



Friends of Clam Lake

2011 Membership Drive & Annual Meeting Announcement

Dear Members & Supporters,

Although some of you live year round in the area, how many of you drive Up North each spring or summer with that wonderful, warm feeling of anticipation: anticipation of a first glimpse of the water; anticipation of arriving at your cottage; anticipation of that walk to the dock to greet the lake. As Americans, we have incredible National Parks because our ancestors possessed great foresight and a determined willingness to preserve. Clam Lake is our Up North treasure. As we enjoy our time on this lake, can we be responsible custodians and preserve it for the generations to come? Will our grandchildren's children rush down to the shore some day to say, "Hello Lake!?"

We invite you to continue your membership or become a new member for this year.

Check out our website at: www.friendsofclamlake.com for an update on what the organization is planning for 2011:

Grass River Education Events - Jointly sponsored by FoCL, GRNA, TLPA and TLA
Free admission for all. Each event is followed by a social gathering with appetizers, wine and soft drinks.

June 22, 2011, Wednesday - Alden Depot, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Subject: To Frack or Not to Frack
Presentation with Q/A on the pros and cons of deep gas well drilling using the fracking method.

August 16, 2011, Tuesday - Torch Lake Township Day Park (west side of Torch Lake), 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Subject: How to Dispose of Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceuticals
Presentation and Update on Antrim County's hazardous waste pickup days, recycling program and pharmaceutical disposal methods.

2011 Boat Capacity Study on Clam Lake: Saturday, July 16, 2011. The rain date will be Saturday, July 23, 2011. Members are asked to volunteer for this one day count by **emailing us at friendsofclamlake@charter.net**

Chain-of-Lakes Photo Book - Images of our Chain-of-Lakes to view and proudly display at your home.

Grass River Sedimentation Project -
Since the Grass River is key to the continued water quality on Clam Lake, FoCL will be partnering with GRNA, TLA and Tip of the Mitt Watershed. This will be a multi-year effort.

- Fisheries Management - TBD**
- Loon Nursery** - Nesting and Protection
- Invasive Species** - Emphasis on Eurasian Milfoil
- Boat Navigation/Safety**
 - Legal Fund
 - Vigilance and review of projects on Clam Lake

ANNUAL MEETING --- Thursday, August 4, 2011

Alden United Methodist Church - Alden, Michigan

Registration: 6:00 pm Meeting: 6:30 - 7:30 pm, followed by a 30 minute presentation with Q&A:

“Protecting & Enhancing Your Shore Line Landscape”

Presented by Heidi Shaffer, Antrim County Conservation District Soil Erosion Officer

Please join us and your neighbors as we continue our journey.

Cottie Volle - Membership Chairperson and Board Member