

The image shows a large American flag waving on a tall pole against a clear blue sky. The sun is shining brightly from the upper right, creating a lens flare effect. In the foreground, there are green pine trees. The text "ALA Newsletter - Summer 2023" is overlaid in red in the top left corner.

ALA Newsletter - Summer 2023

President's Letter

Hello All ALA Members:

Welcome to Summer on Arbutus Lake. Each year as Spring moves on to Summer, I am reminded of the famous words of F. Scott Fitzgerald from his novel **The Great Gatsby**. **“And so with the sunshine, the great burst of leaves growing on the trees . . . I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning all over again with the summer”**.

Throughout our everyday lives, even though the pandemic is officially over, we now still seem to be living in troubled times, where we find ourselves being asked to navigate rapidly changing circumstances, not just here, but all over the world. Plus dissonance always seems to grow as we embark on another divisive election season, where nobody can agree on anything, and no one can seem to compromise. As many of life's circumstances seem to be trying to pull us all apart, my hope is that we can all realize how blessed we are to have Arbutus Lake to remind us that we are all connected to each other, and all of nature by the back yard we share.

So please, may every one of you enjoy the weather, the water, the waterfowl, the fishery, the wildlife, and especially your Arbutus Lake Neighbors as “Life begins all over again with the Summer”.

Keep smiling, honking and waving at your neighbors from your boats!!

Sue Foster

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha News

By Mary (Molly) Patterson

Why do we sing at Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha?

As neighbors of Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha, I'm sure you're no strangers to the sound of singing echoing across Lake Arbutus. Song is an integral part of camp life.

We sing to celebrate traditions, create a positive environment, and to have fun! We sing our way through each day at Camp Arbutus hayo-Went-Ha.

Songs wake up campers in the mornings and energize them throughout the day. Singing is especially important at evening campfires. At the start of each session, Camp holds an 'Opening Campfire'. Stories and songs are performed to introduce new campers to our core RICHTER values (Responsibility, Inclusion, Caring, Honesty, Teamwork, Environmental Stewardship and Respect). During a 'Rowdy Campfire' campers are able to let loose and enjoy the silliness of being a kid at camp. Each cabin group has the opportunity to lead a song for the rest of Camp. Rowdy campfires are an excellent exercise of confidence for campers; it takes an enormous amount of courage to perform in front of the whole camp. The last type of campfire at Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha is the 'Closing Campfire', which occurs on the last night of a session. At Closing Campfire, campers and staff sing songs reminiscing on the memories and friendships made over the course of the summer.

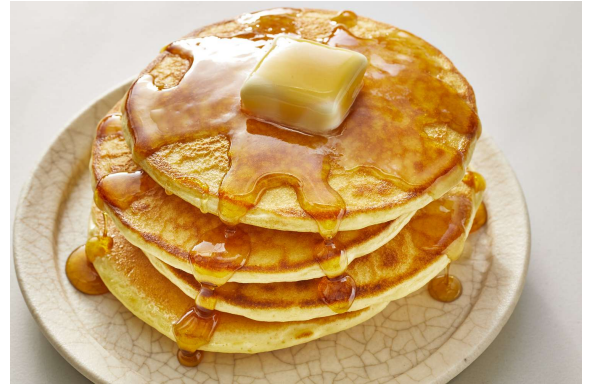
Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha's repertoire of songs has accumulated and evolved over the past 100 years. Each song has a unique origin. Some have been passed down through generations of campers; we still sing songs that date back to the 1950's! While we cherish our old traditions, we enthusiastically welcome new ones. Campers and staff are encouraged to introduce songs, many of which are adopted into Camp's vast collection. International staff have brought songs all the way from Australia, England and many other countries!

Singing creates a sense of togetherness at Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha. So, next time you hear singing from across the lake, know that old traditions are being celebrated and new ones are being created!



ALA Annual August Potluck!

This year's potluck fun will be at **10am on Sunday August 13, 2023**. You just need to bring your own table service and a dish to pass, the board will provide Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Pancakes coffee and juice. Please consider coming to the potluck and meeting your neighbors, it really is fun to get to know everyone and their history on the lake, or their history in the making.



We will have a brief meeting while you eat. We look forward to seeing you there!

Loon Report

By David Endicott and Linda Gruber

We are very happy to report that a pair of loons have chosen the nest located on Lake 5. They have been taking turns sitting on the nest for over 2 weeks now. It normally takes 26-28 days for the egg(s) to hatch, so we are hoping to welcome chicks to Arbutus around July 5 – 7.



We have installed a sign on the land and 2 DNR

approved and permitted buoys in the water in the hopes that boaters and standup-paddle-boarders will notice and keep their distance, because if the loons are disturbed too much, they will abandon the nest. We think the sign and buoys are working well, as we have only observed a handful of watercraft get close enough to cause the sitting loon to temporarily leave the nest.

A big THANK YOU to all the people who have respectfully kept outside the buoys! We are optimistic that we will have a positive outcome in a couple weeks!

Arbutus Lake Level Report

by Brandon Falenski

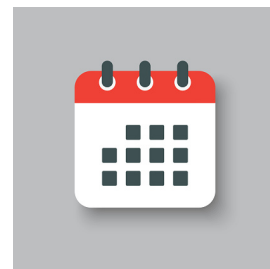
The Arbutus Lake level is currently at 804.57 feet above sea level (ASL), which is a decrease of 5.16 inches since the first measurement recorded this year. This level is 0.24 inches higher than it was on this same date, last year. It is 7.80 inches lower than the highest level on record, 805.22' ASL, measured October 23, 2020. It is 31.68 inches higher than the lowest level on record, 801.93' ASL, measured September 18, 2011.



For additional information regarding the lake level, please feel free to contact Brandon Falenski by email at bfalenski@yahoo.com

2023 Arbutus Lake Association Meetings Schedule:

April 22 (9:00 am)
May 20 (9:00 am)
June 17 – **General Membership Meeting** (10:00 AM)
July 15 (9:00 am)
August 13 Breakfast Potluck (10:00 AM)
At Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha
September 16 (9:00 am)



All meeting times are Eastern Standard Time (EST) and held at East Bay Township Hall, unless otherwise noted.

If you haven't visited the Website lately Check it out!

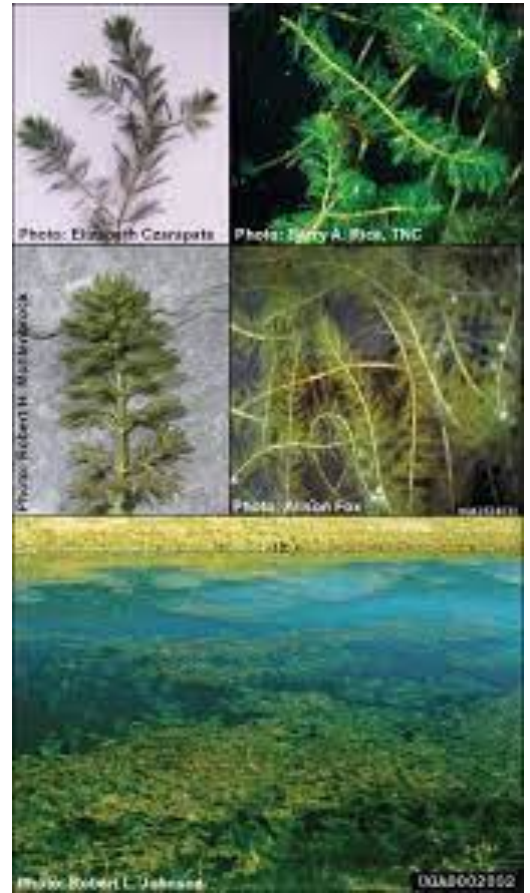
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Milfoil Treatment

by Harry Knoll

On June 6 a team of fellow riparians (Jodi Derylo and her daughters, Holly and Emily, Nelda Faber, Keith Day, Mike Bobrowsk, and myself) did a targeted treatment of Arbutus Lake for Eurasian Milfoil. Mike had prepared an electronic map of areas to treat through visual inspection, allowing us to target only the Milfoil infestation areas. June 6 was within the window of time to treat the lake considering water temperature and the active start of the Milfoil growth. Over the years we have learned that we are not going to eliminate the Milfoil but if we treat it consistently and carefully we can control the growth and spread. Milfoil, when broken off, can transplant itself so if you clear any areas by your lake home please remove the broken Milfoil from the water.

Thank you to Jodi for all the extra coordination and work getting the Milfoil treatment boat running. And to Larry Crawford the boat mechanic who swiftly came to the rescue with repairs to the boat so we could complete the Milfoil treatment.



REMINDER! Have you paid your dues?

Your Annual Dues of - \$50 for Riparian Owners

Any and All donations are welcome to help keep our lake beautiful!

Due August 31, 2023.

Dues are payable to:

Arbutus Lake Association, Inc,
PO Box 404
Mayfield, MI 49666



QR Code Spotted!

If you happen to be at the Boat Launch this spring checkout the QR Code we have placed on the information board. This will bring any visitors coming to our lake to our ALA Website. On the Website they can access a map of the lake with the hours of high speed boating, directional arrows to help them go the “correct” direction around the lake and so much more. This is another layer of information to help make everyone's day on the lake safe and enjoyable!



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Can be found on our Website at the bottom of Our Association page

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MOBILE BOAT WASHING IS COMING BACK TO ARBUTUS LAKE

Prevent the spread of invasive species!

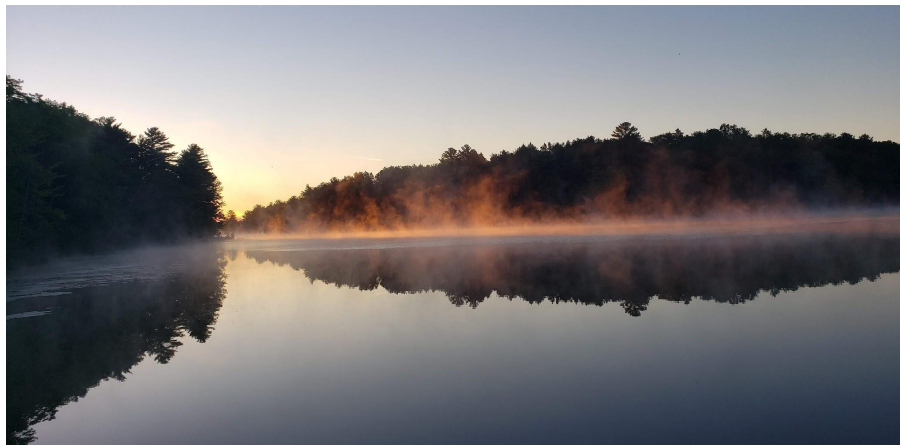


Friday, July 14

9:30am - 2:30pm

Arbutus Lake #4 Launch - more info: kyla@benziecd.org

Hosted by the **Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program**
with support from the **Arbutus Lake Association**

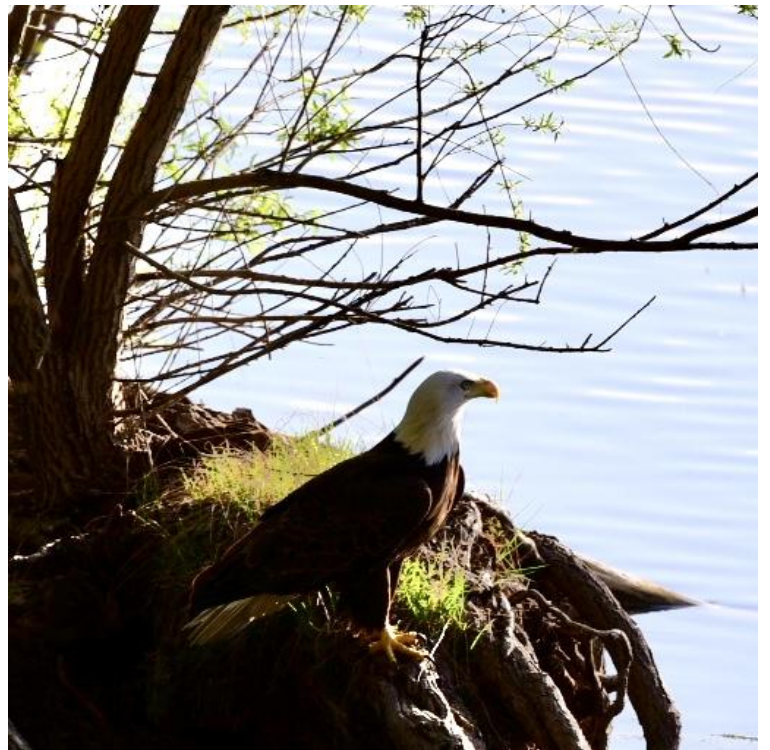




Thank You for your Photos!

I would like to thank Jodi Derylo; Kailey Derylo; Allyson Tinker; David Enicott, and Linda Gruber for sending me the Beautiful Photos that I have used in this issue of the Newsletter. If you have a beautiful Photo of the lake or nature that you would like to share in the Newsletter please email them to:

jodiderylo.ala@gmail.com



Arbutus Lake Association

Ballot for Election of Officers – Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Election of Officers:

President: 1 Yr. Term Sue Foster
 _____ (Write-In)

Vice President: 1 Yr. Term Keith Day
 _____ (Write-In)

Election of Board Members: 3 Yr. Term (Vote for Three Only)

- David Endicott** (Lake #5)
- Brandon Felenski** (Lake #5)
- Randy Bancino** (Lake #2)
- _____ (Write-In)
- _____ (Write-In)
- _____ (Write-In)

** The asterisk indicates incumbent board members

If you are unable to attend the Annual Potluck on August 13, 2023 at 10:00 am to place your vote then please print the ballot, mark it and mail to:

Arbutus Lake Association
P.O. Box 404
Mayfield, MI 49666

Your Ballot Must be Received by: **August 13st, 2022**