



Preserving the health and scenic beauty of Sunset Lake and its surroundings

Sunset Lake Association
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The Sunset Lake Association Board of Directors, Delegates, and Alternates, would like to thank you for being a member of the SLA in 2023. Our organization is dependent upon annual membership dues to support our mission of protecting the health and beauty of Sunset Lake for current and future generations.

The SLA organization continues to be very healthy with our number of members increasing in each of the past 4 years reaching 120 total members in 2023. We want to give special thanks to the 39% of our members who contributed at our Loon Lover, Weed Watcher, or Lake Leader levels in 2023. These levels help to support our special project initiatives including loon preservation, invasive species monitoring and mitigation, and more.

We have had great participation in our events in the past few years and in 2024, we will offer a similar schedule of events. This year is Hampstead's 275th Anniversary, so we will tie as many of our events into the celebrations as possible. You can find more details about these events on our web site www.slahampstead.org or by following our Facebook page www.facebook.com/slahampstead. We hope to see you at one or more of our events this year!

Thanks to everyone's efforts on the lake, Sunset Lake continues to be free of invasive *aquatic* plant species and we hope that everyone will continue the diligence required to keep the lake free of these invasives. We continue to make progress on mitigating the two *shoreline* invasive plant species on the lake; Purple Loosestrife and Common Reed (Phragmites). We want to thank the SLA members and landowners who have helped us to mitigate these plants. We are making great progress and we hope to be free of these two invasives in the next couple of years.

While we have had a slow start to the NH Lakes LakeSmart Lake-Friendly Living Program on Sunset Lake, we hope to have more participants in this program in 2024. This program is a voluntary education and recognition program with the goal of encouraging property owners to maintain their homes and property in ways that protect lake water quality, wildlife habitat, and property values. We encourage everyone to consider taking the evaluation and you can visit <https://slahampstead.org/are-you-lakesmart%3F> for more information.

Thank you again for your membership in 2023 and we hope that you will choose to renew your membership in 2024. Please visit <https://slahampstead.org/> for membership information and to join.

As always, your input is greatly appreciated. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me or contact the association at info@slahampstead.org.

Sincerely,

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