

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

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Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake watershed

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Learning to fish
Part of AWLI's festival

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Immediate Release

Youngsters wishing to catch their first fish will have two opportunities to do so on Saturday, May 26 at AWLI's 18th annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water festival.

Free to the public, the festival is sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) and the Legacy Foundation of Lake County.

The fishing clinic with instructor Joe Kruczek, begins at 10 a.m. at Wolf Lake's old beach area in Hammond. It resumes at 1 p.m. at William W. Powers State Recreation Area at 12949 S. Avenue O in Chicago. It will be held near the Visitors Center.

The morning session of AWLI's festival begins at 9 a.m. with the honoring of poster winners at the Environmental Education Center. At 10 a.m., a hike led by Matt Beatty, Dunes-Calumet Audubon Chapter, will leave the Center to view migrating birds and spring wildflowers along the lake's north shoreline.

A presentation on projects in the Wolf Lake watershed by Richard Chambers, Purdue University Northwest, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Other outdoor activities will be held at Wolf Lake's old beach area where canoeing and fishing events will get underway at 10 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., Joan Crist, coach of the Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ) rowing crew, will give a rowing demonstration. She is associate professor of theology.

Lunch for participants will follow.

Besides the afternoon fishing clinic along Wolf Lake's west shoreline in Chicago, kite flying also will begin at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., there will be a wide-ranging discussion on the Wolf Lake watershed.

On Sunday, the festival will resume at 7 a.m. on the Chicago side of Wolf Lake with a Sunrise Worship service conducted by Benjamin Basile, brother of C.P.P.S. He is associate professor of mathematics at CCSJ.

The service, held just east of the Visitors Center, will include an ecumenical choir directed by Mary Kuzniar and a color guard formed by Cub Scout Pack 733 of Annunciata Church.

Breakfast for participants will follow.

A brief history of Wolf Lake will follow at 8:30 a.m. by Michael Boos of AWLI. He will lead a bike ride through the Wolf Lake watershed afterward at 9 a.m. to conclude the two-day festival.

AWLI is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust seeking to improve and protect the Wolf Lake watershed.

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