

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 6,
2022

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Claire Noneman, great-granddaughter of Sue Ann Dufour (and Duffy), checking out the Barker Kids of the Week. -- thanks to Dave Dufour who sent in the photo

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #11
August 6, 2022

Last Sunday was our fifth Sunday in a row with insufficient wind to conduct the sailboat races. Amazingly, five of the six previous days were very windy and the day after, again, was blowing strong. Even though I didn't get to race Sunday, I still had a very busy sailing week (Monday – Friday) teaching sailing at Camp Tannadoonah (Camp). And my 61-year-old body was feeling it.

I have never taught sailing but was excited to think I might be able to transfer some of my sailing enthusiasm to others. Thanks to Fleet Captain Steve Frew's (east side) efforts, a handful of our racing sailors signed up to assist the Camp's sailing program. All but Tuesday (light wind), I rigged my MC Scow sailboat and sailed over to Camp to teach two back-to-back classes: the first class for beginners, the second an advanced class. The beginner class was taught in a Camp sailboat: a Barnett 1400, a 14-foot boat with a single sail. I'd never sailed a Barnett, so I learned how to rig it right alongside the students. I had three beginners and the first day it was all about learning the different parts of the boat and how to rig it. We got that done and got a bit of sailing in. The wind

was steady and moderately strong.

Tuesday, we did some shore instruction due to light wind, but I could tell the kids really wanted to be out on the water, so we rigged the boat and practiced tipping and righting the boat with everyone taking a turn. They loved that drill. When we first tipped, all four of us were on the boat and moved to one side to get it tipped. It reminded me of being a kid and tipping a Sunfish sailboat over and over again, just for the heck of it. It really helps to get the students comfortable in the water with the boat.

Wednesday was windy again with more tiller timer (each camper practicing steering the boat), and Thursday and Friday we set some buoys out and learned how to round them. The advanced class consisted of two girls, one of whom announced to me the first day of class that she'd never been on a sailboat in her life. I went to Amber Grundy (east side), the Camp CEO, who happened to be at the waterfront, and she gave me permission to keep her in the advanced class. This student who'd never been on a boat, sailed four days in strong wind, and by Friday (it was just her in class as the other student wasn't at Camp that day) she sailed almost the entire 45-minute session steering the boat. I will say it was windy enough that there were times I had one hand on the tiller just in case I needed to make a quick course correction due to a

2022 Birch Lake Calendar

Aug. 6 - Corn & Sausage Roast, 5:30-7:30 pm, BLYC

Aug. 6 - Homeowners Association annual meeting, following BLYC board meeting

Aug 13 - Kidz Regatta, Kings' (north s9de)

Aug. 17 - Hazardous waste and tire collection, Road Commission, Cass, 3-6 pm

Aug. 20 - Fall Dinner, BLYC, See P5

Aug. 26 - Birch Lake Ladies Style Show & Luncheon, Woodfire, Dowagiac, See P 2

Sept 11 - Sailing Awards, Frew's house

Sept 17 - Crockpot Challenge, 6 pm, more details tba

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

gust of wind or a shift in wind. Talking to Dan Waxman (east side) about this, he commented it sounded like when his dad taught him to drive a car and had one hand lightly on the steering wheel at all times. I felt she had caught the sailing bug; she successfully maneuvered the boat through countless tacks (changing the course of the boat) which can be a bit scary for a new sailor, and she learned how to decelerate and control the heel of a boat by letting out the sail. That last day as we finished up, I took the reins and I showed her how to hike out on a boat to get it to

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the correct angle for increased speed. You have to secure your feet under the hiking straps and trust it will hold, and lean back over the water – not for everyone. The boat was moving fast but she had learned many different ways to control it. As we finished up that last class she thanked me for teaching her and she said she was really excited about sailing.

I had a similar success story with one of the three beginner sailors – he turned to me as he was leaving the last day and told me he signed up for the course with his mom's encouragement. His mom had told him she'd taken sailing as a young camper and thought he'd enjoy it like she did. He also thanked me (did I mention how polite and nice all these campers were to me?) for teaching him, and said he was glad he listened to his mom.

As I sailed back home, tired and a bit achy and stiff from rigging and derigging my boat, sailing in windy conditions, and tipping with the students and climbing back into the boat, I felt really good. I truly think I was able to share my love of the great sport of sailing.

Our busy month of July activities is over, but August brings continued fun. This Saturday is the Corn & Sausage Roast at the yacht club (pay at the door). The Kidz Regatta is August 13 at the King's home. Purchase tickets to the Fall Dinner 8/20 (deadline is August 11) and



Ray Gaik's Polish/American Navy is here to protect Birch Lake.

the Ladies' Style Show & Luncheon 8/26 online at birchlakeyachtclub.com. More information on these events in this Barker issue. So many ways to entertain your family and guests and to enjoy the remaining month of summer.

Take care, be safe, and I'll see you out on the lake.

~Commodore Barb Cassady

Corn & Sausage Roast – Saturday, August 6, 2022 – It's Finally Here!

This is The Day! It's time to gather your families and neighbors for the annual Corn & Sausage Roast! From 5:30-7:30 pm on Saturday at the Yacht Club we'll be serving delectable meals with your grilled meat choice, roasted corn, a selection of side dishes, cookies and lemonade or iced

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tea. Prepare yourself for a bone-in chicken breast (\$8), bratwurst (\$7) or hot dog (\$4) meal. (NOTE: We'll only have a limited supply of chicken breasts – arrive early for your best chances to snag one). What a bargain! Pay at the door – no reservations required! Come hungry, enjoy some summertime favorites, visit with your neighbors and leave happy and satisfied! Hope to see you there!

Sign up now for the Fall Dinner

Everyone is welcome to the annual fall dinner on Saturday, August 20, at the yacht club. A delicious polish dinner will be catered by The Skillet in South Bend. Come and enjoy appetizers, dinner and dessert with your fellow birch lakereers. The Vice Commodore for the upcoming 2023 year will also be revealed, which you won't want to miss! See ticket information in this week's barker. I guarantee it will be an enjoyable evening!

~Deb Hall, Vice Commodore

Hazardous waste, tire collection

A household hazardous waste collection will be held on August 17, 2022 from 3 to 6 pm at the Cass County Road Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cassopolis. The event is sponsored by the Cass County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, Cass County has received a grant for the collection of used passenger

car/pickup truck tires. No appointment is necessary. Proof of residency is required. The event will be held on August 17, from 3 to 6 pm at the Cass County Road Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cassopolis.

Attention Birch Lake residents

This is a good reminder to all users of Birch Lake, their families and guests to continually be practicing good boating and water safety.

Swimmers make sure you are swimming in safe areas out of the way of boaters who may not be able to see you

Boaters make sure you are intently watching for other boaters and users of the lake while maintaining safe boat speeds and staying at least 100 feet from objects and other boats

Bottom Line: All of us need to be alert to prevent injury and accidents on the lake

Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Birch Lake Ladies' Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, August 26. Lunch will begin at 11 at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. There are three lunch options. Tickets are \$32, and include main dish, salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drink, tax, and tip. Tickets can be purchased from Ronni Eshleman, 317-418-9557, Denny Weesner 650-862-

4711, or Jeannie Welch 574-286-2890. They will also be available online on the Birch Lake Yacht Club website. This event sold out last year, so get your tickets early!

Yacht Club building use

To make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

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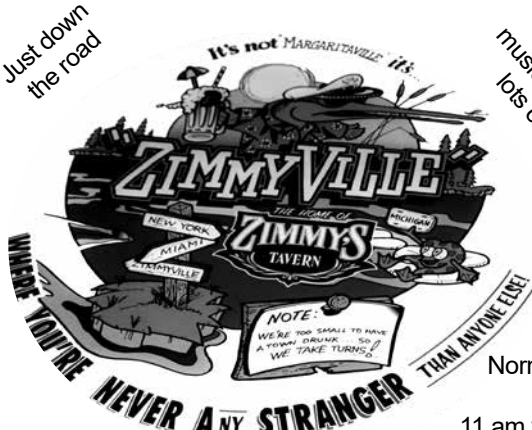
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— Men's Golf Outing —

62nd Men's Birch Lake Open

It was the most beautiful day, perfect temperature, puffy white marshmallow clouds, nice breeze and great fellowship in the sport we all enjoy. Lots of prizes and lots of cashola was awarded this year. The six closest-to-the-pin winners on the par threes were: Bud Hall, Ken Petty, Mark VanHuffel, and T-Bone, whoever that is?

Longest drive in the fairway for the under 65 crew was Tom Caplis, and longest drive for the elderly over 65 was Ray Scholes. Both were massive hits in the 300 yard range, according to the golf pro who picked them up.

Al Cover won longest putt on the green from 29 feet 8 inches.

On the practice putting green before golf began we held a putting contest from

65 feet. The winner was Scott Sullivan, with a putt to 11-½ inches. Second was K. C. Wiseman, third was K. C.'s dad, Terry Wiseman, fourth was John Kennedy, and fifth was Pat Welch.

In the scramble-format contest the winners were:
First place John DeCloedt, Terry Wiseman, K.C. Wiseman, and Joel Finch at 14 under par

Second place Mark VanHuffel, Mike Connaughton, Jake Bishop and Brian Bishop with 12 under par.

A three way tie for third at 9 under par were the teams of: Team of Tim Steffen, Wes Steffen, Al Cover and Brogan Cover; the Team of Gus Eshleman, Jim Bradfield, Tom Kuhn and Pat Welch; and the Team of Ray Scholes, Tim Burchell, Jon

Rondot and Justin Bratt.

The big winners of CASH were the people who purchased five dollar mulligans raffle: The first ticket drawn won 50 percent, or \$142 of the \$285 pot. Second got \$71, Third got \$45, Fourth and fifth places paid \$18 each.

All the cash left over after expenses was given out as prizes to the winners.

We crowned the winners (literally) of the Best Dressed Team of Gus Eshleman, Jim Bradfield, Tom Kuhn and Pat Welch.

My thanks to all those who participated to make it the great success it was. Now who is going to take it over for next year because I am retiring after three years doing it?

~Pat McGann (E)



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B LUE JULY:

The BLYC Sailors set a dubious record by racing on zero out of five Sundays in July, 2022. (We did have our Fourth of July Regatta, sailed on Saturday and Monday.) There were two contributing factors: First, we're all busy people with family and other obligations, but Sunday at 11 am works for all of us. Second, the wind at 11 am is often bad for sailing. Maybe our record-breaking July can be a catalyst to help us find some additional options to supplement our program. We'll be discussing that in the weeks ahead.

BLYC-CAMP TANNADOONAH JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM:

Commodore Barb Cassady and I both taught sailing at Camp Tannadoonah last week. Thank you, Commodore Barb! The Camp's sailing classes are at 2:45 and 3:45 pm, when decent wind is the rule rather than the exception. On Thursday and Friday, Camp Tannadoonah CEO Amber Grundy helped us set out buoys for a junior-sized race course that really helped the kids hone their skills. It's a lot of fun to see kids who may never have sailed before leave class after five days with the ability to rig a sailboat, sail it, and take it apart again!

FREE SUNFISH & LESSONS!

Jackie and I are transitioning into our new MC sailboat. We want to give away our 1976 Alcort Sunfish to someone from age 6 to "senior." We ask only



Commodore Barb Cassady points the way on one of the Camp's Barnett sailboats, with beginning sailor Connor Geoghegan, age 14, at the helm, and Olivia Tryggestad, age 13, and Antonio Bolster, age 12, awaiting their turn.



that the recipient agree to learn how to sail it if necessary, then, when ready, race it with the BLYC Sailors on Birch Lake. New sail with window and all accessories included. Free sailing lessons and race lessons also included! First come, first served. Steve and Jackie Frew (239) 315-1177

~F.C. Steve

Left: Beginning sailor Brielle Johnson, age 14, steers around a yellow buoy while Ainslie Rooney, age 13, and me look on. Right: Commodore Barb Cassady pilots her MC past onshore admirers, with advanced sailing students Audrey Leemans, age 16, and Emma Wilson, age 12, on board.

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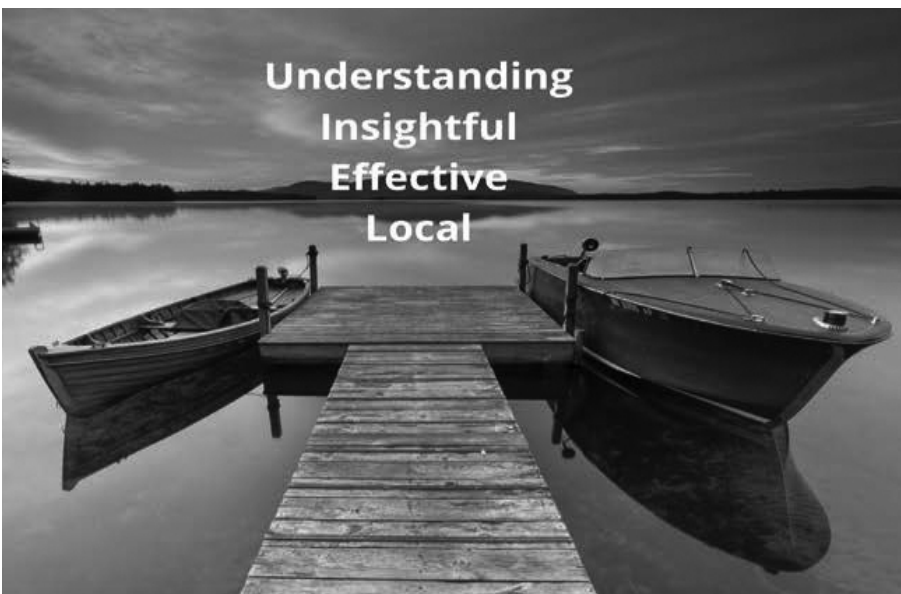
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BIRCH LAKE SAILING



Former Birch Laker Earl Troeger receiving the Snipe World / US Point Championship traveling trophy from Bob Hague (another Birch Snipe sailor). Jeff Troeger, Earl's oldest son (also a great Snipe sailor/crew) is on the right



Birch Lake Sailor's wives keeping Snipe sailboats from bonking into each other, made off to a pier at a Regatta. In the foreground on right is Earl's wife, Connie.

2022 Don Harmon Kidz Regatta

Birch is packed with kids. Let's maintain boat speed created by the BLYC Family Picnic by introducing our kids to sailing!

When? Saturday August 13, beginning 11 am at the King house (in the middle of the North shore, just go to where the sails are).

Please join us at the official restart of what was an annual Regatta.

Rules? We don't need any stinking rules. Err, OK, there are a few:

Each kid must wear a life preserver (limited loaners onsite).

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Let's Regatta!

~Bob King MC1199



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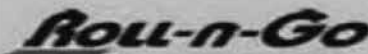
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Commandment # 6

Last but not least, let's review Commandment #6: "*Thou Shalt Remain Informed About Other Important Water Quality Issue.*" We have broken this down into ten thoughts worthy of your consideration and recollection:

1.) None of the samples tested for e-coli in Birch Lake over the last 12 or more years have shown any dangerous or worrisome amounts of e-coli in Birch Lake.

2.) The term "seaweed" has a negative connotation. This is unfortunate. A moderate amount of normal, native "seaweed" is a desirable and integral part of good water quality. At Birch, we are blessed to have numerous aquatic plants growing in the lake. Should you cut or find any cut vegetation, please remove it from the lake.

3.) Avoid swimming in, ingesting, or letting your pets drink from, water in or nearby an algae bloom. Fortunately algae blooms are a rarity at Birch Lake.

4.) The effects of alcohol and certain medications are increased while on the water due to added stress factors such as sun, heat, wind, wave motion, and engine noise.

5.) 85 percent of drowning victims in the United States were not wearing

a life jacket. They may seem dorky, but do save lives.

6.) Should the present method [donations] of financing our common interest of water quality become inadequate, our only option will be to ask our local governments to create, control, and ultimately make all decisions for, a special assessment district (S.A.D.) The costs for the SAD will be arbitrarily added to all our tax bills. Thanks for everyone's past generosity. Let's pray that it continues and even grows (because our exposures and expenses do).

7.) Although we have some pretty good ideas (Starry Stonewort has already been discovered in the mill pond), we do not know for sure when, exactly where or in what form, the next invasive species will arrive in Birch Lake. But we do know for sure that it will arrive. Probably sooner than later. Let's hope we have the money on hand to react quickly and thoroughly.

8.) Except for the people living here, the lake is the most significant feature of our homes. The lake is our home. Please take care of it.

9.) The lake is a shared possession and a shared responsibility. Make sure to contribute your time and talent to its maintenance and betterment.



10.) The majority of the current WQ members are becoming, if not already, both old and tired.. Fresh blood, if only for smooth transitions, is needed now and will always be welcomed. Thanks to Jennifer Ball for joining the team and to Cindy Bernaciak for preparing to do so. We are all grateful for your willingness to serve. We ask that the rest of you consider volunteering your time as well.

***THANKS, and
PLEASE PASS THE WORD***

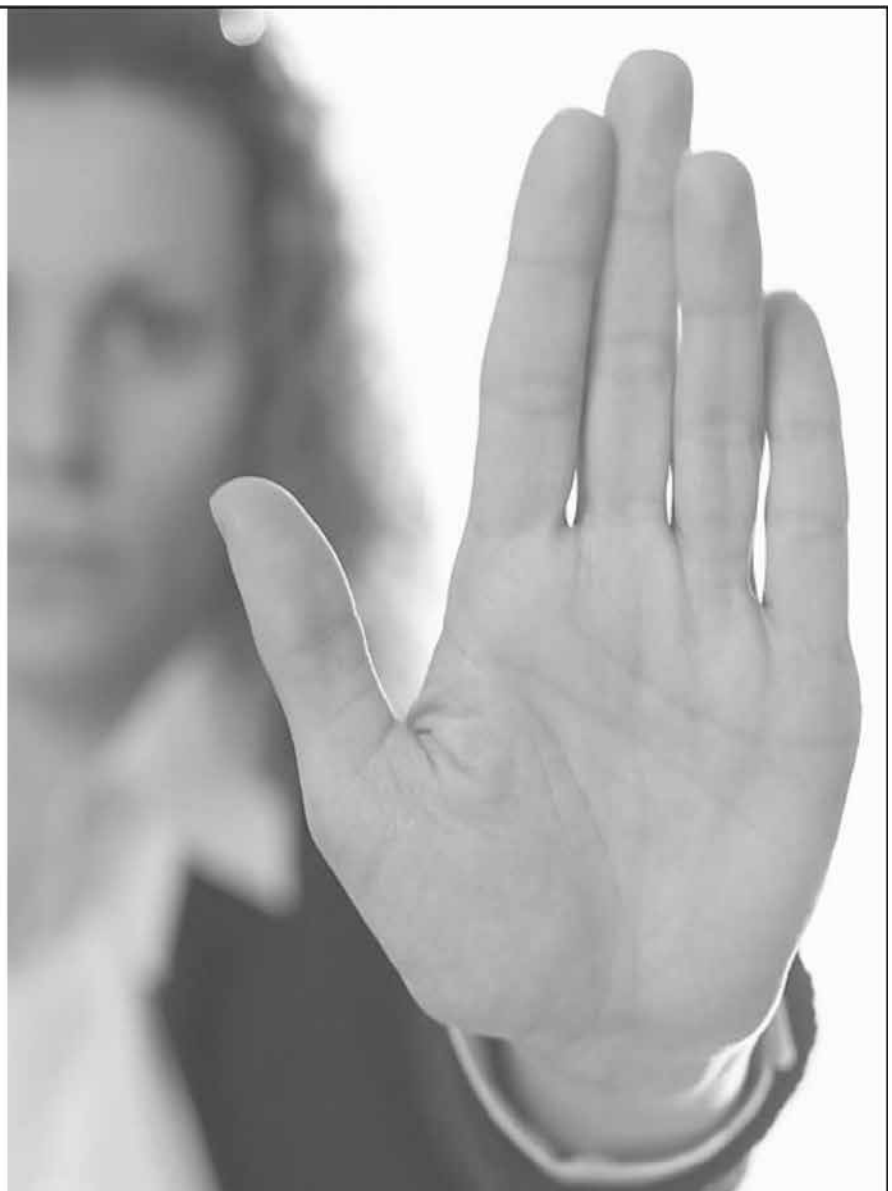
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A TON OF CHILDREN,
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Denny Weesner (south side) gets to be a Kid of the Week in this great photo from the archives of Buzz Rasmussen (west side).



KOTW honors to Bobbi Pack (and her BF Barney) who came from Palm Harbor, Florida to visit with longtime friends Bad Patty and Bill Luecht (east side) recently.

2022 Birch Lake Yacht Club **FALL DINNER**

August 20, 2022

at the Birch Lake Yacht Club

5:30 – Appetizers:

an assortment of cheese and crackers, fruits, and vegetables and dip

6:30 – Dinner:

Polish Sausage, broasted chicken, kluski noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, seasoned green beans, rolls and butter (catering provided by The Skillet, South Bend)

7:30 – Year-End Meeting

\$25 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance by using the Birch Lake Yacht Club website

<https://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com/>

or by contacting Vice Commodore Deb Hall (cove).

Tickets must be purchased by August 11.

No tickets will be sold at the door or after the above date.

— Barker Kids of the Week —



Birch Barker Kids of the Week

Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week?

Mail your photo (with a SASE if you want it back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; or put them in a ziplock in the mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (on the east side), or email me at Sailorphil@PhilVitale.com

Brad, Amanda and Ruby Sandler (north side) and their horse, "Sugar" at The Cass County 4-H Fair. Below is Ruby practicing with Sugar for their upcoming competition! Good luck Ruby and Sugar!



Bad Patty Luecht (east side), told her husband Bill that tubing was on her bucket list ... so Bill obliged, adding Sandy Vitale (east) and Bobbi Pack to the tube to provide balance.



Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

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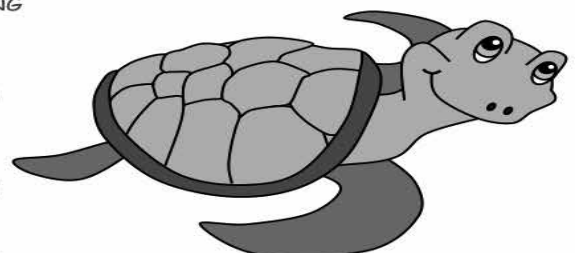


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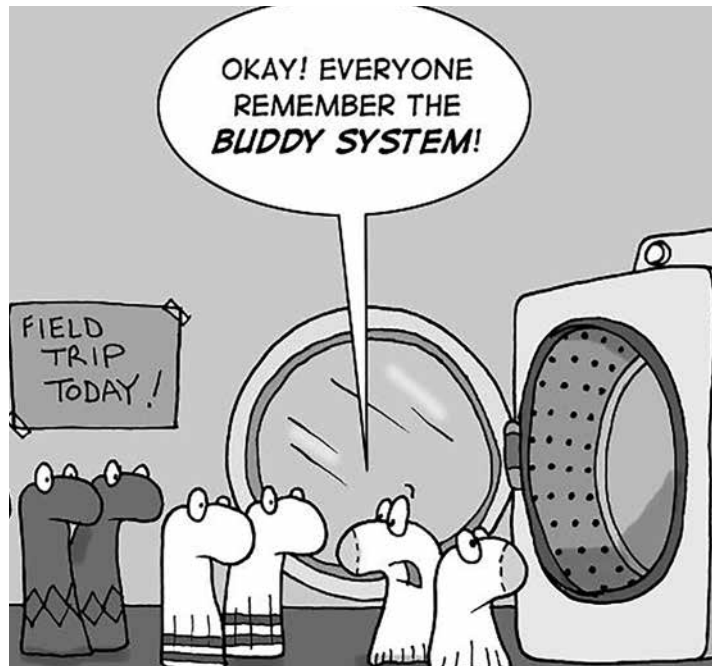
Birch Barker Funnies

**I put my scale
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Crack Tomatoes

Tomatoes will soon be coming in bright and juicy, and it's time to find creative uses for them while they're in season. Crack Tomatoes offer a truly irresistible dish that makes the most of this savory, tangy fruit. Coated in aromatic and zesty seasonings and roasted to elevate and deepen their flavor, Crack Tomatoes pair wonderfully with grilled chicken or seared pork when you aren't popping them in your mouth one by one. Add in fragrant basil with sharp, creamy feta cheese, and very few side dishes can amaze in quite the same way. You'll be cracking your oven open, over and over again, to whip up another batch.

Ingredients:

- 1 (40-ounce) package of cherry tomatoes
- 1 (10-ounce) package of yellow tomatoes
- 2 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 teaspoons ranch seasoning, dry powder
- 2 garlic cloves, zested or minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3 tablespoons chives, chopped
- 1/3 cup basil, chopped
- 3 ounces feta cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Cut the cherry tomatoes and yellow tomatoes in half.
3. Combine the oil, ranch seasoning, garlic, salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes in a small bowl.
4. Toss the tomatoes in the spice mixture.
5. Spread the tomatoes onto a large rimmed baking sheet.
6. Roast until slightly wrinkled and deep in color, about 20-



25 minutes.

7. Transfer the roasted tomatoes to a bowl.
8. Toss with the chives, basil, and feta.
9. Serve.

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Annual candlelight ceremony

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The song we sing as we come down the stairs is called Follow the Gleam, and we probably sing it 40 times in a row as we walk from the top of the stairs to the lake! Needless to say, we all have it stuck in our heads for days afterwards!

Follow the Gleam

*To the campers in days of old
Keeping watch o'er Tannadoonah's heights
Came the gleam of a tiny candle
Lighting the black darkness of the night*

*Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Campers wish, throughout the world
Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Of a Tannadoonah light*

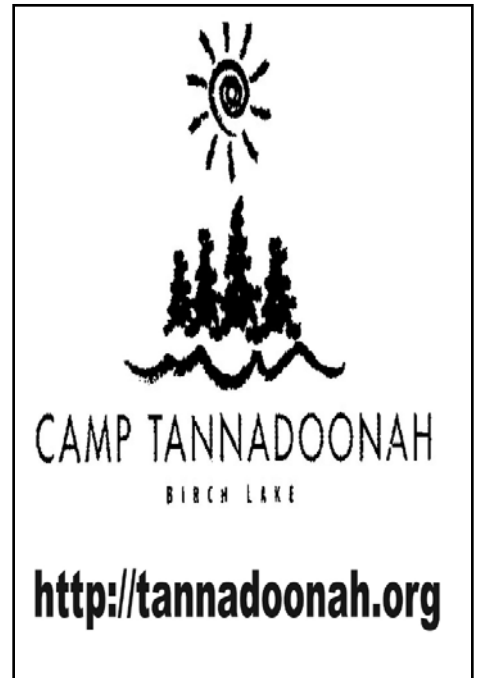
Singing camp songs is one of my favorite parts of camp, and I've always loved our final Council Fire and the candlelight serenade at the waterfront.

It's really special to look out into the dark and see the lights of all the boats that gather to hear us sing on Friday night.

This week at camp, we have 158 campers here, and the theme for the week is "Survivor: Fun Factor." The counselors this week are doing a tradition that we call "Tannadoonah Fairy," which is sort of like a secret Santa, but with silly pranks.

The counselors who choose to participate draw names out of a hat, and then they're given a list made by the person they draw that includes their favorite color, favorite snacks, likes and dislikes, etc. Then the participants get to make up challenges and goofy things for their "TF" (Tannadoonah Fairy) to do in order to earn rewards in the form of candy, pop, treats, and small gifts.

Counselors might have to wear a costume throughout the day, or sing a song at lunch, or complete a challenge or task. It's a good pick-me-up for positive energy as we reach the end of a long summer. The campers and staff all have fun and there are lots of silly things going on all over camp throughout the week. Not everyone chooses to



participate – some people, for instance, don't enjoy surprises or being the center of attention to do a song or dance.

Next week it's our last week of camp! Hard to believe we're already into August and nearing the end of another season of campers. Hope to see you all out on Friday night!

~Mrs. Amber

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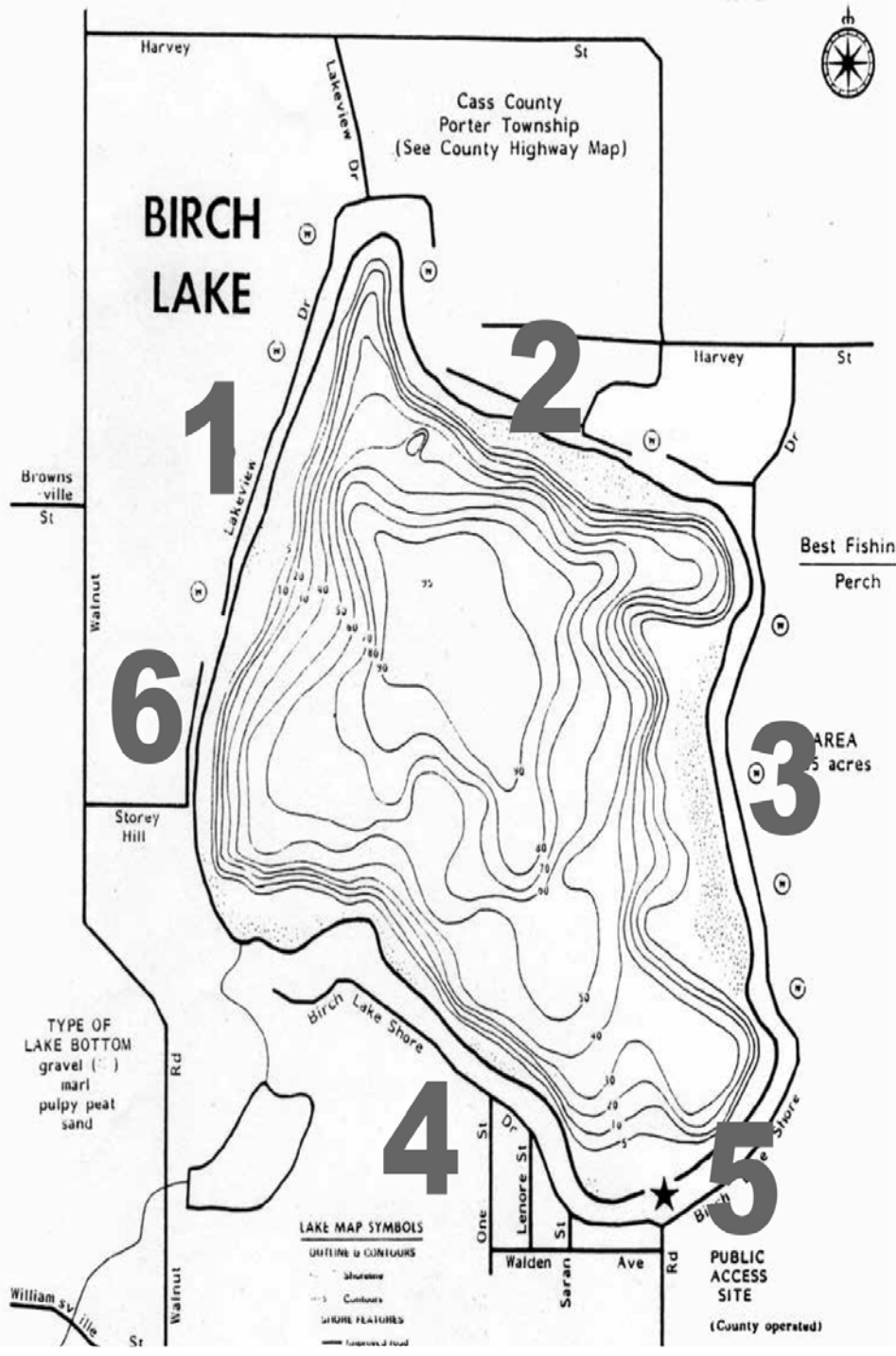
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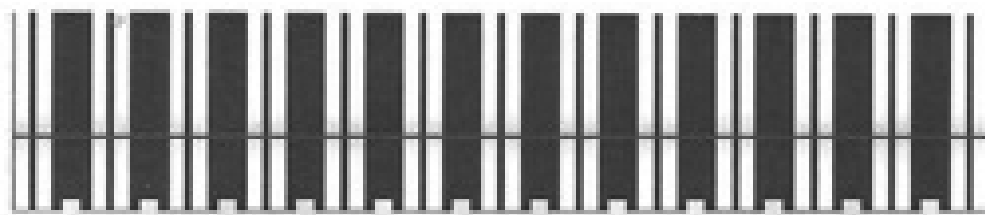
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