

Newsletter of the  
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

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## President's Message: *The Foundation is the heart of our community.*

Dear LRA Members,

As we approach another summer on Lake Rabun I want to let you know, once again, what a privilege it is to act as your LRA President. This office has allowed me to see how dedicated our members and volunteers are in preserving the beauty and traditions of our little piece of heaven. Even when we face challenges, I can assure you that your officers and trustees are focused on solving these problems and ensuring the safety and peaceful enjoyment of the lake by all members, as well as our family and guests.

Operating a water craft on our busy waters can be a challenge. I raised my daughter on the lake, just as my parents raised me. Growing up at the lake helped create a sense of independence at an early age. My wife and I have always described this independence as "freedom in a fish bowl". Our daughter knew that she was free to go but that the watchful eyes of many parents were always upon her. As a community we need to look out for each other. We need to remember the golden rule and learn to address issues in a neighborly fashion. Since DNR cannot be in all places, at all times, it is up to us to take and share the responsibility.

This year's fund raiser is *The Market at Lake Rabun*. This is a reboot of the LRA Flea Market that was started by our beloved Winnie Brown in the early 1980's. Most of you don't see the enormous amount of preparation that our volunteers do for this event in the winter months. I have witnessed countless hours of work going into this June 17th event. I would like to thank Betsy Bairstow, Penny Burkitt and the myriad of volunteers for all that they have done to make this event a success. This group is completely focused on maximizing proceeds from this event to The Foundation. To me, The Foundation is the heart of our community.

Years ago, The Foundation was started by a handful of wise members who recognized that we were part of the larger Rabun County Community – a county with many needs where we could have a positive impact. The Lake Rabun Foundation has grown so much from those early days. I remember a gathering at Jack King's house where some of our early scholarship students were introduced. Since then we have seen exponential growth in our community outreach. Hopefully, the spirit of giving and participation in our greater Rabun County Community will con-

tinue with the generations that follow. What an incredible legacy we have built!

This year's activities will once again provide enjoyment for all ages. Please look to the pages ahead for a full timeline and description of our 2017 events and initiatives. Also, remember that your officers welcome feedback on these events and initiatives so we can enhance the value of your membership.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake! I hope that Summer 2017 brings many great memories to you and your family!

John Williams, President

## 2017 Rabun Ramble Update

In honor of our National Parks 100+ years, we've designed our own National Park style poster for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rabun Ramble. We hope you like it!

This 5K/10K, fundraiser, road race along the shores of Lake Rabun has become a family tradition for many of us here at Lake Rabun.

With over 700 runners and a profit of more than \$18,000 last year, this is a worthy and fun way to kick off your July 4 weekend. This year's race is Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 a.m. with the START line at the Lake Rabun pavilion. Register online at [www.rabunramble.com](http://www.rabunramble.com) and we will see you there! For information, contact Sandy O'Brien Strong at [sandyobrien.com](http://sandyobrien.com) or 917-903-8961.



# The Market at Lake Rabun

A Fundraiser for the Benefit of the  
Lake Rabun Fund of North Georgia Community Foundation, Inc.  
Sponsored by Lake Rabun Association, Inc.



June 17, 2017 Lake Rabun Pavilion

*Silent & Live Auctions*

*Gift Certificates*

*Jewelry Store*

*Boston Butt Sale*

*Rustic Table Fantasy*

*Chick-Fil-A  
Lunch Wagon*

*Spirits Pull*

*Pre-Sale*

*Flea Market*

*Raffle*

*Wine and Cheese Party*

*Sponsorships*

Each summer the Lake Rabun Association holds a major fund raiser to raise money for the Lake Rabun Foundation so they can ***Continue the Tradition of Giving Back to Rabun County.*** The Market was started in 1981 and is the oldest and largest fund raiser on Lake Rabun.

## Scholarships & Community Outreach

♦ Currently, 136 Rabun County College Bound Students have been awarded scholarship assistance

♦ The Lake Rabun Foundation also provides financial assistance to Rabun students attending North Georgia Technical College.

♦ In 2016-17, the Lake Rabun Foundation will fund over \$60,000 for Rabun County college students.

♦ To date, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.4 million to scholarship assistance and community outreach in Rabun County.



*LRA Scholars don't just receive financial aid; they "connect" with LRA members and each one has a mentor.*

*Together we change lives.*

Payments and donations to the Lake Rabun Association, Inc. are not deductible for federal and state income tax purposes as charitable contributions. Net proceeds of this event will go to the Lake Rabun Fund and the Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department Capital Fund which are funds of the North Georgia Community Foundation, Inc. (Tax ID # 58-1610318), a tax exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to NGCF funds are deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.



## Our New LRA Cookbook – destined to become a cherished keepsake!

We are delighted to announce the publication of a new LRA cookbook, to be released during the 2018 Tour of Homes. It will have been 15 years since the publication of the very successful Docksider Delights cookbook.

This handsome, full color, hardcover book will tastefully showcase how we gather and entertain family and friends “Southern Living style.” It will, of course, feature a compilation of favorite recipes from our Lake Rabun community!

Please be thinking about your own traditions at the lake, the foods you prepare, and, of course, the recipes you will share. Perhaps, like Sue Halter, you have a special birthday cake. Mary Cobb and Buz Stone’s grandchildren look forward to a pajama pancake breakfast on the dock. One of our summer favorites is homemade peppermint ice cream. And I think everyone wants the “secret” barbecue recipe!

We will be taking lots of pictures this summer and fall! We are very pleased to be working in partnership with the

photography program at North Georgia Technical College to photograph our Lake Rabun lifestyle, how we gather with family and friends to enjoy good food and good times. As they say, “a picture is worth a thousand words.”

We have a great team of volunteers working together on this project, and hope that you, too, will get involved. Please contact project chairman Mary Boland, 706-490-0952, or to learn more, visit: <http://www.lakemontpublishing.com/volunteer.html>.

### Recipes Needed!

Our new LRA cookbook will be filled to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks in our Lake Rabun community – YOU!

**Please submit three or four of your favorite recipes:**  
<http://www.lakemontpublishing.com/recipes.html>

We ask that you submit your recipes as soon as possible! We anticipate lots of cookbook recipe taste testing parties over the summer months . . . and fun times ahead as we gather around the lake to enjoy great food together!

Thank you so much for participating in our fundraising efforts!

### Memorial Day Raffle!

Enter to win between now and May 26! Each time you submit a recipe online, your name will be entered into a drawing for great prizes. Names will be drawn and prizes awarded during the Memorial Day LRA meeting.

Enter your recipe to win:

<http://www.lakemontpublishing.com/recipes.html>

**Remember: the more recipes you enter, the better chance you have of winning!**

- \$100 gift card from the Lake Rabun Hotel
- Scout “Spirit Lifta” from Lake Rabun Trading Company
- Scout “Spirit Chillah” from Lake Rabun Trading Company
- Original Stubby Strip drink holder from Lake Rabun Trading Company
- Scout “Two Plate Special” casserole dish carrier, from Lake Rabun Trading Company
- Bottle of wine, from the cookbook committee
- Recipe Tasting Party for 6, prepared by the cookbook committee

Thank you!



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 Lake Rabun Clear Synglass Tumbler.....\$18

**NEW!**  
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**NEW!**  
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 Burgee License Tag Holders.....\$20  
 Burgee T-Shirts.....\$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**

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 Boat Burgee Flag.....\$65

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*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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2017**

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- ( ) Years left to serve

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*This is the model of the new LRA fireboat.*

## Lake Rabun Fire Protection Services Update & Capital Campaign Status

First, I would like to thank all of you for responding to our Capital Campaign on Labor Day 2016. Since that time, we have made a great deal of progress and are now nearing the necessary amount to make a new fireboat a reality for Lake Rabun. We have learned a great deal since last Labor Day and have identified other expenses which will need to be covered. These include additional equipment to complete the outfitting of the new boat, funds to enlarge our marina fire station to accommodate the new boat, etc. Bottom line, we are nearing the finish line and can get there with a little more help.

We are greatly appreciative of the financial support from the Georgia Power Foundation which provided a grant of \$25,000 and excellent advice on many related matters. They have also offered additional in-kind support to make improved fire protection on our lake a reality. Please make an effort to thank our Georgia Power friends both here in Rabun County and their corporate officers. They continue to invest in the quality of our lake environment and help make it what it is today.

We also need to express our gratitude to John Murray, LWVFD Station 4 Captain, and his lieutenants for their tireless efforts in helping to move this initiative forward. Key among this effort has been the time dedicated to develop and refine the specifications for the new fireboat.

Our LRA Fire Committee has been in contact with both county officials and several of the county commissioners on numerous occasions since last Labor Day. As of now, we are awaiting several "final" quotes for the fireboat, outfitting equipment and marina station enlargement. The County has requested that we include this in our overall discussion with Darrin Giles, our County Administrator. At this point, all appear to be supportive of our cause.

Our discussions with our county officials and commissioners have not solely been focused on the fireboat. We have included the need for an additional fire station to better serve the upper end of our lake from approximately Bear Gap Cove up to the Low Gap Road Bridge. A new station in this general area would provide much better service to upper Lake Rabun, as well as truck service to cover the Crow Creek Road area and the Flat Creek community. This would potentially set the stage for this service area to establish eligibility for an improved ISO/PPC rating, which could substantially impact property insurance premiums.

We are nearing the finish line – the point where a purchase order can be placed to start the process of building our fireboat. If you have not yet had a chance to support the LRA Capital Campaign, now is the time. Your support can make the difference.

Contributions to the North Georgia Community Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) organization are deductible for federal and state income tax purposes as charitable contributions to the extent allowed by law. Checks should be made payable to: North Georgia Community Foundation with Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department Capital Fund or LWVFD Capital Fund noted on the check.

Contributions should be mailed to:  
North Georgia Community Foundation  
615 F Oak Street, Suite 1300  
Gainesville, GA 30501

For additional information, contact Bob Pledger, 706-212-2833 or bobpledger@windstream.net

# Lake Rabun Foundation News

## 30 YEARS!

The Lake Rabun Foundation began 30 years ago, in 1987, with the award of a single \$1000 scholarship.

As I have done some housekeeping of old files, I am reminded of the generosity and commitment of LRA members over the years. There have been special heroes like J.O. King, Bengt Stromquist, Joe Hamilton and, of course, Buz Stone, who nourished the growth of the fledgling foundation and rescued it in challenging times. Thanks to their efforts, and ongoing LRA support, more than 150 Rabun County students have received college financial assistance totaling more than \$900,000. In addition, numerous local charities and worthy causes have shared more than \$500,000 in grants from the Foundation.

## AND STILL GOING STRONG!

This fall the Foundation will be offering scholarship assistance to 34 outstanding students from Rabun County. Scholarship funds and outreach grants are budgeted to exceed a record \$100,000 in 2017.

## THANK YOU!

Steve Raeber  
Lake Rabun Foundation



## LAKE RABUN 1915 SOCIETY

*Have you included the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans but not yet informed us? Please notify Ron Hinson [ronhinson@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronhinson@bellsouth.net).*

## NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year two additional named scholarships were established. Thanks to Jerry and Amy Wethington for the Wethington Family Scholarship. Thanks also to Bob and Belle Voyles for the Mary Elizabeth Schroder Scholarship which is named in honor of Belle's Mother.

## Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the most critical component of the Lake Rabun Foundation's budget. Your gift to the Annual Fund sends a clear message that you support the mission of the Foundation. Remittance envelopes are enclosed. Visit the LRA website for information and a list of donors.

## OUTREACH GRANTS

In addition to support of the more traditional charities and organizations in Rabun County such as FAITH, The Food Bank, Rabun Habitat and the Community Partnership of Rabun, grants were made to entities such as the following:

- ❖ **Liberty Baptist Church in Tiger** – They served as the support center for fire fighters during the forest fires last fall.
- ❖ **The Primary, Elementary and Middle Schools** – The schools have established mentoring programs that are supported by grant funding.
- ❖ **Wiley Presbyterian Church** – They maintain God's Mobile Home, one of the only temporary housing facilities in Rabun County.
- ❖ **Southern Highlands Music Foundation** – Established by the Foxfire Boys, this organization conducts weekly music classes in Rabun County High School.
- ❖ **Flat Creek Baptist Church** – Our neighbors in Flat Creek needed to repair the water system for the church.

Visit the [lakerabun.org](http://lakerabun.org) for a list of all Outreach Grants.

*More FOUNDATION News on page 6*

## The Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award

This award was created in 2012 to honor LRA member, Buz Stone, for his leadership of the Lake Rabun Foundation for 25 years. Each year it is presented to an LRA member who

**"reflects the spirit of Buz Stone and the goodwill of the Lake Rabun Association in serving the welfare of Rabun County."**

A \$2500 grant will be made to a Rabun County charity selected by the recipient.

Past recipients are:  
Buz Stone, David & Barbara Cantrell,  
Charles & Jacqueline Groover,  
Dorothy Ann King and Joe Hamilton

To nominate an LRA member for this award send a brief letter or email on behalf of the nominee to:

Lake Rabun Foundation  
P.O. Box 114  
Lakemont, GA 30552

or email to: Steve Raeber, [sraeber41@gmail.com](mailto:sraeber41@gmail.com)

Nominations should be received before May 13, 2017.

## LRA Foundation Collegiate Scholarship Connection Program

To be a part of the Connection program is both inspiring and gratifying. As a Connection family you act as the “face behind the financial gift,” bridging the lake community to our outstanding scholarship recipients.

Thirty years ago, LRA President Pete Halter, Buz Stone, and others had the foresight to invest in the community via The Lake Rabun Fund. The Fund continues to reach many young people, helping to secure the dreams they wish to fulfill.

For instance, Connection students relay stories of their involvement on campus, both academically and socially: study abroad programs, academic clubs, intramural sports, and work opportunities. Connector families, in turn introduce the students to our membership. For example: the students enjoy volunteering at the Tour of Homes, Centennial birthday party, and/or the Rabun Ramble. They experience first hand the dedication of our members who give back to their community.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed following my connection student through her years at UGA. It has been fun to catch up with her via lunch, text or at the Rabun Ramble. She speaks of the challenging course load of her major (Kinesiology), and in the next breath, her love of campus life!

Moreover, my daughter, Mary Turner has enjoyed getting to know her Connection student. As a recent graduate of UGA, she has been able to offer advice and camaraderie to her Connection student at UGA. I encourage other recent graduates to become involved in the Connection Program. They can offer insight on campus life and class loads that we may have forgotten.

In May, the Scholarship committee of the LRF will be offering twelve scholarships to the graduating class of 2017. If you would like to become an integral part of the LRA Foundation's College Scholarship Program, please contact me. You will be extremely blessed by getting to know these young people! They are all incredible individuals.

With kind regards and thank you!

Nan Troutman  
Scholarship Connection Program Chair  
nan@numail.org or 678.464.4626



Photo by Cherry Kinnunen

## Wooden Boat Parade 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “Pass in Review”

Back for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row, our annual Wooden Boat Parade “Pass in Review” will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2017. As in previous years, we will host the “Pass in Review” from the boat church boathouse for the best viewing on the lake. The doors of the boat church boathouse will open at 10:00 a.m. to allow folks to get seated and in position before the boat parade passes abeam. As the procession comes around Witham Point, it will continue immediately in front of the boat church boathouse for great viewing and great cheering. As in years past, Alan Price will provide narration of lake history and general information about boats in the parade, while answering any questions that may arise. Patriotic music, a jovial atmosphere, and great information all contribute to the best experience on the lake. All are welcome, so spread the word, and come join the fun as we celebrate 102 years of tradition with Lake Rabun's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Wooden Boat Parade.

Alan Price (alanprice@yahoo.com)

## The Teaching Kitchen at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Regional Branch in Clayton, GA

*Beyond providing fresh and nutritious food to the needy, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia wants to empower people to make healthy choices and learn new skills.*

Our Teaching Kitchen programs empower people to make healthy choices and develop new abilities, while reconnecting people with lost skills such as growing your own food and cooking from scratch. The community programs include hands-on cooking classes, chef demonstrations, farmer's market activities, and charity dinners. Proceeds from events support the Food Bank's efforts to increase nutrition education and end hunger in Northeast Georgia.

In addition to learning wonderful skills, your attendance in our community classes helps to provide an opportunity for someone less fortunate to attend our non-profit programs.

Stay informed about our upcoming classes, events, and volunteer opportunities!

To sign up for our mailing list go to <http://eepurl.com/clkC1n> or visit our website at [www.foodbanknega.org/teachingkitchen](http://www.foodbanknega.org/teachingkitchen) to view and register for cooking classes.

[www.facebook.com/northeastgateachingkitchen](http://www.facebook.com/northeastgateachingkitchen)

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# Rabun County' – Our Coming Total Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017

by Alan Price



On Monday afternoon, the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2017 at 2:35:45 p.m., Rabun County will be THE solar eclipse capital of Georgia. The **“Line of Totality”** will cross Georgia’s NE corner and **Rabun County is one of the few locations in our state to view the total solar eclipse.** From southern Rabun County to the North Carolina border, we will experience about 2 minutes and 35 seconds of dusk-like darkness, with the pre- and post-eclipse period lasting about 90 minutes.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes in front of and totally covers the sun. This is one of the rarest of all natural events. Beginning on the Oregon coast at 1:15 p.m. Eastern Time, the **“Line of Totality”** will rapidly cross the US, traversing 14 states, including the NE corner of Georgia. The eclipse will then pass over a portion of South Carolina as it exits the US over the Atlantic Ocean.

This is the first time in 26 years a total solar eclipse has occurred in the United States – truly **“The Great American Eclipse”** – and the first coast-to-coast eclipse in many years. While a total solar eclipse occurs on average somewhere on Earth each 18 months, it is extremely rare in a single location – only once each 375 years. Since most of us can’t wait for the next one, we best catch this one!

The Rabun County School System will dismiss at noon on eclipse day, and all but essential county employees will also be released to experience the eclipse. Excitement is building and we expect thousands of guests from regions far and wide to join us to view history in the making.

Your Rabun County *Tourism Development Authority* (TDA) has formed a *Solar Eclipse Coordination Committee* (SECC) whose main purpose is to coordinate and communicate

about this fabulous event. Specifically, we are planning a huge event, in coordination with Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (RGNS), which will be both educational and fun.

Gates will open for the **“OutASight Festival”** at the RGNS athletic fields at 11 a.m. on eclipse day, Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2017. The festival will feature commentary from a number of distinguished astronomy professors; large jumbotron displays featuring video feed from NASA as the eclipse progresses; bands; food and craft vendors; souvenirs; and educational opportunities for young and old to learn the science behind a total solar eclipse as we watch it unfold before our eyes. Rain or shine, the eclipse will happen and so will the **“OutASight Festival.”** Admission on campus at RGNS is only \$5/person. (Includes parking, viewing glasses – essential equipment – and informational handouts about the event.)

Solar eclipse enthusiasts from all over the world will be coming to Rabun County for some of the best viewing in the entire United States. Begin to make your plans now, and insure you are prepared for one of the truly great events in our lifetime – all right here in Rabun County!

Come join your friends and neighbors, from near and far, for a great time at RGNS and experience this unique and profound event. Bring chairs, spread a blanket, put on some suntan oil, and get ready to be astounded by nature’s handiwork as we experience **“Totality”!**

**“OutASight”** T-shirts are available at a number of locations around Rabun as well as on your TDA website, (**explorerabun.com**)\* A great buy at \$15, these high quality, great looking shirts will be both a keepsake and a lasting memory of a day never to be forgotten. Join the excitement by spreading the word, and joining us at RGNS on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

*\*For all eclipse information and a list of related activities in and around Rabun County, just click on the eclipse symbol on the TDA website.*

**Editor’s Note:** Alan Price is chair of the **“Solar Eclipse Coordination Committee”** which is coordinating all solar eclipse activities in Rabun County for the Tourism Development Authority. For more information or to volunteer please check the TDA website at **explorerabun.com** or contact the TDA Executive Director Teka

## Lake Clean Up 2017

**WHEN: Friday, June 2nd and Friday, September 15th**

**WHERE: Convene at Hall’s Marina at 9:00 am**

You do not have to visit many other lakes to realize that Lake Rabun is at the top of the list for clean shorelines and beautiful water. We are so blessed to be able to ride along the shores of our lake and admire the beauty of the landscape without man-made debris to tarnish the beauty. We attribute this to the good stewardship of lake residents and also to the ongoing bi-annual Lake Clean-up activities. If you just love being on the lake like we do and are looking for a legitimate excuse to be able to spend another day on the lake, then we have two days set aside just for that!! You will be able to spend a fun filled day on the lake and will also be able to give back to the lake in gratitude for all the pleasure it has brought to many generations.

We have been successful with many volunteers in the past and are looking forward to the Lake Clean-up days for 2017!! These two days are fun-filled and a great way to make new acquaintances on the lake. No boat is necessary, but all boats are welcome. More information will follow regarding the specifics at a date closer to the Clean-up days. As you are de-winterizing and taking the time for a slow cruise along the lake shore this spring, keep an eye out for any noticeable debris, man-made or nature made, that we can target on Clean-up day. You can email us and we will add it to the list: [rmclink@aol.com](mailto:rmclink@aol.com).

Thanks in advance for all the help and hard work! We always feel like the Lake Clean-up days are the SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR!!

Bobby and Melissa Clinkscales

## Lake Rabun Association Membership Directory

Lake Rabun Association Membership Directories will be available for pickup at the Memorial Day Meeting, Sunday, May 28th. Please make plans to pick up your Directory at the meeting. To save the LRA unnecessary postage, please pick up and deliver directories for any of your neighbors who are absent.

## REMINDERS

### Lake Rabun Centennial Maps

If you have not gotten your free Lake Rabun Centennial Map that was first distributed in 2015, contact Bob and/or Anne Pledger to make arrangements to pick it up. [49 Pinto Lane (Lake Rabun Road to Kings Row to Pinto Lane) 706-212-2833 – pledgerrw@windstream.net]

A list of the 2015 LRA members that have NOT gotten their maps can be found on the LRA website – [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org). Log in and then look under the “Members Only” tab. New members are not listed but certainly may get a copy of the map.



### Bookmarks & Award Seals for Pre-Ordered Books

If you have not gotten your bookmark or award seals for the Lake Rabun Centennial books you purchased, you may pick them up from Anne Pledger or you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Anne Pledger  
49 Pinto Lane  
Lakemont, GA 30552

Enclose a note stating how many books you pre-ordered so you get the correct amount.

For your convenience, our list of the people we think still need bookmarks and seals, is

posted at the bottom of the “Members Only” tab on the LRA website.

**Please Note:** There are a limited number of Award Seals. They will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.



Photo by Anne Pledger

## Hemlock Report



The relatively mild winter we experienced this year in Rabun County means the insect population did not suffer much die-back and they will be thriving this spring and summer, which includes the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. I have already noticed more of the white egg sacks on hemlock trees around the lake than usual – even on trees that have been treated. Now is the best time of year to check the needles for infestation. It's also the best time to treat your trees. If you see signs of infestation, go to the LRA website, and click on “**LRA Hemlock Program**” for information on resources and names of facilitators who can help you treat your trees.

Also, Save Georgias Hemlocks is trying to locate small hemlock seedlings (12 to 36 inches) to dig, pot, and use for promotions, education and reforestation programs. If you have any of these on your property, preferably not infested and healthy, and would like to donate them to this non-profit organization, please call me.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us treat hemlocks in the campground area near Lake Rabun Beach on May 6. Please call me or Bob Pledger if you can help.

Thanks,  
Buz Stone  
404-626-1746

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

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES at HALL'S MARINA

Take a moment to go to Hall's and stand in front of the Memorial Plaques where you will see the names of so many of our great LRA members and/or their family members who have passed away. It can be a very emotional and memorable moment. If you would like to order a plaque, please go to [lakerabun.org](http://lakerabun.org), click on the LRA Foundation option and scroll down to Memorial Plaques. All of the information about ordering can be found there as well as an order form to print. Send the

order form and two checks to Carol Raeber, 760 N. Island Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327 or call if you have questions 404-252-6865 or 706-782-2584. Bear in mind it takes a month to have the plaque ready to install.

In addition, Carol Raeber is soliciting help to maintain the Memorial Garden at Hall's. Please contact her directly if you would like to help with weeding, pruning, planting, mulching and communing with nature!



# 2017 Summer Season

## JUNE

We kick off the month of June with our annual lake clean up day, which will be on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m., meeting at Halls.

New this year, we'll be offering a CPR and AED training class on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the pavilion. It will only last about 2 to 2½ hours. There are NEW CPR GUIDELINES so you'll want to take advantage of this class led by our own Michael Crowe.

Your LRA sponsors a Boater Safety Class that can benefit everyone. It will be on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, with Louie's providing pizza for your lunch break. Class usually wraps up around 2:00 pm.

Lakemont University will be later that afternoon at 5:00 p.m. followed by our popular BINGO upstairs at 7:00 pm. in the pavilion.

The premiere event of the summer will be The Market (formerly Lake Rabun Flea Market) and Auction held on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Market will open at 9:00 a.m., the party will start at 5:00 p.m. and the Live Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion. The Market committee has some amazing offerings you won't want to miss. If you have any stuff (we all have STUFF) you want to donate as you spring clean your house, remember to call the Market committee for help with pick up.

## JULY

Lake Rabun knows how to celebrate the Fourth and we've got every iconic event to show it. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rabun Ramble Road Race is Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 a.m. starting at the pavilion. This 5K/10K is an annual tradition for many Lake Rabun families, so bring yours to share in this exciting event that kicks off our holiday weekend.

Later that evening the award winning Twin Smokers BBQ from Atlanta will be providing us with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion. They have provided our Labor Day dinner in the past but this year they will help us celebrate Independence Day. Tickets for dinner must be purchased in advance on our website, so please get yours when you see that first email reminder! After you finish licking your fingers, you can do-si-do to everyone's hometown favorite, the

Foxfire Boys. This is always an evening with lots of laughter and fun.

On Sunday morning our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Wooden Boat Regatta starts at 10:30 a.m. This classic parade with boats adorned with flags (and riders) is an event not to be missed. Have your cameras ready and gather on your docks to watch as more than 30 wooden boats float by and wave. You always can view the parade at this year's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pass in Review hosted by Alan Price at the Clayton First UMC Boat Dock starting at 10 a.m. Refreshments are served and it's always a fun party with patriotic music and fun narrations.

The fun continues with a big bang on Sunday with our own annual fireworks show. Come enjoy the majestic celebration from the comfort of your boat as we watch the fireworks under the stars as they are launched from the dike near the dam. In light of the boat swamping accident following last year's fireworks exodus, we will be asking all boats to use IDLE SPEED on the way home from the fireworks. Please spread the word. Remember that the safety of the boats behind you depends on what you do in front of them.

We wrap up the weekend with our annual Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf & Country Club on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Get your teams together now for this friendly and fun competition with friends.

The summer fun continues on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> with Lakemont University at 5:00 p.m. and Bingo upstairs at 7:00 p.m.

We will wrap up the July social calendar with Willy's Mexican dinner at 6:00 and everyone's favorite, the Swingin' Medallions at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bring your family and sweetheart to shag the night away to all those Beach Music standards you've come to love. You can purchase tickets in advance for the dinner on our website.

## AUGUST

As kids head back to school, things start to quiet down but we still have 2 dates left in August for you. On Saturday, August, 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our final Lakemont University at 5:00 p.m. followed by BINGO at 7:00 p..m.

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Photo by Anne Pledger

Summer is so close you can almost taste it! Spring break brought out the first boats with a few brave ones on tubes in tow. It was a warm hint of what's to come. There are some fun changes to the calendar this summer so read ahead and make plans to bring your family and friends to all the wonderful events your Lake Rabun Association offers you. Thanks always to our volunteers who help make it possible!

## MAY

Summer officially kicks off with a bang on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with last year's big hit band, Drive Train from Atlanta. This group had everyone on the dance floor dancing to everything from Beyonce, Zac Brown Band, Motown and between. After you eat dinner at home, bring the whole family to kick off the summer with your Lake Rabun friends at our first party of the season. As always, our dance parties don't require ticket purchase.

Don't forget the Membership meeting the next day, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Make sure you arrive by 9:30 a.m. to purchase raffle tickets for the rowing scull, or any of the fantastic Lake Rabun merchandise that will be there. We'll have light refreshments afterwards while you catch up with friends.

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Our beautiful lake has the fortunate opportunity to be on the path of a rare event, the Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21. If you can be at Lake Rabun, you are sure to be fortunate to witness this historic event from your boat or in town with the others celebrating at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. It's an event you won't want to miss

### SEPTEMBER

Our annual Fall General Membership Meeting will be on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion. Refreshments will be served.

We'll say goodbye to summer later that evening with local newcomer to us at Lake Rabun, Chattooga Belle Farm. They'll be serving a good ol' fashioned picnic style dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the shakin' and groovin' Atlanta Rhythm & Groove. Get your tickets online for the dinner on our website in advance.

We wrap up the summer calendar with our final lake clean up day on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Halls. Bring your gloves and have fun gathering trees, logs, limbs and dock debris along the shores of Lake Rabun.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who help at all of our events. We couldn't do it without the time and energy that everyone gives to show their love for this special place we're fortunate to call our summer home.

You'll have one more chance to see your lake friends on Friday after Thanksgiving at our annual Pigeon Mountain hike at 1:30 p.m. followed by the best leftovers dinner around at Glen-Ella Springs pavilion at 6:00 p.m. Be there, and see you next summer!

Sandy O'Brien Strong

## Nominations for 2017 Whippoorwill Award

If you would like to nominate a member of the LRA for the 2017 Whippoorwill Award please go to the Events heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Whippoorwill Award. Read the information page, fill out the nomination form and send to: Carol Raeber, 760 N. Island Drive, Atlanta, GA 30327 or to craeber42@gmail.com.

Deadline is August 1, 2017.

## Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Friends and Neighbors,

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support you have shown our department throughout the last year. In 2016 our department ran over 150 calls for service. During the year we responded to medical problems, fire alarms, structure fires, boating accidents, and during the month of November our volunteers spent nearly three weeks assisting in the battle of wildfires that burned over 25,000 acres of Rabun County. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for the members of the Lake Rabun Association who have donated money, food, support, and kindness during the efforts to control the wildfires and sustained us during the 2016 year.

As the 2017 lake season begins and we approach the Memorial Day kick off, the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department would like to remind you of a few basic items to keep your homes safe and assist our department in responding to your emergencies.

- ★ Please ensure you have 911 numbers and they are displayed on your residence in a highly visible area from the driveway (usually within 50 feet). The view of the numbers should not be blocked by trees and shrubs.
- ★ All residences located on a driveway longer than 50 feet should have similar 911 numbers displayed at the end of the driveway and on the residence. Numbers placed on a sign or post at the entrance to the right-of-way or shared driveway aid emergency responders in rapidly locating your driveway from main roads.
- ★ 911 numbers and road addresses associated with your residence should be clearly displayed on boathouses. Signs that identify your boathouse with the address you will report to 911, when phoning an emergency, significantly improves our efficiency in locating your address when responding from the waterfront.
- ★ Please ensure your homes have working smoke alarms installed and batteries are changed with the start of the season.
- ★ Clear needles, leaves and other debris from the roof, gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This reduces the chances of embers igniting your home in a wildfire situation.
- ★ Remove flammable items within 30 feet of all structures including firewood piles, portable propane tanks, boat gas, and dry and dead vegetation.
- ★ Be cautious with storage under decks or porches and mulch around your residence; items that may be exposed to a wildfire can easily catch your residence on fire. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck, or porch.
- ★ Fire can spread to tree tops. If you have tall trees on your property, prune low hanging branches 6 to 10 feet from the ground and for smaller trees, prune low hanging branches no more than a third of the tree's height. Remove tall grasses, vines, and shrubs from under trees.
- ★ Talk to your neighbors and create a plan for how to address your wildfire safety challenges together. The installation of a standpipe can significantly impact the ability to rapidly fight a fire.

We look forward to a great 2017 with many wonderful times ahead. We ask that each family look for ways to embrace safe boating and fire safe behaviors this season. We are eternally grateful for the support we have received from the Lake Rabun Association and continue to thrive because of your generosity. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

John Murray and Bonnie Flick

## Pavilion Updates

The Pavilion continues to enjoy expanded usage by both LRA and the community as a whole. Under the management of Jan Timms and Nancy Gribble, 2016 saw many changes to the Pavilion. The path from the upper parking lot was widened to allow for better access by vendors and those needing handicap access. New landscaping on the lower level along the creek was added to enhance the beauty of the Pavilion. The creek area was also cleared of overgrowth. The mosquito problem was addressed and pest control service is now provided on a regular basis.

2016 non-LRA rentals were up and available dates for 2017 are dwindling. There are several 2018 dates already reserved and calls are coming in daily for rental information. Word is getting out about our wonderful facility. For further information, please review the Pavilion section on the website, "lakerabun.org" or contact Jan or Nancy at "lrapavilion.com" or by phone at 706-782-6110.

Rick Asbill and Kirk Knous, Pavilion Co-Chairs

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**JULY 2ND AT DARK**  
**THE LRA PRESENTS:**  
**THE SPECTACULAR, ONE AND ONLY:**  
**LAKE RABUN FIREWORKS SHOW**

**"MAKE NO WAVES"**  
**ENJOY THE SHOW • LEAVING:**  
**FOLLOW DNR BOAT • @NO-WAKE**  
**SPEED • FIREBOAT BRINGS UP THE**  
**REAR**

THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BOATER SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE LAKE RABUN ASSOCIATION. PLEASE STAY SAFE!!!

Design by K. A. Hamdy-Swink

## LRA Welcome Committee

An LRA Welcome Committee has been formed to provide new members with information concerning LRA social events, boater safety and rules on the lake, protecting and improving our lake environment, learning and experiencing through our Lakemont University programs, and supporting our Foundation through various fundraisers, as well as to introduce them to neighbors and others on the lake.

If you have recently joined the LRA, please plan to attend our Memorial Day General Meeting on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about our organization, pick up LRA directories, maps and discs, and meet other lake friends.

Chris & Deborah Dunn, Pam Euteneuer, Dick Newkirk

## Lake Rabun Association

### Boating Safety TOP 10 LIST!

1. **Lights on bow and stern** – It's great to be seen on the lake after dusk.
2. **Coast Guard approved life jackets** on board for each passenger – swimmyies for the little ones **DO NOT COUNT**.
3. A valid and operable **fire extinguisher** is required.
4. Have a **secondary source of light** on board such as glow sticks or a flashlight.
5. Make sure your **registration is current**.
6. Keep your **battery terminals clean and tight**.
7. Remember the **100 Foot Rule** – Keep 100 feet from any fixed standing structure – boathouse, dock etc.
8. **Do not tow tubes in and out of Hall's**. Make sure all tubes and riders are on board as you enter.
9. **Do not allow small children to ride in the bow of the boat** (not a law, just safer).
10. **No skiing, wake boarding, tubing or jet skiing after sunset**.

## Boater Safety Class

(Children ages 12 to 15 are required to take and pass the class to operate watercraft).

**Date:** Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

**Location:** Pavilion

**Lunch:** Catered by Louie's

**Who is teaching:** DNR Instructors

**Who is invited:** All Lake Rabun boat drivers and all future boat drivers

**What to bring:** Social Security Number



**New this year –**

## CPR Class and AED training

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Pavilion



Lake Rabun Association

## Calendar of Events 2017

Saturday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	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 28 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CPR and AED Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	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 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Market at Lake Rabun at the Pavilion
Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at The Big Basin (10:30 a.m.) Annual Pass in Review at the Clayton First UMC Boathouse (opens at 10:00 a.m.) Fireworks on the lake - dusk
Monday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion featuring The Swingin' Medallions! (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Dinner & Band party at the Pavilion featuring down home cooking by Chattooga Belle Farm and the cool sounds of The Atlanta Rhythm & Groove (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Friday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	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).



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