

FALL / WINTER 2017



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Newsletter of the  
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

Photo by Helen McSwain

## Outgoing President: 2017 – Community Spirit Alive & Well!

Summer 2017 will definitely be one to remember. It was a summer marked by an incredible spirit of volunteerism along with a once-in-a-lifetime celestial event. On the fundraising side, your community spirit was marked by record breaking results coming from The Market at Lake Rabun. All this could not have been accomplished without the herculean efforts of Betsy Bairstow and Penny Burkitt along with an incredible army of volunteers that dedicated so much time to the project. Our other fundraiser was the 11th Annual Rabun Ramble. A special thanks to Sandy O'Brien Strong as she wore many hats this year. Not only did she do her usual amazing job organizing the Ramble, but she also assumed the many duties delegated to the LRA Vice President. I again find myself in awe of how the LRA membership rises up in an effort to give back to the Rabun County Community. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to get involved with the many opportunities available to volunteer. You will find it not only a great way to give back, but also a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our community.

Summer 2017 was also marked by a rare natural event that will long be etched in my memory – the Total Solar Eclipse in Rabun County. As I floated in the Big Basin with my family and friends, I felt a connection with each boat floating nearby. As we approached totality the anticipation was intense. The birds and crickets started chirping. When totality hit, I could hear those in each boat around us cheer on the rare occurrence. As you know, this was a big event for Rabun County as a whole. Our own Alan

Price was highly involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the promotion of the event. I would like to commend Alan for his efforts in promoting Rabun County as the best destination point to experience Totality.

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's calendar of events. Expect the same experience in 2018 as all bands have been re-booked including the Swingin' Medallions for our July Beach Party. A special thanks to John King, our Dean of Lakemont University. His curriculum was highly educational and timely. Also, thanks to Michelle and Thad Persons as they continued a Lake Rabun Tradition – LRA Bingo. I also want to commend Michael Crowe and his Boater Safety Committee. His plan for the fireworks led to the safest and most orderly exit ever!

Now we look at celebrating the holidays with our families and friends. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president. This community is so important to the Williams family. We cherish our friendships both old and new. I consider myself to be very blessed as I drive down that dirt road with the hood of my car pointing towards the lake. It is not just the beauty of God's creation, it is the beauty that I see in the spirit of this community. Thanks again to all the volunteers that keep our organization going. It would be impossible without you.

Please remember that your officers and your board are here to ensure your peaceful enjoyment of the lake. We are here to address all concerns and suggestions.

John Williams  
Outgoing President

## The 2017 Whippoorwill Award goes to Barbara Roper

Barbara Roper is the 2017 Whippoorwill Award Recipient. Barbara has been referred to as a "Service Above Self" individual who humbly agrees to do whatever she is asked to do. Most of the time she is the Chairman of big events that are always successful because of her talent, knowledge, and leadership abilities. Barbara has devoted her life to protecting and enhancing the quality of life on Lake Rabun.

Here is a short list of some of her volunteer jobs: As a skilled floral arranger, Barbara has made countless arrangements for the Tour of Homes as well as served as a docent. Beginning in 1981, she has taken on big jobs for every Flea Market. She served on the History Committee

for the Centennial Celebration in 2015 spending many hours making the Centennial DVD, interviewing and videoing longtime LRA Members, capturing voices of many we have lost since the DVD was made. She served 3 years on the LRA Board of Trustees. Not wanting the younger members of LRA Families to be left out of the Centennial Celebration, she and her daughter-in-law, Michele Persons, devised and orchestrated a fun birthday party for them to enjoy.

Loving the lake with a passion, Barbara enjoys being with friends at Sundowners, paddling with the Yackers, and hiking in the Hiking Club. Barbara's recognition is long overdue.



Lake Rabun Association, Inc. (LRA) is a nonprofit, social welfare organization dedicated to nurturing the beauty, serenity and quality of life on and around Lake Rabun.

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## President's Message

I am one very lucky gal.

Often people ask how long I've been on Lake Rabun and I often reply, "I wasn't fortunate enough to grow up on this lake, but I was fortunate enough to come to Lake Rabun almost 20 years ago." Whether your family has been here for generations, or you are a relative "newcomer", we are all lucky to be a part of this community that gets to enjoy this beautiful slice of heaven with our family and friends year in and year out. If you are reading this newsletter, you are one very lucky person, too.

When I was asked to join the LRA Board, I considered it not only an honor, but also my duty since I've been fortunate to enjoy our lake and our lake community for all of these years.

If any of you have friends on other lakes, then you know how special Lake Rabun is compared to most other lake communities. The number of activities that we host for our members is unparalleled with other lakes that I know of – from catered dinners and rockin' dances to our very own Beach Party, BINGO for the kids, Lakemont University, CPR and AED training, a very active "Save Our Hemlocks" program, Boat Church (the comfort of sitting in your boat, drinking coffee, while you sing hymns along with all of the other boats!), 30+ year wooden boat parades, our very own 5K/10K road race, fireworks over the water, and finally a bi-annual Tour of Homes or Auction & Flea Market. That's an impressive list, isn't it?

Every one of these awesome events is organized and made possible by YOUR neighbors. They do it on their free time, and most often they do it on their time here at Lake Rabun instead of floating on the lake. What's equally awesome is the list of people who work behind the scenes such as: those who interview the scholarship students or mentor those students, clean up our shores twice a year, organize Minnehaha Falls Trail maintenance, put together your membership directory, decorate and clean up for each party, organize all of our events (usually a year long task), volunteer with our Lakemont Wiley Fire Department or Rabun County Rescue, or take care of our finances as we give back to those in our community who are in need.

Your LRA trustees give up time with their families on the Saturday of each holiday weekend so they can represent you, as they gather together with the LRA Board to help make decisions and plans for each summer and beyond. Your board also meets two other times during the year, as well as spending countless hours answering emails or phone calls about Lake Rabun.

Look at the front of your directory that lists who your trustees are and talk to them. As your new President, I invite you to call or email me any time with any concerns, questions, or suggestions you have.

We are here to represent you, the lucky ones.

Sandy O'Brien Strong, LRA President

## Whippoorsnapper Award

A new award called the Whippoorsnapper Award is proposed to recognize and encourage the contributions and volunteer efforts to our Lake Rabun Community by a deserving young person. Fashioned after the Whippoowill Award, which recognizes long term volunteer service, the Whippoorsnapper Award gives credit to the next generation which is starting volunteer activity on the lake. Be it lake clean-up, event participation, water safety, technical skills, recruitment, or committee work, a Whippoorsnapper personifies the spirit of giving and character of an up-and-coming member (and potentially a future Whippoowill). This award will shine light on and give credit to our many young people who will carry the torch for the future of our organization.

### Criteria:

- An individual who is an ambassador in promoting the Mission Statement and goals of the LRA
- An individual who steps up willingly to facilitate efforts by the LRA and has volunteered or assisted with multiple events or committees for a minimum of 2 years.
- An individual who exhibits character, willingness, energy, and displays positive role modeling for others in his/her peer group.
- An individual who is a problem solver and communicates ideas thoughtfully.

### Guidelines:

The Whippoorsnapper Award will be announced at Memorial Day Meetings. Nominations will be taken from the lake community in the same fashion that the Whippoowill Award is chosen. This may or may not be an annual award. Please send nominations and a list of qualifying criteria to: Carol Raeber at craeber42@gmail.com or mail to 760 N. Island Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327.



Photo by Charlie Pledger

**Net Revenue \$135,231.26**  
**Expenses 8.6%**

June 17, 2017 was quite a day at Lake Rabun! Thanks to your wonderful support Volunteering, Sponsoring, Cooking, Creating, Donating, and Bidding, The Market set all records for the largest fundraiser in our Association's history!

There are too many to list in our heartfelt thanks! From the crackerjack Committees and Volunteers, to the Sponsors, Underwriters, Members, Merchants, and Scholarship Students who gave so much and more, **Thank You!!**

Our objective was to conduct The Market auction party like a Church Social, meaning that we would do the cooking ourselves, versus hiring caterers. Special thanks to Chick-fil-A for providing lunches, Hilmar Cheese Company for the awesome cheese table, GFI Foods for hors d'oeuvres, and Geraldine's Cheese Straws.

This event was, most importantly, **really, really fun!** What a joy to see Lake Rabun members pulling together as one big team for the betterment of our community!!

**Thank you, one and all!!**

Betsy Bairstow

**Lake Rabun Store**

**BARWARE**

- Lake Rabun Stackable White Stadium Cups ..... 5 for \$10
- Lake Rabun Black Lidded Ceramic Coffee Cup ..... \$10
- Lake Rabun "Yowie" Vacuum Travel Tumbler 16 oz. .... \$20
- Lake Rabun Stainless Steel Travel Bottle H2Go 17 oz. .... \$25
- Lake Rabun Clear Symglass Tumbler ..... \$18

**CLEARANCE!**

LRA Paper Plates (Packs of 10) were \$20.....now just \$5

**NEW!**

- Short Sleeved Ladies Spirit Jersey T-Shirts ..... \$50
- Lake Rabun Lanyards ..... \$5

**BURGEE MANIA**

- Men's Burgee Belts ..... \$40
- Burgee Caps ..... \$25
- Burgee Dog Collar ..... \$20
- Burgee Dog Leashes ..... \$20
- Burgee License Tag Holders ..... \$20
- Burgee Magnets ..... \$10
- Burgee Key Fobs ..... \$10
- Burgee Sunglass Holders ..... \$10
- Burgee Napkin Pack ..... \$5
- Burgee Stickers ..... \$5
- New LRA Logo Stickers ..... \$5

**FLAGS**

- 3' x 5' Green Logo Flag ..... \$100

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# Rabun Ramble UPDATE

We always love sharing good stories from the Rabun Ramble. And this time we have good news as we look forward to our 12th annual Rabun Ramble Road Race.

As one of our lake members was running in the race this past year, he stopped to assist in the lifesaving efforts of one of our runners who had gone into cardiac arrest.

If you weren't at the Labor Day weekend membership meeting to see the celebration, the great news is that the runner was there to receive hugs from lake members Dr. John Polhill, and Bill Davis as well as her friend Ann Marie Hoffman. These three amazing people helped save her life and we are all so thankful for their part in making this miracle happen.

With the help of Dr. John Polhill, we will have a Rabun County EMS ambulance on site for our next race.

We have plans for more ways to keep our race safe and always welcome any suggestions you have.

The other great news is that this past year was a record year for the Rabun Ramble as we wrote a \$21,000 check to the Lake Rabun Foundation from our proceeds.

We couldn't do this race without THREE important groups: our sponsors, our volunteers, AND our runners.

You all helped make our race fun AND were instrumental as we gave back generously to our wonderful community.

What makes this race so fun? It is seeing runners out on the course on Lake Rabun Road, weeks before the race as they get geared up for the fun competition with their fellow lake neighbors.

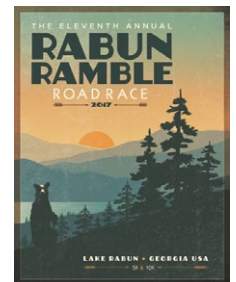
It is watching volunteers show up at 6 am on race morning with a smile on their face, every single year.

It is watching our runners line up with anticipation and excitement before the race gun has gone off, and watching those runners who come out to walk the race with family and friends, dogs, and baby strollers. This is a family event and every year we see families come back to make another wonderful memory together.

**We look forward to running with YOU again this coming summer.**

**The race date is Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. See you there!**

Sandy O'Brien Strong - Race Director



# LAKE RABUN FOUNDATION NEWS



Photo by Cherry Kinnunen

Buz Stone (L), presents Kathy and Kirk Knous with a check to FAITH, their designated choice for the Buz Stone Award.

## 2017 Buz Stone Award Recipients: Kirk & Kathy Knous

Reflecting the spirit of Buz Stone, Kirk and Kathy Knous have for more than 20 years quietly served the welfare of Rabun County. While they have served in leadership positions, and have been generous benefactors, more often Kirk has done the nitty-gritty jobs like setting up the infrastructure for Celebrate Clayton—then cleaning up afterwards. Perhaps their best known gift to the community has been the spectacular Christmas light show. For six weeks over the holiday season, this magical display on Tiger Road invites everyone to get in the holiday spirit with an hour of music and lights. Last year they added an indoor Christmas village—and Santa!

Kirk and Kathy requested that the \$2500 charitable grant associated with the Buz Stone Award be directed to FAITH.

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP

### Smither Family Honors Parents with Endowed Scholarship

Recalling their parents' love of the Lake Rabun community, David Smither and his sister, Jeanne East, have established THE JACK AND ROSEMARY SMITHER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship will provide funds every year to assist deserving Rabun County college students.

The original family home was sold in 2016, but David recently purchased property on the lake. As David and his wife, Sherra, along with Jeanne and her husband, John, learned more about the Foundation's scholarship program, they knew this was a mission their generous parents would have embraced.

## ESTATE PLANNING

If you are anticipating year-end tax planning, please consider including the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans. If you have already included the foundation in your estate, or plan to do so, please notify Ron Hinson to be recognized in the 1915 SOCIETY.

## Lake Rabun Foundation reaches milestone with \$100,000 to Rabun County in Scholarship and Outreach Grants in 2017

Thanks to the generosity and effort of LRA members, the Foundation continues to reach new levels of support to Rabun County. \$70,000 in scholarship assistance was sent to assist Rabun college scholars this fall.

Special thanks go out to Betsy Bairstow and Penny Burkitt, who led hundreds of volunteers and benefactors in making The Market at Lake Rabun an overwhelming success in raising funds for the Foundation and the fireboat campaign. Equally important, this event united the entire LRA community in support of local charitable causes.

Sandy Strong and her team were up early on July 1st for the 11th running of the Rabun Ramble. Once again, this family friendly event brought LRA families together in support of the scholarship program.

The Foundation also continues to benefit from the continued sales of Centennial books by Bob Voyles and his team.

I would also like to thank the LRA officers for their interest and support of the work of the Foundation this year.

Steve Raeber

## Congratulations, Katie!

**Katie Lunsford** graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Georgia's Athletic Training Program in the Spring of 2017. In the upcoming academic year, she will serve as an intern athletic trainer with the Washington State University Women's Swim and Dive team. Afterwards, Katie returns to her studies to pursue an advanced degree in sports medicine. This award-winning student was an LRA Scholarship Recipient.

Dear LRA,  
 This past May, I completed my <sup>7/29/17</sup> undergraduate degree at UGA with the help of the Lake Rabun Assoc. Scholarship. I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to the Scholarship Committee and donors. I am now beginning a new adventure at Washington State University, working as an athletic trainer with their swim + dive team. Thank you for your support + friendship in getting me there.  
 Sincerely,  
 Katie Lunsford

## Gatherings at Lake Rabun

A new season . . . back to school, clear blue skies, crisp cool air, college football, cardigans, apple cider, s'mores, hydrangeas dried on their stalks, frost on the pumpkins, soup on the stove, and a first fire in the fireplace. It's fall, y'all, and Georgia's mountains are blanketed in vibrant oranges, reds and yellows, set against fields of goldenrod and purple aster. In the midst of this overwhelming beauty surrounding us at Lake Rabun, we are busily producing the LRA's new cookbook.

As inviting aromas and sunbeams surround our welcoming tables this Thanksgiving season, we give special THANKS for our lake community and especially for an inspiring team of generous and talented cookbook volunteers.



Thanks to all who have submitted their favorite recipes. We wish we could use every recipe submitted. Oh, but for the editing process! Since March, our editors, chapter chairs, and recipe testers have made countless trips down the grocery store aisles and have spent untold hours in the kitchen diligently testing every recipe submission for the cookbook. Other generous members of our lake community have graciously hosted tasting parties and events. We've enjoyed fun times together savoring great food and drink, and have lots of wonderful pictures of our gatherings, thanks to our talented volunteer photographers. We are fortunate to have had professionally trained instructors and skilled photography students from North Georgia Technical College spend four days with us, styling and photographing recipes prepared by our energetic kitchen teams; we are grateful for the warm hospitality extended by those who have provided their homes for these events. As we move into the production phase, we have many days ahead of editing, design, layout, indexing, and proofreading before we finally go to press.



We look forward to sharing with you some of Lake Rabun's favorite and most loved recipes, from time honored family traditions to new versions of old recipes, adapted for today's lifestyle. Each reminds us that being at Lake Rabun is special. Although we seem to love summertime at the lake most, our editors and chapter chairs assembled a broad assortment of recipes appealing to varied ages and tastes, while incorporating the seasonal availability of fresh foods throughout the year. Most importantly, we have good and trustworthy recipes that anyone can make.

We hope this collection becomes your new favorite and you will enthusiastically share it with others. Pre-sales begin in March and books will be available for the first time during the 2018 Tour of Homes. Remember, funds raised from cookbook sales will be used for the welfare and benefit of our community and educational opportunities provided through the Lake Rabun Foundation.

We appreciate the opportunity to publish this new cookbook in support of the LRA. On behalf of our cookbook editorial team, we give thanks to all of you for your valuable assistance in this endeavor.

Thanksgiving blessings,  
Mary Boland

## 2018 Membership Dues

Thanks to each of you who support the Lake Rabun Association and all that it offers. Annual dues of \$250 afford great member benefits, which include the following and more:

- Support of LRA preservation and conservation programs like Boater Safety, fire protection services, Lake Clean Up days, hemlock treatment and archiving our rich history
- Participation with your friends and neighbors throughout the year from Memorial Day's Summer Kickoff to July 4th Fireworks to the Beach Music and Labor Day band parties – and don't forget Bingo and Lakemont University
- Outreach to improve lives in the broader Rabun County community via the Lake Rabun Foundation – as volunteers, leaders and/or donors.

Ticket sales cover only a portion of the cost of our LRA activities. Your membership dues cover the rest, such as event entertainment, pavilion rental, fireworks, newsletters, Clayton Tribune subscriptions and liability insurance. We hope that you will renew your membership for 2018 now and that you will encourage your neighbors and friends to participate actively in the many opportunities the Association provides. You should have already received an invoice for 2018 dues. Prompt payment reduces the administrative burden for the LRA, so thanks to those who have already paid. Please note that the IRS rules provide that contributions, gifts or dues to the Lake Rabun Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

[www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org)

## Lake Rabun Fireboat Update

Thank you to all of our many lake residents, Georgia Power Company and the 2017 Market who have supported the capital campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a new compliant fireboat which will allow many of us to preserve our preferential current ISO rating. We have made great progress and are almost to the finish line for this fund raising campaign.

We are continuing discussions with our Rabun County Commissioners and have requested their financial participation and support so we can move ahead with the initiation of a purchase order for the boat as soon as possible, ie, hopefully before year end.

A boat manufacturer, Lake Assault Boats, in Superior, Wisconsin has been identified. They are experienced boat builders of commercial boats such as fireboats, rescue/dive boats, patrol boats, work boats, etc., and are highly regarded in the industry. We have worked directly with them to complete the specifications for our new boat. The delivery time frame is expected to be 6 to 8 months from the initiation of a purchase order.

There is a picture on the lakerabun.org home page of a fireboat that is a similar model to the one we will order.

Bob Pledger, LRA Fire Committee



Maggie Miley & Pete Schofield



Mary Love McArthur



Jay & Laura Morgan



Jan Collins



Lance & Sonja Cooper

# Gathering Places

## 2018 HOME TOUR

*Celebrating  
the ways we  
gather at  
the lake*

### SAVE *the* DATE

Saturday  
June 16, 2018

Volunteers Needed  
to join the fun!

Docents; Flower Arrangers;  
Pontoons and Deck Boats;  
Captains and First Mates;  
Dock Masters and More!

A Fundraiser for the benefit  
of the Lake Rabun Fund of  
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Lake Rabun Association

## Calendar of Events 2018

Saturday, May 26th	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting at the Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department (9:00 a.m.) Memorial Day Party at the Pavilion featuring the music of Drive Train (No Meal Served) (7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 27th	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 8th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 9th	Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.) Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, June 16th	Tour of Homes
Saturday, June 23rd	CPR & AED Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 30th	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) BBQ & Bluegrass at the Pavilion – BBQ by Twin Smokers, Bluegrass By The Foxfire Boys Band (6:00-11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 1st	Annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at The Big Basin (10:30 a.m.) Annual Pass in Review at the Clayton UMC Boathouse (10:00 a.m.) Fireworks on the lake - dusk
Tuesday, July 3rd	Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club
Saturday, July 21st	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion featuring The Swingin' Medallions! (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 28th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 11th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, September 1st	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 2nd	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Dinner & Band party at the Pavilion featuring the cool sounds of The Atlanta Rhythm & Groove (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Friday, September 14th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 23rd	Pigeon Mountain Hike (1:30 p.m.) Day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen Ella Springs Pavilion (6:00 p.m.)

\*Dates, times and events subject to change (refer to [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org) for updates).

## The Fred Stewart "Shangri-La" Award

The Fred Stewart Award was created in 2001 as a memorial to Fred Stewart, the founder of Mountain Patrol, in recognition of his decades of service committed to improving the safety and well-being of the Lakemont community that he referred to as *Shangri-La*. Periodically, the award is presented to recognize an individual who has performed extraordinarily selfless acts beyond the call of duty for the benefit of others to protect the well-being of the members of the Lake Rabun community. Several recent recipients include Dr. Joe Mims, the Bill Davis family, Ben McCracken and Michael Crowe. Michelle Bramlett, Fred Stewart's daughter, presented the awards to our 2017 recipients. This year we had four nominees that were presented the award for their part in two incidents around the lake.

In early June, on a dark foggy night, **Jack Dickens** was traveling on Shady Lane behind an Athens Y Camp van. The van suddenly tumbled off the side of the road, flipping over and landing upside down at the bottom of the embankment.

Jack selflessly climbed down the hill and freed the young driver who was hanging by her seat belt in the toppled van. Jack carried the young lady to safety.



Photo by Cherry Kimmunen



Photo by Charlie Pledger

The other incident occurred during this year's Rabun Ramble. Anne Fleming, a longtime lake resident, was walking the course with her good friend **Anne Marie Hoffman**. Anne suddenly collapsed and was in cardiac arrest. Anne Marie immediately responded with CPR. **Dr. John Polhill** was also nearby and relieved Anne Marie in the process. In the meantime, **Bill Davis** ran home to retrieve his AED and delivered it to the scene. Anne was shocked multiple times with this device. We know that many were on the scene responding to this emergency, but these three were nominated by members for their immediate impact on what turned out to be a miraculous recovery by one of our own.



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## Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 24, 2017  
 6:00 p.m.

Glen Ella Springs Pavilion

Please register in advance at [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org) so we can plan to accommodate everyone.

**Pigeon Mountain Hike**  
 Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

*Family, friends and pets welcome!*

## 2017 Lake Rabun Drawdown Schedule

### November 26th

Lake starts down from normal pond  
 (1687.6 elevation)

### December 3rd

Lake is down 10 feet (1677.6 elevation)

### December 24th

Lake starts up from (1677.6 elevation)

### December 28th

Lake is back to normal pool (1687.6 elevation)

## Centennial Book and DVD Update

- The new price point has increased our sales substantially.
- All of the signed Limited Edition books and slip covers are SOLD.
- Right now, we have plenty of Standard books left and about 350 DVDs.
- JUST \$25 plus tax for a Centennial Book and DVD. You can even get a whole box for \$125 plus tax. That means you get one free!

Besides the website, the books and DVDs are sold at the following locations: Lake Rabun Trading, Open Door at Alley's, Lake Rabun Hotel, Keller Furniture, Crawford Art Gallery, Indigo, Timpson Creek Gallery, and Rabun County Welcome Center.

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