

Newsletter of the
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.
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SPRING / SUMMER 2019

waves

Photo by Anne Pledger

President's Message: *Let's Be Safe and Make Memories Together!*

Dear LRA members and neighbors,

Well, spring has sprung and we are embarking on another wonderful season on Lake Rabun. It is our 30th year and we are very blessed to be surrounded by this beautiful environment and share it with our good friends.

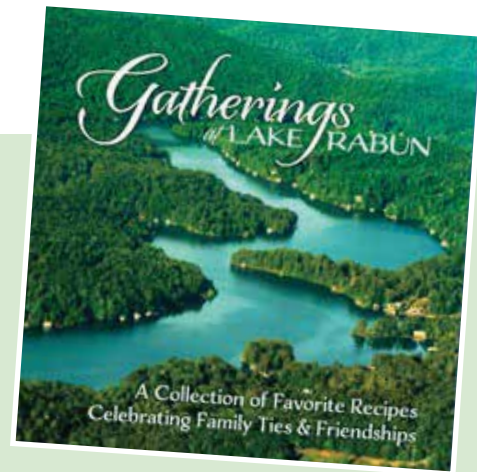
I would like to emphasize the need for renewed and continued diligence toward boater safety – people can die and property can be significantly damaged if we do not continue to be responsible and considerate while operating our boats. It is each owner's moral and legal responsibility to ensure that their boats are operated in a safe manner. Being in a hurry or taking undue risks while in a boat on the water are not good ideas. Attending the Boater Safety classes and reading the Boater Safety manual are very good ideas.

I would also like to encourage all members to volunteer to help at one or more of our 25 events. We need your help and could not continue to offer the number and variety of events we do without volunteer help. I, along with many others, have developed most of my good friendships around the lake through some kind of volunteer effort. Many of us share fond memories of one or more experiences, while helping a good cause, where others enjoyed themselves. Many make these "whole family events" and take pride in what they have mutually accomplished.

Your officers have listened to your concerns about the new extended lake drawdown schedule and the increased wake-caused erosion and structural damage. Various groups of us have met with Georgia Power (drawdown) and the Department of Natural Resources (wake issue) and will continue to do so. We have no positive results to report to date but are continuing to discuss these issues with a number of responsible individuals within these organizations. We will keep you posted as discussions evolve. As always, please be considerate and a good neighbor while on the water and emphasize this behavior with your family and friends.

Meanwhile, review all that is available for you as outlined here and elsewhere and take advantage of this wonderful place and community.

Ruddy Deas, President



Please introduce us to your media acquaintances!

*We need to submit a newsworthy story about **Gatherings at Lake Rabun** to the right folks, especially in major southern markets such as Atlanta. Do you have media acquaintances who can help the Lake Rabun Association get the word out? **Please help us.** We'll be happy to send a press release and review copy of the book. Contact Mary Boland or Anita Pittman for more information. Thank you!*



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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Hemlock Report



Do you have hemlocks on your property? How about in your cove? Or on your neighbor's property? If so, and they have not been treated, they are most likely infested with Woolly Adelgids, like you see in this picture. Spring is the best time to confirm this because this is the season when the white egg sacs are most visible.

The LRA has made it easy for you to save your hemlocks. I have the LRA soil injector to lend out. There are several trained facilitators on the lake to help you treat your hemlocks (me, Bob Pledger, Pat Hickey, Al Battle, and several others). And it's free – except for the cost of the chemical, which I keep on hand. Please check and call if you find egg sacs.

If you would like to join in the fight to save these beautiful trees, please go to savegeorgiashemlocks.org. There are many treatment projects scheduled for this year (click on "Schedule of Events") and we need volunteers. Or you may want to take the training course to become a facilitator.

Thanks,
Buz Stone
404-626-1746



Photo by Helen McSwain

Wooden Boat Parade Annual "Pass in Review"

The parade can be viewed from the boat church boathouse starting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 7.

As usual the doors of the boathouse will open at 10:00 a.m. to allow people to get seated for viewing. The Annual Pass in Review will be led by our own Alan Price.

The parade starts at the Big Basin this year, passes abeam on the far shore to the dam and continues back around Witham Point and then passes the boat church boathouse around 11:00 - 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome so spread the word, and come join the fun as we celebrate 104 years of tradition for Lake Rabun's 39th annual wooden boat parade!



LAKE RABUN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED...

Member FOR THE DAY.

We want to be your private club at the lake. Please accept our invitation to experience membership for a day Saturday, May 4. Enjoy access to our championship golf course (cart fee only) and Branchwater Grill. Tee times must be made in advance by calling (706) 754-3156.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

ORCHARDGOLFCLUB.COM

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You're Invited to Gather on Saturday June 15th at 5:30 p.m. for

Local on the Lake

A Cocktail Party & Auction Fundraiser

to benefit the Lake Rabun Fund at North Georgia Community Foundation

Cocktails & Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres

Local bourbon tastings | Local wines

Local Farm2Cocktail libations from Fortify's celebrated bartender Carlton Chamblin

Local fare from our Local *Gatherings at Lake Rabun* cookbook

Local catering from Lake Rabun's newest resident caterer Lee Epting

Local décor and Local inspirations from Local gardens

Live Auction

Locally curated specialty art creations | Locally loved treasures

Local and far getaway packages | Local dining & exploring experiences

Tickets go on sale soon – watch for an LRA email announcement!

Local Volunteers – Please contact Sandy Strong | sandyobrien1@mac.com | 917-903-8961

Local Auction Donations – Please contact Andrea Altholz | aaaltholz@yahoo.com | 404-229-1531

Local Sponsors – Please use the form below or contact Anita Pittman | anita.pittman@cpa.com | 404-444-1728

Name as You Wish It to Appear: _____

Email Address & Phone #: _____

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Please make checks payable to NGCF and note Lake Rabun Fund in the memo section

Mail to: Lake Rabun Association, Inc. CFO, PO Box 490, Lakemont, GA 30552-0009

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Lake Rabun Foundation News

Foundation Focus

We mourn the passing of Larry Prince who was a trustee of the foundation and a generous supporter. Larry was a board member of some of Atlanta's largest corporations and most respected foundations. He took the time to lend his wisdom and insight to the development of the Lake Rabun Foundation.

Thanks to Nan Troutman for leading the reorganization of the Scholarship Connections Program. With Nan's energy and leadership, the program has encouraged much greater levels of communication with our scholarship students. Due to business obligations Nan is stepping down from this role.

I am pleased that Laura Rhodes has agreed to take the reins of the Scholarship Connections program. Laura has served as an officer of the LRA for the past five years. She and Greg have worked with two of our scholarship students in the Connections program, so she is very familiar with the program. Laura will also become a permanent member of the Scholarship Committee.

Foundation Board member, Dick Newkirk, will be publishing periodic news and updates about the Lake Rabun Foundation. This is an effort to help LRA members become more familiar with the mission of the foundation and its work in the community on behalf of LRA members.

Lake Rabun Scholarships Increased to \$10,000

Beginning with the 2019 class, each LRA scholarship recipient will be eligible to receive \$2500 each year for 4 years of college. This is possible thanks to the generosity of LRA members in supporting the annual fund, various fundraising events, and the sale of cookbooks and merchandise. We hope to assist approximately 40 Rabun students each year.

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of the Lake Rabun Foundation's annual budget. Your gift to the Annual Fund sends a clear message that you support the mission of the Foundation to provide scholarship assistance and charitable grants throughout Rabun County.

Remittance envelopes are enclosed. Also, if you are 70½ or older, you might consider making a charitable contribution from your IRA. This allows you to meet your annual RMD without adding to taxable income.

Planned Gifts



A growing number of LRA members have included the Lake Rabun Foundation in their estate planning. There are a variety of ways this can be structured. Planned gifts will provide for the viability of the Lake Rabun Foundation for future years. Please contact Greg Rhodes for information.

Lake Rabun College Scholarship Connection Program

I am honored to be replacing Nan Troutman as Connections Chair as she is stepping down to focus on the increasing demands for her private tutoring practice. The Connections Program was established a few years ago as a means for a Lake Rabun individual or family to create a support system and mentoring opportunity for our scholarship students during their academic journey. It's a way for the student to have a cheerleader and friend to boost their confidence, rather than coming from a parent or former teacher. More importantly, it's an attempt to establish a relationship with each other so that our students don't see this scholarship as just a mere check sent to their college. In addition, we try to match the students and their proposed major, career interest, hobbies, personality or needs with someone on the lake with a similar background or experience. I've recently touched base with our Connection families to see how our program is working and here are some responses:

“ I do love seeing the students involved in Lake events! Being a Connection person, it's a wonderful experience that I would recommend to others.

She is a delight, in her first year at UGA, and working hard. She and I email sporadically and have met in Clayton for lunch, which was very enjoyable, and we'll do that again when she is out of school for the summer. All in all, I think the LRA mentoring program is great not only for the students, but for us as well!

I would consider us good friends – we share common interests and I make the time and effort in getting to know him and spend time with him.

I keep in touch with her via Instagram, email, and text. We communicate about every two months and I enjoy hearing about her time at UGA, internships, and summer jobs. We meet in person in Clayton or Lakemont for coffee or lunch to catch up when she's out of school.

We exchange emails with her every few months and meet her for lunch about once a quarter. We've enjoyed getting to know her. She's very self-directed and doesn't need much from us to stay on track.

It has been a very positive experience for me. Having only one son, I missed the experience of having a daughter. Because of my student, I have a snippet of that experience and it has been meaningful to me. ”

We will be awarding 10 new scholarships this Spring and I will be working hard to match them appropriately with our lake members. If you would like to be involved with the Connections Program, please contact me at rhodeslaura@bellsouth.net or 404-202-1803.

Laura Rhodes

Our Scholarship Students Are Getting the Message

“We want you to GRADUATE from college – not just attend college.” That is why we pair them up with an LRA Connection and it is why we tell them to call us when a problem arises.

Recently, I went back to review the records from 2012 to 2019 which is the period I have been working with our scholarship students. What I found is amazing. We have had scholarship students that have graduated and gone to work in finance, accounting, education, theater, nursing, psychology, business, hospital administration, mechanical engineering, athletic training, forestry management, graphic design, music, computer science, physics, aerospace engineering, etc. These are amazing young people with “grit” that has carried them through the challenges they have faced.

We have awarded 72 college scholarships since 2012. Four students did not use any or all of their LRA scholarship money because they had enough other financial aid. Five students used one semester or less of LRA scholarship money and dropped out of school. We learned from each of those experiences and truthfully, two of them were high risks and we don’t regret giving them a chance. The rest hung in there. Some have graduated early and others have taken internships and then gone back to finish. A few delayed part of their scholarship due to “life situations” and then returned to college. A few have added a second major so they have more choices when they graduate. We are so fortunate that we have the flexibility to listen and tailor our scholarships so that we have college graduates – not just college students. Megan Martin and the North Georgia Community Foundation play a large part in giving us the flexibility to meet needs.

Listen to the voices of these upper classmen and one graduate and you will know the difference your support of the Lake Rabun Foundation has made.

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, Kirk & Kathy Knous, Joe Hamilton and Leckie Stack.

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

Nominations should be received by May 12, 2019.

• **Kristen Woodall** – “Even though I have a plan, this year has been such a season of change and growth for me, so I’m just trusting that God has a plan for my life after college. He has brought me so many amazing opportunities thus far.” Kristen is majoring in psychology at UNG and has just added accounting as a second major.

• **Eli Gipson** – “I’m enjoying turf management and all my classes have been going good! I got a job at the UGA golf course in June ... I love working here and I have met a lot of good contacts for the future in this business. It’s hard for me to believe that I’m almost a senior, it’s all been going by too fast!”

• **Parker Moore** – “I’m still working on my double major of Marketing/Logistics and right now I’m on pace to graduate a semester early (Fall 2020).”

• **Bradley Pruitt** – “I am a rising senior (UGA) and I am majoring in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at the Warnell School of Forestry and I either plan to work with fire ecology, resource management, or urban forestry.”

• **Logan Black** – “I am doing well and, yes, I am currently a Junior. I’m still majoring in Information Security and should be done within a year or so.”

• **Elizabeth Sprinkle** graduates this May– “Next school year I’m planning on interning with the UGA Wesley Foundation, which is the campus ministry I’ve been involved with since my sophomore year. I’m very excited because it’ll allow me to invest in the ministry that has invested in me for the past few years and I’ll get to use accounting in a ministry way, which I think will be really fun and challenging at the same time.”

• **Peyton Backer** is at Georgia Southern – “I’m still playing football and was able to see some playing time throughout the season and the bowl game. It was such an enjoyable season and I was so grateful that I was able to play and contribute to my team’s success. I’m also ahead in classes so I’m currently a junior I recently switched my major to finance.”

• **Robert Dills** – “I graduated (from ABAC) and I ended up getting a job back here with the Department of Natural Resources! I am the area manager at Buck Shoals Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in White County. It is solely focused on youth hunting and fishing opportunities and getting kids outdoors and around nature. I also help on Warwoman, Swallow Creek, and Chattahoochee WMAs. I love my job and I am doing well. I am living back in Rabun.”

Anne Pledger
Chairperson, LRA Scholarship Committee

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LRA Welcome Committee

The LRA Welcome Committee provides new members with information concerning LRA social events, boater safety and rules on the lake, protection of our lake environment, Lakemont University programs, and our Foundation and 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 26 at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about our organization, pick up LRA directories, maps, and boathouse discs, and meet other lake friends.

Chris & Deborah Dunn,
Pam Euteneuer, Dick Newkirk

PAVILION UPDATES

LRA's most recent newsletter contained a detailed article about the Pavilion History that we encourage you to review it on our website, lakerabun.org. As a further update, 2019 will also be a very active year for us. LRA has reserved 10 dates that you will find on its calendar. In addition, we have 21 dates reserved for non-LRA events (one of which will be a ticketed event featuring an Eagles cover band), demonstrating that the extensive use of the Pavilion enables it to operate on a positive cash flow basis without need for seeking further donations.

Jan Timms and Nancy Gribble continue to manage the operation and maintenance of the Pavilion, and Jan is scheduling having the downstairs doors stained or painted since the sun and weather produce so much wear and tear. She also will manage the landscape and mosquitoes and is available to answer questions you may have, or to provide help with reservations. You may contact Jan at 706-782-6110 or by email at barninnjan@windstream.net.

Rick Asbill, Co-Chair, Finance
Kirk Knous, Co-Chair, Operations

LU Summer Schedule

Great news! Lakemont University will kick off the summer semester with one of its most requested classes: **Clogging 103 – Introduction to Authentic Mountain Dancing.**

Professors Connie and Tommy Thompson will lead this evening of mountain music and dance, starting at 8:30, on Saturday, June 8th, (following Bingo) at the Pavilion. If you never experienced Mountain City in the 1960s, here is your chance!

And if you feel you need extra credit, Connie recommends nailing or gluing taps on an old pair of loafers or tennis shoes. These are available from: <https://stevensclogging.biz/buck-taps/>.

Bring your family, friends, neighbors, beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks, and join us for a very unique evening on Lake Rabun. Other LU classes for July and August will be announced soon!

New LRA Website

As discussed over the past year, the LRA has seen a need to update our current website. We have become more reliant on the site as a portal for meeting the needs of our members, fundraising activities, sharing information and executing transactions for our many events. This winter we engaged a web-site developer to create a robust site that not only meets these needs but also reflects the spirit of our wonderful community. We look to have the new site up and running by Memorial Day weekend. Watch for the rollout of the new site and let us know what you think!

Over a decade ago, Veanne and Tim Smith developed our current website. They dedicated many hours to maintaining and adapting the site to meet our ever changing needs. We would like to thank them for all that they have done for the betterment of our community!

John Williams

Lake Rabun Association

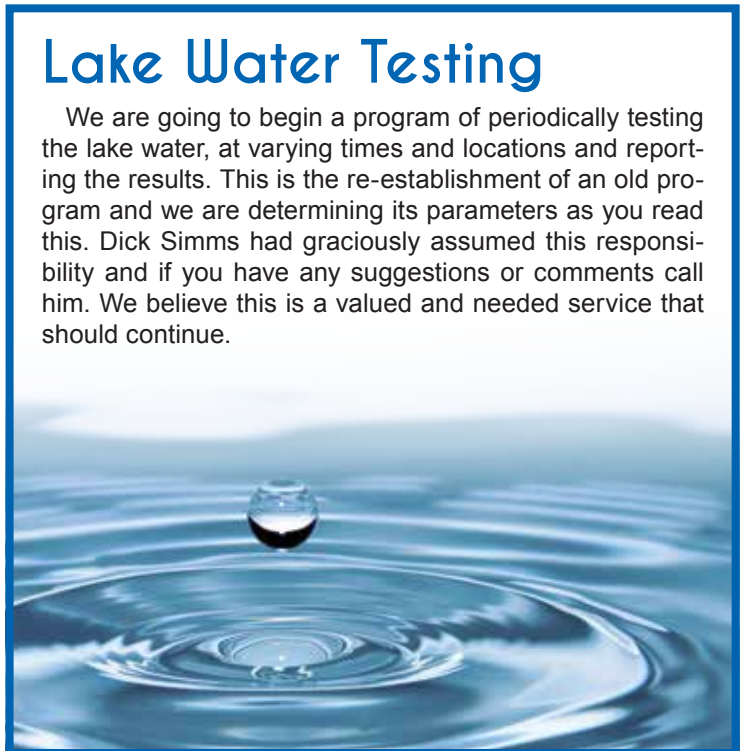
2019-2020 Membership Directory

Lake Rabun Association Membership Directories will be available for pickup at the Memorial Day Meeting, Sunday, May 26.

Please make plans to pick up your Directories at the meeting. To save the LRA unnecessary postage, please pick up and deliver Directories for any of your neighbors who are absent.

Lake Water Testing

We are going to begin a program of periodically testing the lake water, at varying times and locations and reporting the results. This is the re-establishment of an old program and we are determining its parameters as you read this. Dick Simms had graciously assumed this responsibility and if you have any suggestions or comments call him. We believe this is a valued and needed service that should continue.



Gatherings AT LAKE RABUN

There's simply no place like Lake Rabun! Those of us fortunate enough to enjoy this special place can share this slice of heaven with others by sharing the LRA's new cookbook, **Gatherings at Lake Rabun**.

Although time has brought many changes to the Lake Rabun community over the past century, the desire to gather with friends and family in this idyllic place has not changed. Families and friends gather on docks and in boathouses, in cozy cabins, large great rooms and kitchens of all sizes. They set out on sunset boat cruises. They swim, ski, wakeboard, paddleboard, canoe, kayak, tell stories, play games and always eat well. Enjoying delicious food and beverages is a tradition that continues as old favorite recipes are cherished and new ones are welcomed.

Gatherings at Lake Rabun is an overall tribute to what life at Lake Rabun is all about, offering an impressive collection of more than 350 favorite recipes from our special community "celebrating family ties and friendships." Beautifully Illustrated, **Gatherings at Lake Rabun** features straightforward and uncomplicated recipes in every category to guide you in creating delicious, stress free and fun offerings.

It's the season for outdoor gatherings! Not only do we fire up the grill to cook outdoors, the first appearance of asparagus, strawberries, firm, ripe tomatoes, Silver Queen corn, fragrant basil, and juicy peaches at the farmer's markets makes us want to make the most of locally-grown fruits, vegetables and herbs. Need ideas? You'll find plenty of tried and true recipes throughout the pages of our cookbook. As Betty and Rob King's granddaughter says about the peaches and heirloom tomato salad found on page 65, "this tastes like the lake!"

Even if you don't like to cook, you'll enjoy the beautiful color photography, useful sidebars and delightful anecdotes. Please share **Gatherings at Lake Rabun** with others. It's easy and convenient to order copies online from the Lake Rabun Association (www.lakerabun.org) and have them mailed.

Remember, this is a win-win for everyone. All profits earned from the sale of this publication go to the Lake Rabun Fund of the North Georgia Community Foundation to address charitable, educational and community needs.

Mary Boland
Editor

Nominations for 2019 Whippoorwill Award

If you would like to nominate a member of the LRA for the 2019 Whippoorwill Award please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Whippoorwill Award. Read the information page, fill out the nomination form and send to:

Carol Raeber
P.O. Box 218
Lakemont, GA 30552

Deadline is August 1, 2019.

Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop

Are you someone who likes to keep a vase of fresh flowers in your home and considers them a sign of hospitality? Are you someone who wants to learn more about arranging and keeping flowers fresh? If so, you will be interested in this upcoming event. LRA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop, Sunday, May 26, 12 to 1:30 p.m., following the Memorial Day General Membership Meeting, in the basement of the Pavilion.

Local flower experts will present various styles of flower arranging and conditioning recommendations, and at the end, participants will create arrangements to take home for the Memorial Day weekend.

Bring your own plant material (hothouse, wild or garden flowers, plus branches or whatever is interesting or appealing to you), snippers, a container, and your thoughts and creativity. We will provide everything else.

Space is limited to 30 participants and sign up is on a first come, first served basis. So, call a friend or relative and join us for some fun and inspiration. Contact Judy Cathey (804-832-3412 or texanjudy@gmail.com) to sign up or for additional information.



A. C. T. NOW to save a life!

Greeting Friends and Neighbors,

Did you know that in one year alone, 370,000 Americans die from a cardiac arrest? That's 1000 people per day or one person every two minutes. A cardiac arrest happens when a victim's heart stops beating and they stop breathing. It's a problem that globally claims more lives than colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, influenza, pneumonia, auto accidents, HIV, firearms, and house fires combined.

In the last year our organization, along with the Lake Rabun Association, began a campaign to make the lake safer through CPR training and group AED purchase; however, we need your help as residents. Did you know that CPR, especially if administered immediately after cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival? There are only two things ever proven to increase survival of cardiac arrest: chest compressions and an electrical shock delivered to the heart which must be done within minutes of a cardiac arrest.

You can easily perform both life-saving interventions. In the event you witness a cardiac arrest this season on the lake we ask you to remember the acronym **A.C.T.**

- Assess – Is the person responsive?
- Call – Call 911
- Treat – Start chest compressions and use an AED, if available.

Chest compressions consist of placing the palm of your hand on the center of the chest and pressing hard and fast. Two compressions per second is the goal, and the song "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor has the perfect beat to simulate this rate of 120 beats per minute.

Key things to remember are mouth to mouth ventilation is not needed because there is enough oxygen left in the lungs, and for every 60 seconds without compressions there is a 10% increased chance of not surviving. You can't do it wrong, any attempt is better than no attempt, and you cannot make the situation worse. If you see an adult or teen that has collapsed, you must ACT Now. We will be offering additional CPR and AED training during the summer season. For further information and demonstration videos on A.C.T. and hands-only CPR visit www.nghs.com/actnow.

*John Murray, Captain
Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department*

Spring 2019 Boater Safety Class

This class will cover a wide range of boating safety topics that are required by the state of Georgia as well as many lake safety topics that are particular to Lake Rabun. Help keep your family friends and neighbors safe this boating season. Become a CERTIFIED LAKE RABUN SAFETY BOATING CAPTAIN!



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

Date: Saturday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pavilion Lower Level

Who is teaching: DNR Instructors

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

What to bring: Social Security Number

SAVE A LIFE! CPR/AED CLASS

Where: Pavilion Lower Level

When: Saturday, June 22, 9:00-11:00am

Instructor: Trampes Stancil/Rabun County EMS Captain

Boat Safety TOP 10 LIST!

1. Wake boats, Surf boats, and Ski boats: Empty BALLAST TANKS when not towing riders.
2. ALL BOATS: Be mindful of LARGE WAKES and the IMPACT on OTHER BOATERS as well as DOCKS, BOATHOUSES and SHORELINE.
3. 100 foot rule. Boaters must stay 100 feet from any fixed or standing structure while underway. There is an example of 100 feet measured out at Halls across from the gas boat slips. There are yellow signs that mark 0 and 100 feet. DNR wrote numerous citations in 2018 for this violation.
4. RULES OF THE ROAD APPLY TO THE LAKE: STAY TO THE RIGHT WHILE UNDER WAY. IT'S THE LAW and makes the lake safer.....It's just good safe boating!
5. Navigation Lights on BEFORE DUSK. Red/Green on front/Bow and White light on the back/Stern. ALWAYS HAVE A SECONDARY EMERGENCY LIGHT ON BOARD.
6. All boats should have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET for each person on board. Children 12 years of age and under must wear a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET WHILE THE BOAT IS UNDER WAY. (Swimmies for the little ones do not count unless it has a TAG THAT STATES COAST GUARD APPROVED.)
7. DO NOT ALLOW SMALL CHILDREN TO RIDE IN THE BOW OF A BOAT. This is not a LAW but it is VERY DANGEROUS. Children can bounce right out of the boat while encountering waves.
8. NO SKIING, TUBING, WAKEBOARDING or RIDING PWC's after SUNSET. It is the law.
9. A valid, operable FIRE EXTINGUISHER should be on board every boat.
10. Each person on a PADDLE BOARD, KAYAK or CANOE must have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET with them while paddling. (You don't have to wear it, just have it with you.)

Rabun Ramble 2019

Top 10 Reasons to Run the Rabun Ramble:

10. It's the 13th annual running and you know someone who has run it. Have you?
9. Runners (and walkers) range from age 4 to 80-ish so no, you're really not too old.
8. If you're thinking you're out of shape, almost 1/3 of the runners are WALKERS so that excuse doesn't work either.
7. Professional computer timed results are quick with this official marathon qualifying race.
6. Cool winding Lake Rabun road or hot pavement on Peachtree Street...now, really?
5. It's only \$30 if you sign up early, or \$35 on the day of the race for procrastinators.
4. You can even sign up online...or you can print your application from our www.rabunramble.com website. No excuse there.
3. The proceeds go to our own LRF that funds college scholarships and community outreach in Rabun County. Now that's a great reason to run.
2. Free snacks and water from a few of our many wonderful sponsors.
1. It's all about the tee shirt!

Race is Saturday, July 6 at 7:30 a.m. Contact Sandy Strong with any questions or if you'd like to sponsor: sandyobrien1@mac.com or 917-903-8961.

Whippoorsnapper Award

The first ever Whippoorsnapper was awarded in 2018. The Award is to recognize and encourage the contributions and volunteer efforts of our younger members.

Fashioned after the Whippoorwill Award, which recognizes long term volunteer service, the Whippoorsnapper Award gives credit to the next generation who are starting their volunteer careers 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 Whippoorwill). 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 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

The Whippoorsnapper Award will be announced at Labor Day meetings. Nominations will be taken from the lake community in the same fashion that the Whippoorwill Award is chosen. This may or may not be an annual award. Please send nominations and a list of qualifying criteria, no later than July 31, 2019, to: Mike Swink at liftntote@bellsouth.net or mail to P.O. Box 157, Lakemont, GA 30552. Forms are available at www.lakerabun.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH AT DARK
THE LRA PRESENTS:
THE SPECTACULAR ONE AND ONLY:
LAKE RABUN FIREWORKS SHOW



"MAKE NO WAVES"
ENJOY THE SHOW • LEAVING:
FOLLOW BOATS WITH YELLOW
FLASHING LIGHTS AND DO NOT
PASS THEM • FIREBOAT BRINGS
UP THE REAR

This important message brought to you by the Boater Safety Committee of the Lake Rabun Association.
 Please Stay Safe!!!

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Photo by Cherry Kinnunen

2019 Summer Season

The winter monsoons are past (hopefully), the wild cherries and daffodils have bloomed, the redbuds are budding, the Eastern Bluebirds have returned to nest, and, yes, the yellow pollen is covering Lake Rabun. Spring has come to Lake Rabun and our summer season of membership events is about to begin. Your LRA continues to offer all of the traditional events and one new event. There are plenty of opportunities for all generations of your family to enjoy, including meeting new friends as you volunteer to help support these activities.

MAY

The LRA summer season officially begins with the Saturday Memorial Day Party on May 25 with a new band, Sweetwater Junction, providing a wide range of party music. Bring your family and reunite with your many Lake Rabun friends. There is no dinner served, so come at seven and dance until eleven. No ticket purchase is required.

Sunday morning, May 26, we will have our first General Membership Meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come early to see our new LRA merchandise. Be sure to pick up your new LRA Directory.

Join Judy Cathey and friends for the 2nd Annual Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

JUNE

Hone your boating safety skills on Saturday, June 8 at a free Boater Safety Class held at 9 a.m. in the lower level of the Pavilion. Anyone born after 01/01/1998 must take this class to operate a PWC and Boat. We also recommend that all new home and boat owners take this course.

Later on June 8 there will be Bingo at 7:00 p.m., followed by Lakemont University at 8:30, both on the upper level of the Pavilion. John King has arranged this special LU on Authentic Mountain Dancing.

If you want to get wet and dirty and have a great time doing it, participate in our first Lake Cleanup Day on Friday, June 14, at 9 a.m. at Hall's. Plus, you get a free BBQ lunch and tee shirt.

On Saturday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pavilion, join us for **Local on the Lake – A Cocktail Party/Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres and Auction Fundraiser**,

featuring local bourbon and wine, local catering, local decor and more! See page 3 for a sponsor form and additional details.



Photo by Cherry Kinnunen

On Saturday, June 22, at 9:00 a.m. we will continue to offer CPR and AED training given by the Rabun County EMS. If you have never had this training, it is a must. Statistics show that in areas where more people have the CPR and AED training, recovery rates from cardiac arrest go up significantly.

JULY



Photo by Charlie Pledger

July is our big month. If you can't have fun at Lake Rabun during July, we cannot help you! We start out with the Fourth of July weekend. On Friday, July 5, the LRA Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf and Country Club kicks off the weekend. Then that night, July 5 at dusk, we have the greatest fireworks display in northeast Georgia. So, come in your boat to the basin in front of the earthen dam. Remember, all boats will be led out of the basin and up the lake at IDLE SPEED to ensure a safe ride home for all.

Saturday morning, July 6 at 7:30 a.m. starting at the Pavilion, all you highly

energetic folks can participate in the 13th Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race 5K, and for the really energetic folks, the 10K. This is a great intergenerational event, so bring your family out and get that blood moving.

Once you rest up from participating in the Rabun Ramble, you can come to the annual BBQ and Bluegrass at the Pavilion, Saturday, July 6. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. with BBQ from Twin Smokers and the music of our own Rabun County Foxfire Boys starts at 7:00 p.m. and goes until the clogging and buck dancing stops. Tickets for dinner will be sold prior to the party.

Sunday after Boat Church, you can watch one of the best collections of classic wooden boats in parade starting at 10.30 a.m. in the Big Basin. A great viewing spot is the boat church boathouse.

We then give you a weekend off to relax and recover before the second sessions of Lakemont University and Bingo are held on Saturday, July 20, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively.

It is now time to shag, with our annual Beach Party featuring a Willy's Mexican Dinner and a "double shot" of the timeless music and plaid madras pants of the Swinging Medallions. So, dig out your madras shirts and shorts and join us Saturday, July 27 at 6 p.m. for dinner and 7-11 for the music. Food tickets will be sold prior to the party.

AUGUST

During August, rest up and enjoy the lake before school starts. On Saturday, August 10, there will be the last 2019 sessions of Lakemont University and Bingo at the Pavilion starting 5:00 p.m. for LU and 7:00 p.m. for Bingo.

SEPTEMBER

On Sunday September 1, at 10:00 a.m., we will have our second 2019 General Membership meeting on the Upper Level of the Pavilion. Come early to enjoy light breakfast snacks, coffee and water; and peruse the Lake Rabun merchandise and other informational booths.

That night we will have our last dance party of the season with music provided by the returning Atlanta Rhythm &

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2019 Summer Season cont.

Groove. The music starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.

Friday, September 13, we have our second and last lake clean-up day starting at 9:00 a.m. at Hall's.

And that, folks, ends the LRA's 2019 summer season. See you Memorial Day 2020.

NOVEMBER

On Friday November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, join us for the annual Pigeon Mountain Hike at 1:30 p.m., and the Day After Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen Ella Springs starting at 6:00 p.m.

David Tatum, LRA Vice President



Spring Lake Cleanup

HELLO, Spring!! It is time once again to pitch in and help to beautify our little slice of heaven!! We have been so successful with many volunteers in the past and are looking forward to the Lake Cleanup days of 2019!!! For those of you who are new to the Lake or have not been fortunate enough to be involved in one of our fun Lake Cleanup days, here's the scoop:

WHEN?? Friday, June 14

WHERE?? We will meet at Hall's around 9:00 a.m. and spread out to gather debris!! Don't forget the following:

- SUNBLOCK
- SUNGLASSES
- GLOVES
- SMILES

Please shoot me an email or text if you will be able to attend so that we can order lunch for everyone!!

Thanks ahead of time for all your help and hard work!! We always feel like the Lake Cleanup day is the social event of the year!

Bobby and Melissa Clinkscapes
 rmclink@aol.com
 Melissa mobile 404-218-2879



MEMORIAL PLAQUES at HALL'S BOATHOUSE

To order a plaque please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Memorial Plaques. The instructions and order form are there. Keep in mind it takes 4-6 weeks to get the plaques back and installed.

Gardening at the Memorial

Rena Ann Stricker has agreed to be in charge of the garden at the Memorial. She and her family members have done everything so beautifully for many seasons. Rena Ann would like to have a co-chairman to help her. If you love to "play in the dirt," please contact Rena Ann at 404-395-6250.

Lake Rabun Store 2019



Handmade Mexican License Tags "Lake Rabun"

\$40

New for 2019!

Order these 5 items ONLY at www.lakerabun.org/Welcome/Store

- Men's Cashmere Blend Sleeveless Vest with "Burgee" Logo:\$75
 Black, Navy, Camel, and Charcoal
- Men's Columbia "Bonehead" Fishing Shirts with "Burgee" Logo:\$75
 Sage and Navy
- Greg Norman Men's Polo with "Burgee" Logo:\$60
 Solids and Stripes
- Twill "Lake Rabun" Logo Caps\$10
- Twill "Burgee" Logo Caps\$20



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 For information, email PennyPMarshall@yahoo.com

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 Lake Rabun Trading Company, and at
 Lake Rabun Association membership meetings at The Pavilion.

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Lake Rabun Association

Calendar of Events 2019

Saturday, May 25	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m.) Memorial Day Party at the Pavilion featuring the music of Sweetwater Junction (No meal served) (7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 26	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) 2nd Annual Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop at the Pavilion (Noon – 1:30 p.m.)
Saturday, June 8	Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.) Lakemont University at the Pavilion (8:30 p.m.)
Friday, June 14	LRA Lake Cleanup Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 15	Local on the Lake – A Cocktail Party/Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres and Auction Fundraiser at the Pavilion (5:30 p.m.)
Saturday, June 22	CPR and AED Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, July 5	Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf and Country Club Fireworks on the Lake (Dusk)
Saturday, July 6	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) BBQ and Bluegrass at the Pavilion – BBQ by Twin Smokers and Bluegrass by The Foxfire Boys Band (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 7	Annual Wooden Boat Parade (10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, July 20	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 27	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion featuring the Swinging Medallions (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 10	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 31	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 1	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Dinner and Band party at the Pavilion featuring the cool sounds of The Atlanta Rhythm and Groove (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Friday, September 13	LRA Lake Cleanup Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 29	Pigeon Mountain Hike (1:30 p.m.) Day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen Ella Springs (6:00 p.m.)

***Dates, times and events subject to change, so refer to www.lakerabun.org for updates.**

