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President's Letter

by Noah Lottig, PhD, TLA President



Dear Tomahawk Lake Association Members,

As we welcome spring and the start of a new season on the lake, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your past support of the Tomahawk Lake Association (TLA). Your contributions have been critical in helping us achieve our goals of preserving and protecting the health of our lake.

I'm excited to share with you some of the initiatives we have planned for the coming season. We will be building on our past successes to ensure that our lake remains healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

One of our top priorities is to repeat the successful **EWM harvesting** efforts from last year. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and Aquatic Plant Management, we were able to remove over 123,000 cubic feet of EWM from the lake (40 semi-truck loads), and we will continue this critical work to preserve our lake's health, biodiversity, aesthetic value, and recreational access for our many lake users.

In some areas where EWM harvesting was not an optimal approach, we will be attempting a **trial chemical treatment** to help control the growth of EWM. Our goal is to manage the use of chemicals carefully and responsibly in the lake to reduce the impact on the ecosystem while still effectively controlling invasive species.

We will also continue to grow our **Lake Steward Initiative**, which plays a critical role in promoting responsible lake use and minimizing the impact of lakefront development. We are committed to working closely with property owners to ensure that they have the information and resources they need to make environmentally sound choices for their properties.

Finally, we will continue to support a strong **Clean Boats Clean Waters** presence at our boat landings. This program has

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DEDICATED TO TOMAHAWK LAKE

The Tomahawk Lake Association is the only resource dedicated exclusively to Tomahawk Lake. This does not mean that the issues we address necessarily are unique to our lake, but they are of high concern to those who care about the lake. Tomahawk Lake unites us as an "interest group," which gives us greater capacity to preserve and protect this beautiful lake through our combined efforts and financial resources.

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SUMMER EVENTS

TLA 2023 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m.

Connor Forestry Center

at Kemp National Resources Station,
9161 Kemp Road, on Tomahawk Lake

Continental breakfast will be available
beginning at 8:00 a.m.

More details on page 9.

Hermit Island Swim & Paddle Challenge

Saturday, July 1, 9-11:30 a.m.

SWIM, WALK, FLOAT or PADDLE your
way around Hermit Island with your kids,
neighbors, and out-of-town guests!

More details on page 9.



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President's Letter

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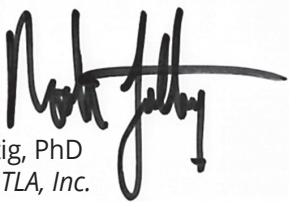
been instrumental in preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in our lake, and we will be working to expand and enhance our efforts in this area.

I also want to emphasize that your involvement and participation in the association is crucial to our success. Whether it's volunteering for a committee, attending a meeting, or simply sharing your ideas and concerns, your involvement is important to us. I encourage you to join or renew your membership today if you haven't already. Your support is critical in helping us achieve our mission of preserving and protecting the health of our lake for future generations.

Finally, I invite you to attend our annual meeting on June 17. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members, learn more about our initiatives, and get involved in the association. I hope to see you there!

Thank you for your past support of the Tomahawk Lake Association, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great season on the lake!

Sincerely,



Noah Lottig, PhD
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NEW TLA Board Member



Welcome to New Board Member - Mary DeNamur

I am lucky to have grown up in the Northwoods, living most of my life in Rhinelander, and have always loved spending time on Tomahawk Lake. We purchased our first place on the lake in 2016, and have now built our permanent home here. My husband, Steve, and I, along with our Frenchie, Frannie, have been living on the lake for 1.5 years and I pinch myself every day, I can't believe I am living on my favorite lake in the Northwoods! We have two daughters, Brianna and Olivia, who will both be completing their

master's degree programs this spring. When not hanging out on the lake, I love doing anything outdoors especially hiking, biking and paddling, and I also love to travel and read. I look forward to meeting more people on the lake and doing what I can to help keep this wonderful resource of ours healthy for future generations to enjoy!

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Board of Directors Meeting - Everyone Welcome!

Everyone is **encouraged** and **welcome** to attend any Board meeting.

June 17 - TLA Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Kemp Station - Connor Forestry Center

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following 2023 dates:

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

Please email info@tomahawklake.org the week before the meeting for location or Zoom information to participate remotely.



Making a Difference on Tomahawk Lake

The Tomahawk Lake System is a precious resource. There is ample space to pursue recreational interests, and it offers abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. The water quality is excellent. Clean water and a healthy habitat help fish, plants, and animals flourish in our lake. We enjoy the sound of birds singing, the call of the loons, the sight of the butterflies and dragonflies, the feel of the water, and the tug of a fish on the end of our fishing lines.

Ensuring future generations have the same experiences are assured if you take **simple actions to maintain your shoreland sustainability, operate your watercraft responsibly, and respect the wildlife on the lake.** Over the next five years, the

Environment and Education Committees' communication efforts will be focused on Lake Stewardship. Lake Stewardship is an attitude cultivated by understanding and is the first important step in preserving the health, beauty, and recreation use of the Tomahawk Lake System. A Lake Steward understands the balance of our lives and lifestyles with the needs of the fish and wildlife.

This newsletter includes an article on page 4 entitled **"Caring for Tomahawk Lake by Season."** Save the article and refer to it throughout the year.

In addition, our website informs and encourages you to implement sustainable shoreland practices. Go to the TLA website at www.tomahawklake.org under Lake Steward.

Interested in more information on the Lake Steward Initiative or interested in being a member of the Environment and Education Committee? Contact us by email at lakehealth@tomahawklake.org.

Environment and Education Committee

Jim Kavemeier
David Burbie
Donna Kempf
Tess Mallory
Paul Shain

Guide to Native Plants (a.k.a. Local Beings)
112 species that support clean water, wildlife habitat, and a happy soul. By Paula Goggin

NEW

Are you one of these?

- Home gardener
- Plant enthusiast
- Naturalist
- Teacher of native plants
- Waterfront property owner
- Pollinator lover
- Land or water resource manager

Check this out!

Access the Native Plant e-guide directly using this QR code, or visit healthy.lakesw.com under Best Practices "350ft2 Native Plantings."

This e-guide seeks to show and tell the story of all the gifts these native plants give us, and contains species profile pages for 112 different plants, each including these five topic areas:

- Biology notes
- Beneficial insects and other wildlife support
- Seasonal interest notes
- Common associates the plant grows with in natural communities
- Water conservation and erosion control tips

Appendices provide assorted resources to dig deeper into native plant gardening and ecological design and restoration.

Contact the author at pgoggin@uwsp.edu.

NEW Online Shoreland Native Plant Guide Available



PRESERVING THE LAKE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Caring for Tomahawk Lake by Season

Environment & Education Committee

Lake Steward – Making a Difference on Tomahawk Lake

SPRING

- **Clean up leftover salt remaining on driveways and walkways.** This will prevent the spring rains from dissolving the salt and polluting the lake.
- **Install the shoreland management practice you picked to implement this year.** For example, install a rain garden with native plants, plant native plants along the shoreline, or establish a no-mow area of 10 feet or more. Install a rock infiltration bed or divert water runoff from the lake.
- **Inspect and maintain your septic system.** Just like owning a car, there is maintenance, inspection, and service required for septic systems to prevent premature failure. In addition, septic system drainage pollutes the lake.
- **Plan to attend the TLA Annual Meeting.** The meeting will be held on June 17, 2023 at the Connor Forestry Center, Kemp Station.



SUMMER

- **Protect your natural areas.** Natural shorelands contain a lush mixture of native grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees that help to reduce and filter polluted runoff and provide essential habitats for songbirds and other animals on the land and in the water. In contrast, lawns provide habitat for geese and create much more runoff that carries pollutants into your lake.
- **Minimize chemical and fertilizer use.** Chemical and fertilizer drainage is toxic to our lake. Be sure the drainage is filtered through no-mow or native shoreline plantings.
- **Reduce insecticide and pesticide use.** Insecticides and pesticides kill bees and other pollinators and, ultimately, birds, so cease using them.
- **Operate your watercraft responsibly.** Ensure the wake you make does not cause shoreline erosion.
- **Respect the wildlife on the lake.** Enjoy the scenery and wildlife on the lake; do not chase, harass, or disturb wildlife with your watercraft.



FALL

- **Leave the leaves.** Leaves provide natural winter protection for butterflies, moths, bumble bees, and beneficial critters like beetles, millipedes, and spiders. If you have an abundance of leaves, rake them into shrubs, trees, flower, or vegetable gardens. The leaves suppress weeds and insulate the roots. Leaves blown into the lake add phosphorus, a naturally occurring element, and fertilizer, encouraging aquatic plant and algae growth. Preventing nuisance levels of plants and algae requires keeping phosphorus on the land and out of the lake.
- **Maintain your rain garden.** Fall is an excellent time to ensure that downspouts and conduits are clear of leaves for proper flow.
- **Stem the urge to clean your perennial flower beds.** You may have been taught that once perennials are done blooming in the fall, they should be cut back to the ground and flower beds cleaned up to be spic and span. However, rather than clearing away remnants of perennials, leave them standing over winter. Late-flowering plants provide seeds for birds, and hollow-stemmed plants provide homes for some bee species that hibernate in them over winter.
- **Plant a tree to help anchor the soil in place.**



WINTER

- **Reduce salt use.** A 12-ounce cup of salt (the size of a standard coffee cup) is enough to treat 20 feet of your driveway. Remember, everything on land ends up in the water, including salt used on our driveways and roads.
- **Stop winter invasive species hitchhikers.** Inspect sleds, buckets, and lures. Even when Tomahawk Lake is covered with ice, aquatic hitchhikers can be introduced to the lake.
- **Take the Lake Steward Pledge.** Take the pledge to protect the health, beauty, and recreation use of the Tomahawk Lake System, so the next generations can enjoy the lake as we do.
- **Take the Wisconsin DNR "Rate Your Shore" shoreland evaluation survey.** The survey results will provide shoreland management improvement suggestions. Then, pick one to implement this year.



"Stay The Course!"

Renew your Membership or Join the TLA

**"Stay the course.
When thwarted try again,
harder, smarter.
Persevere relentlessly."**

The above quote is from John Wooden, UCLA's hall-of-fame college basketball coach who won ten championships in twelve years. That feat was not without significant challenges!

We also know how hard our challenge is in the fight against our number one invasive species, Eurasian Water Millfoil, or EWM. Your Board of Directors, along with industry experts like Onterra Consulting and Aquatic Plant Management, continues to focus on controlling EWM. Your membership contributions this year will enable us to harvest and remove over 100,000 cubic feet of EWM and will help fund the TLA's cost of a small-scale chemical application in two areas of the lake.

In 2022, we asked our members to increase their financial support of the TLA with our "Double Down" Challenge. Over half of our members met the challenge! This year, our goal is to "stay the course!" We would greatly appreciate you renewing at the same level or consider increasing your contribution if you are able. We mailed our annual membership renewal letter forms to our past contributors in March. As of the end of April, over 100 members have already renewed their membership. **Thank you!**

There are multiple ways for you to renew your membership or join TLA:

- 1) Complete your personalized 2023 Membership Renewal Form and send it to us with your check.
- 2) Go online to www.tomahawklake.org/ membership and complete the 2023 Membership form. Click through to the PayPal link and make your contribution using your Pay Pal account or as a guest with your credit card information.
- 3) If you are new to the area or want to join our effort, a blank membership form is included in this newsletter.



If you haven't received your redesigned dock sign yet, please send an email to membership@tomahawklake.org and let us know when you'll be at the lake. A Board member will contact you to get you a new sign and your 2023 paid sticker for you to proudly display your support for TLA!

We acknowledge your tax-deductible contribution with a thank-you letter that we send in the month following receipt of your contribution. The letter will include your 2023 paid dock sticker. Please retain this letter after you receive it for tax purposes.

We appreciate your continued support of the TLA!

Sincerely,

TLA Membership Committee

*Bruce Forsberg – Sheila Forsberg –
Jake Harmsen – Adam Redman*

Margo's Minocqua Minute

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

SPRING 2023

- **Quiet Side Deli** is opening in Hazelhurst.
- Perkins has been sold to **Era Pancakes & Café**; opening May 1.
- Sheri of the **Dam Bar** has purchased Minocqua Prime, and it will be named **Sheri's Pub & Grub**.
- Burger King has closed its doors and is for sale or lease.
- Mystery solved; a **Starbucks** is going in next to Kwik Trip.
- **Bad Bones BBQ** will take over the Lake Tomahawk Korner Drive-in; opening in late May.
- The building under construction across the street from the Best Western is being named the **Bottle Barn**, a gourmet coffee and cocktail bar.
- A new cigar and whiskey bar has opened in the old community building in Minocqua under the name **Bartangos**.
- Bitters & Bull has closed permanently.
- A new restaurant, **The Friendship House**, will open next to Hong Kong Buffet on 70 West.
- Please join us on **June 17 for our annual membership meeting at Kemp Station**. This is a social event with continental breakfast and will provide information on how we plan on approaching our EWM problem this summer. You will also be able to pick up new TLA merchandise (see page 8). **See you there!**

Please buy local whenever you can to keep our merchants in business!

By the Numbers\$!\$

from the Treasurer's desk

Dear TLA Contributing Members,

Your Board of Directors recently approved our 2023 Annual Budget. The chart below compares our 2023 budget to our actual financial performance in 2022. Let me briefly summarize the messages behind the numbers.

1) With your overwhelming response to our 2022 "Double Down Challenge," we finished last year with a \$31k surplus vs. our 2022 budget. Our membership contributions exceeded \$135k. As a direct result, we were able to operate our state-of-the-art harvester for 90 days and we intend to do the same this summer.

2) We received over \$83k from the DNR for our two-year mechanical harvesting grant (2022 and 2023) and our ongoing Clean Boats Clean Water grant. This year, we were successfully awarded an additional \$50k for a small-scale trial chemical grant. The DNR still needs to approve the actual application plan for this chemical grant. These grants directly fund the costs we will incur to continue our efforts to fight EWM and our goal of providing recreational access to our outstanding lake. However, this is the final year of the two-year harvesting grant, so funding our 2024 harvesting activity will fall more upon our members.

3) Our 2023 budget increase is due to the costs to plan, apply and monitor the chemical treatments in our two targeted areas. We have contracted with Aquatic Plant Management (our harvesting partner) to do the application with some of the best technology available in the industry.

4) In a joint effort with the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, our Environment & Education Committee designed and contracted with a local construction company to build and install a large information sign at the Tomahawk Boat Landing (*see the back page*). Our share of this effort is about \$8k, but it is a critical part of our Shoreland Strategy to educate everyone who operates a watercraft.

5) Finally, as a not-for-profit organization, we try to match our expenses every year to the amount of income we receive. We will never be perfect in any given calendar year. We recognize that as our members give more to our cause, they expect us to manage our resources and spend those contributions in the most efficient manner that achieves our goals. We plan to fund this year's budget, in part, with the surplus of funds you provided last year. Over the course of time, we will not be "making money." Instead, will be operating at a zero-based budget which means our income and expenses will be the same.

Bruce Forsberg, TLA Treasurer

Tomahawk Lake Association Annual Operating Budget Comparison 2022 vs. 2023

	2022 Budget	Total 2022 Actual Results	2023 Budget
	76 DAYS of HARVESTING	90 DAYS OF HARVESTING	90 DAYS of HARVESTING
Income			
Town Revenue	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000
Grant Revenue	\$ 75,629	\$ 83,832	\$ 137,759
Membership Dues	\$ 100,000	\$ 135,406	\$ 110,000
Event Income	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,205	\$ 8,000
Misc. Income	\$ 4,371	\$ 3,567	\$ 7,241
Total Income	\$ 225,000	\$ 266,010	\$ 287,000
Expenses			
Payroll Expenses	\$ 34,448	\$ 9,012	\$ 10,000
EWM Operations	\$ 26,062	\$ 18,397	\$ 22,695
Chemical Application Contractor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,920
Harvesting Contractor	\$ 152,000	\$ 179,560	\$ 180,000
Member Communication	\$ 11,190	\$ 5,728	\$ 8,000
Event Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,080	\$ 10,000
Shoreland Stewardship	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,864	\$ 8,500
General Operations	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,034	\$ 4,875
Depreciation	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,946	\$ 510
Accounting Services	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,490	\$ 4,500
Total Expenses	\$ 240,000	\$ 235,111	\$ 309,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (15,000)	\$ 30,899	\$ (22,000)

POSTCARDS FROM TOMAHAWK LAKE

Return and Light a Hearthfire of Your Own

By Louis J. Molepske, Jr.
TLA Board member

In 1903, a newly minted Northwestern Medical School graduate boarded a train from Chicago and headed north with a group of 15 campers. Their mission was to find a place where children could reconnect to nature under the watchful eye of their adult chaperone. This young Evanston doctor changed how summers were spent for thousands if not millions of children; as his early trek from Chicago in April of 1903 led to the founding of the first organized camp in the Midwest – Camp Minocqua. Officially opening in 1905, Camp Minocqua can be seen here in an early postcard of the camp before cabins were built, and a later postcard after cabins were built.

in 1903. Sprague would later recall, *"when we woke up in the morning, we had only gone about 200 miles because a bridge had washed out. It seems there was a lot of flooding that year. There was no diner on the train and they took the sleeper off, too. During the afternoon they fixed up the bridge and we went on, only to be stopped again when the tracks disappeared under water at the Wisconsin river. But they decided to try it and we got across and kept right on*



Imagine the adventures the first campers at Camp Minocqua had looking out at our lake under the stars in open tents, and the fun they and countless boys after them had camping, horseback riding, sailing, crafting, fishing, swimming, learning archery and even building a sauna at Pioneer Camp—eleven miles from Camp Minocqua. As Dr. Sprague's daughter, Helen Broomell and last camp director, told Ms. Plummer, *"there was no*

'baby-sitting' in those days, it was primarily an opportunity for boys to spend the summer out-of-doors...it wasn't even supposed to be a 'character-building' experience except as the good influence of the men rubbed off on the boys."



Dr. John Perley Sprague left behind his Maine lumber industry roots to take up medicine. Yet, it was the adventure of shaping young boys into men that drew him to the place we love, Tomahawk Lake, and a point jutting out towards Leon Altwell Olmstead's Island. Dr. Sprague was joined in his vision to bring the outdoors to children by his wife, Sara Holiday Sprague, whom he co-founded Clearwater Camp in 1933 for girls on Clear Lake, eventually moving to Tomahawk Lake in 1937.

Dr. Sprague and the first 15 campers of Camp Minocqua faced a very difficult journey in their quest into the wilderness

going to Mosinee, where the tracks were under water again. And we had to stop once more."

A 1965 *Chicago Tribune* article by Beverly Plummer writing about this adventure indicated, *"at four the next morning, Doctor Sprague got everybody off the train, and they got up a game of baseball in the grass beside the tracks. Hungry to the desperation point, they finally found a boarding house cook who fixed breakfast for them for a hatful of coins that had been collected. The rest of the trip was made partly by box car and partly by hand-car."* *"Finally,"* Doctor Sprague said, *"an engine came down from the north and picked us up and on the third day we finally got there."*

In 1973, Helen Broomell, co-director of the camp with her husband Jack Broomell, penned a letter to the parents of the campers announcing the closing of the camp. For 70 summers, Camp Minocqua lit the "hearthfire" in countless young men who returned summer after summer to embody the promise of Dr. Sprague and his family, *"return and light a hearthfire of your own."*

Until next time,
keep exploring our
beautiful lake!

Join our Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/104527072922/>



Get your *new* TLA swag!

We are excited to share a sneak preview of the new TLA merchandise available for purchase this summer!

Nike Dri-Fit ½-zip Pullovers,

For those chilly mornings or evenings on the boat or golf course, we will offer men's royal blue and women's white Nike Dri-Fit ½-zip pullovers, embroidered with our TLA logo.



MEN'S



WOMEN'S



MEN'S



WOMEN'S

OGIO Endurance t-shirts Looking for something to wear on those steamy, hot July days? Check out the men's gear gray heather and women's gear gray OGIO Endurance t-shirts with stay-cool wicking technology. T-shirts will boldly display the TLA logo for all to see!

Travis Mathew Trucker Style Hat

Who can go out on the boat without a hat? This year, we will offer a Travis Mathew trucker style hat in black heather with our logo.



TLA Beach Towel

And when you go for a swim in our beautiful lake, you can dry off with a solid (*navy or red*) or striped (*royal blue/white*) beach towel with the embroidered TLA logo.



GO GREEN

Go Green with the Newsletter!!

Would you like to receive our semi-annual newsletters by email to help us reduce costs??

We now have 58 members who have gone green by electing to receive their newsletter electronically. If you would like to sign up for electronic newsletters, please email your request to **membership@tomahawklake.org**.

You may also request the electronic version by checking the **Go Green!** box on the 2023 membership form.

Wondering how you can get our new TLA swag? It's easy! The new merchandise will be available for sale at our annual TLA meeting on Saturday, June 17 and the Hermit Island Swim event on Saturday, July 1. And, we will have our remaining merchandise (*slouch hats, long sleeve t-shirts, fleeces, blankets and flags*) for sale at discounted prices. **You won't want to miss out!**

For more information, please contact Trish Burbie at tmareck@yahoo.com



JUNE 17, 2023!

2023 Annual Tomahawk Lake Association Meeting

Mark your calendars!!

WHERE: Connor Forestry Center at

Kemp Natural Resources Station

9161 Kemp Road, Woodruff

WHEN: **8:00–9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

Meet the Board and other TLA members and join the TLA or renew your membership if you haven't already.

9:00 a.m. Meeting with presentations by:

- Eddie Heath, Onterra Lake Management Planning

- Aquatic Plant Management

- TLA Board Members

- Q&A

WHAT WE WILL BE COVERING:

- Eurasian water milfoil management update including harvesting and chemical treatment
- Lake Steward Initiative
- Hermit Island Swim & Paddle event

NEW MERCHANDISE: Our new long-sleeve pullovers, t-shirts, hats, and towels will be available for sale at the meeting along with discounts on last year's remaining merchandise.

ZOOM MEETING OPTION: You may also participate via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. if you can't join us in person. Details will be sent in a separate email and posted on the TLA Facebook page on Friday, June 16. ***Hope to see you there!***

Hermit Island Swim & Paddle Challenge

**SWIM, WALK, FLOAT or
PADDLE your way around
Hermit Island with your
kids, neighbors and out
of town guests!**

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, July 1**. Registration for all swimmers and paddlers will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 9:45 a.m. Even though there is no entrance fee, you must register at the event to participate.

Donations are encouraged and sponsorships are offered: \$200/paddle, \$400/Buoy, and \$1,000/Gold Medal Sponsor. Donations will be used to battle aquatic invasive species and help fund our Clean Boats Clean Waters & Lake Steward initiatives. Come join the fun and keep our "Jewel of the North" beautiful and pristine for years to come.

DATE: **Saturday, July 1, 2023**

TIME: **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Swim beach on the south side of Hermit /Olmstead Island on Tomahawk Lake**

REGISTRATION: **9:00 - 9:45 a.m.** You MUST be registered by 9:45 to participate, so please get there early!

RACE TIMES:

- **10:00 Hermit Wave** – a short, 100-yard race for kids 10 years and under
- **10:15 Swim Elite Wave** – Competitive swim race for trophies
- **10:20 Swim Fun Wave** – Friendly non-competitive race
- **10:30 Paddle Wave** – Kayaks, Canoes and Paddle Boards

BRING: Towel and Water Bottle

New to the event? That's awesome! There will be two race courses set up around the island—one for swimmers and one for paddlers, and a very short children's swim course where kids can either walk/run or swim.

Three traveling trophies will be awarded (*our traveling trophies visit homes on Tomahawk Lake for one year and winners' names are added to the TLA HISP plaque*):

- Two traveling trophies will be awarded to the 1st place male and female swimmer in the Elite Wave; and
- The third traveling trophy will be awarded to the 1st place person in the Paddle Wave.
- Medals will be given to each child age 10 or under in the Hermit Wave.

Swimmers wanting to qualify for awards can wear a wetsuit, but are not allowed to use other devices to aid in speed such as fins. Swimmers in the friendly, non-competitive wave can use anything to help make the event easier or more enjoyable (*e.g., lifejackets, kickboards, flippers, innertubes, etc.*).

We need volunteers the day of the event to help assist with safety, registration, and clothing sales from 9:00–11:30 a.m.

We are also looking for an event chair to oversee this event in 2023 and beyond. Please contact Tess Mallery at tessmallery@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping.





Association, Inc.

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Tomahawk Lake Association

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Update your contact information

Email membership@tomahawklake.org to update any information. We need to keep you up to date on happenings around Tomahawk Lake. *Thanks!*

New Information Sign at the Lake Tom Launch

TLA has partnered with the Town of Lake Tomahawk to install a **new information sign at the Lake Tomahawk Boat Landing Park**. This sign will be installed in mid-May in a prominent location near the launch ramps. It provides information on responsible boat operations, aquatic invasive species, fishing regulations, loon information, information about the TLA, and a large map of Tomahawk Lake.

A QR code on the map allows you to download a map of Tomahawk Lake showing the dense beds of EWM and location on the lake.

A second QR code provides information about local businesses, on and off the lake, that provide food, gas, and beverages.

Environment & Education Committee

