing drain plugs, and keeping them out during transport. Any unwanted bait must be disposed in the trash. Docks, lifts, swim rafts, and other equipment must be dried for at least 21 days before being placed into a new water body.

Controlling zebra mussels is still something that is in experimental stages. They have found pesticides that work, but these are not safe in recreational water bodies or natural water sources. The earlier detection happens, the better the chances of eradicating this invasive species. New experimental removal methods are ongoing for the DNR.



Watch out for geese! We have at least 10 families of baby geese this year, and they're everywhere! Our babies usually hatch in early May, and fly away by mid-August.