



Winter 2013

Be a Member of Sanford Lake Association

There is still time to sign up and get your neighbors on board by becoming a member of the SLA. For more information please visit our website:

<http://sanfordlakeassociation.org/>

We would also like to hear your comments/concerns and how you think we are doing as association.

Please contact us:

<http://sanfordlakeassociation.org/contact-us>

Sanford Lake Association Meetings 2013



Monday, October 28, 2013 @7PM

Village of Sanford 325 W. Center Street

Sanford Lake Annual Draw Down

The Boyce Hydro Power, LLC annual winter draw down of the Sanford Lake reservoir will commence on or about December 15, 2013. The total draw down will be 3 feet below normal pond. The rate of the draw down will be a function of the amount of precipitation that is experienced in the Tittabawassee River system above the Sanford Dam. Typically the draw down is completed within 20 or 30 days, by January 15, 2013. The draw down typically remains in effect until around mid-April based upon water temperatures.

Draw Down Safety Note:

A second item is the condition of flow in the reservoir during the winter months when the drawdown is in effect. To maintain a given flow during the draw-down period, the water velocity is increased. This higher velocity inhibits the formation of a good ice layer and can lead to areas of thin ice that may not be safe to travel on, especially in the shallow areas of the lake. Take heed when electing to venture onto the lake surface during winter months.

Welcome New Members to the SLA 2013!!!!

We are so glad you have decided to join us. Please refer to page 1 of the newsletter to contact us and let us know what you would like to see from your Sanford

Lake Association. Please also make a note of our board meeting schedule and stop in to meet your board of directors and get an idea of what we are doing for you!

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HAVERCAMP, RICHARD (SR.) & JANOWICZ, PATRICIA	SPYKER, SANDRA & BRIAN
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HIBBARD, JOHN & MARYANN	STARKEY, CRYSTAL
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HOPPER, DAVID & BUCKLEW, BRENDA	SWANSON, PALMER & GAYLE
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How to Love your Lake by Ellen Peden

Take care of your ecosystem. Try to care for your lake and its watershed from the prospective that **we belong** to the ecosystem community. The process of eutrophication (or lake aging) is greatly sped up when humans enter the picture, if we are not aware and careful we tend to cause our lakes to age and "die" very quickly--in decades rather than hundreds of years. Taking responsible stewardship of the lake is essential. As the NALMS (North American Lake Management Society) claims "a frog on a lily pad cannot negotiate with a human" so it is up to us to commit to adopt some lake friendly practices that protect the plants and wildlife essential to the balance in our ecosystem. Phosphorus and nitrogen are chemicals found in our homes and yards that over stimulate aquatic plant growth and speed eutrophication. A lake is a complex

living system whose health depends on us. Remember not to poison our lake with toxic chemicals like gasoline, oil, pesticides, and herbicides (like using weed killers near the lake). According to NALMS one gallon of gasoline can contaminate as much as one million gallons of groundwater. As Aldo Leopold wrote "we abuse land (and water) because we regard it as a commodity that belongs to us. When we see land (and water) as a commodity to which **we belong** we may begin to use it with love and respect." It is easy to love Sanford Lake, can we commit to protecting its health and teaching our children the importance of these concepts? Yes. "A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature" Thoreau.

Sanford Lake Association Sponsored Events for 2013 Are Complete for the Year

\$2 and 15 Minutes Can Save Lives



Is your life worth \$2 and 15 minutes? Ice fishing can be incredibly dangerous. Falling through the ice into brutally cold water, the goal is to get out NOW or die. The frigid water can sap your strength in a matter of minutes. Can another winter tragedy be avoided? Yes!!! The answer costs \$2 and takes 15 minutes to make. It is called an ICE GRABBER and its purpose is to aid you grip and climb out onto the ice. The item pictured left is easily made for a couple dollars.

Directions: Start with two 6"long wooden dowels, 1" in diameter. Into the ends of each of these dowels screw in a small cup hook. In the dowel's other end, drive a 1 1/2" or a good sized nail into the wood, leaving 1" sticking out. Cut 6' of cord and tie each end to the cup hooks.

When going out on the ice, string this through your coat sleeves, leaving the dowels hanging. Should you fall through the ice, grab the dowels and use the pointed nail/screw ends to grab the ice and climb out to safety.

*Joe Manelis, former marine patrol sheriff
department deputy/DNR water safety instructor*

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