



Nelson Lake Association **SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER**

**SKIP A STONE. TAKE A HIKE. SIT A SPELL. LISTEN. DAYDREAM.
JUST BREATHE. THIS IS LAKE LIVING**

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9:00 A.M. — Noon

at Hayward Veterans Center

KAYAKING EVENT

Saturday, August 15, 2026

10:00 A.M. — Noon

Depart from Gerlach's landing @ 10 A.M.



ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.

at Nelson Lake Park



From the President

Michelle Tripp



From the (Acting) President

The snow and ice have been *slowly* clearing from Nelson Lake after a much more typical Northwoods winter. We had lots of snowmobile traffic on the lake starting in Jan and lasting until the end of February.

NLA Winterama took place on Jan 3 at Revelle's. The winners from the cookoffs were Lori Noel for the chili category and Kristine Roerhich for the desserts category. Congratulations to the winners!

The NABA (North Area Builders Association) 16th annual ice fishing contest was on Jan 16 with registration and awards taking place at Gerlach Landing. It was a cold day but delivered a big turnout with lots of adults and children participating across the contest categories. Tip-ups were given to the first 40 children to register. NABA is a nonprofit organization encompassing 15 high schools. Proceeds allow NABA to offer scholarships to students entering the trades and assist high school technical education programs to obtain necessary equipment. Special thanks to members of the Nelson Lake Resort Association for their help with the event.

Nelson Lake was well represented at the 2026 Birkie with several residents participating in contests across the event. Pictured below is the Nelson Lake Loonies competing in the Giant Ski event. Four Nelson Lake resorts also held a Poker Run during Birkie weekend. As you can see from the picture, the turnout was amazing with lots of people arriving via sleds or UTVs for the final stop at Nelson Lake Landing.

The Nelson Lake Association Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 20 from 9:00AM until Noon at the Hayward Veterans Center. We hope to see you there. A detailed agenda will be sent via email in the coming weeks.

This year, we will be filling four Director at Large positions and two Officer positions, President and Treasurer. (Directors/Officers stepping down or ending their term include: John Welter, Dale McPherson, Casey Stangle and Glenn Rolloff)

For those that might be interested in a Director position on the Board, the NLA Board meets every other month and share responsibilities for events and tasks such as the annual picnic, managing the lake buoys, overseeing the boat monitoring program at the landings, organizing a future road clean up, and overseeing our annual scholarship program. One of the open Director positions will be focused on managing our membership processes including sending out annual and new resident applications and maintaining the email distribution list. There is no experience necessary! Any member of the Nelson Lake Association can run for a position on the Board of Directors, please send an email to NelsonLake2025@gmail.com if you are interested in being a candidate for a Board position.

The Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 15 at Nelson Lake Park from 4:00– 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for great food, raffle prizes and a chance to spend time with the Nelson Lake community.

Sincerely,
Michelle Tripp
Acting President, NLA

NLA Board Members



Michelle Tripp



Tom LeMay



Scott Wied



Glenn Rolloff



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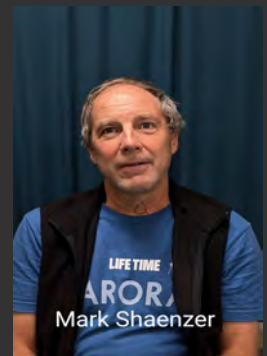
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Mike Hallum



Gordy Christians



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NELSON LAKE

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Length Limit
Walleye	General gamefish*	3	18" minimum
Northern Pike	General gamefish*	5	Release 25"-35"
Largemouth Bass	General gamefish*	5, both species combined	None
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and release only from first weekend in May to third weekend in June		None
Panfish (Crappie, Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Sunfish)	Open Year Round	10 combined	None

*General gamefish season runs from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March

3-line fishing and motor trolling is allowed (3 hooks, baits, or lures per person)

From the Treasurer

Glenn Roloff and Neil Ellis

Financials as of March 31, 2026

General Fund	\$35,790.39
Fish & Wildlife	\$ -3,784.00
Parks & Lake Project	\$ 5,028.90
Invasive Species Prevention	\$ 1,815.33
Fireworks Fund	\$ 175.00
Gerlach Garage	\$ 3,171.12
Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ -652.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$41,544.74</u></u>

**NLA Membership stands at 276 Households
(+22 over last year!!)**

GOVERNOR'S FISHING OPENER

AND FAMILY FISHING DAY



Governor Evers will be on Nelson Lake to celebrate Wisconsin's Fishing Opener. The event rotates around the Northwestern Wisconsin region each year to showcase the incredible natural resources that the region offers. In conjunction with this exciting day families looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend time outdoors this spring will have the perfect opportunity at the upcoming Family Fishing Day in Hayward. Scheduled

for Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event will take place at Lake Hayward Beach and promises a lively, family-friendly atmosphere centered around fishing, learning, and community engagement.

Presented by the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau in partnership with Travel Northwest Wisconsin, Family Fishing Day is proudly sponsored by Enbridge Energy. The event is part of the larger Wisconsin Governor's Fishing Opener, a longstanding tradition that celebrates Wisconsin's rich fishing heritage while promoting tourism and outdoor recreation across the state.

At its core, Family Fishing Day is designed to inspire the next generation to get outside and experience the joys of fishing and nature. Organizers have created a welcoming environment where beginners and seasoned anglers alike can enjoy hands-on activities and interactive learning. One of the highlights of the event is the "learn to fish" casting lessons, where participants can gain practical skills and confidence in a supportive setting.

Another major attraction will be the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fishmobile, an engaging, mobile aquarium that offers a close-up look at native fish species and aquatic ecosystems. This educational feature helps children and adults alike better understand Wisconsin's waterways and the importance of conservation.

In addition to fishing-focused activities, the event will feature a variety of displays and attractions to keep the whole family engaged. Attendees can enjoy games, giveaways, and delicious offerings from a local food truck, creating a festive, community-oriented atmosphere. Families are encouraged to arrive early, as the first 100 families will receive special swag bags filled with fun items and surprises.

The Family Fishing Day is also an important component of the broader Governor's Fishing Opener initiative. This statewide event aims to raise awareness of Wisconsin's fishing and tourism industries while showcasing the unique character of host communities like Hayward. It brings together state dignitaries, including the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries from both the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism, helping to generate valuable media attention and highlight the region's natural beauty and recreational opportunities.

Since 2022, organizers have placed a stronger emphasis on family-focused programming, recognizing the importance of introducing young people to outdoor activities early in life. By combining education, recreation, and community celebration, Family Fishing Day serves as both a fun outing and a meaningful step toward fostering a lifelong appreciation for Wisconsin's outdoor traditions.

Whether you're teaching your child how to cast a line for the first time or simply looking for a memorable day outdoors, the 2026 Family Fishing Day in Hayward offers something for everyone.

BIRKIE FUN ON AND ABOUT NELSON LAKE



The 2026 Birkie offered activities for all. The Hayward area does an incredible job of hosting a world class event. Nelson Lake establishments hosted the 14th Annual Poker Run and since there was snow the sleds were out and about. The day was one to remember.



Nelson Lake AED – (Automated External Defibrillator)

By Mike Hallum

A few years ago, a group of people on the lake raised money to have three AEDs placed around the lake. Currently, the locations are: **Nelson Lake Landing, Park Island Resort, and Revelle's Resort**. All units are located just inside the front door of the resort bar area. Last spring, the Sawyer County Ambulance Crew added fresh pads and checked the batteries in each unit.

In case of an emergency:

Remain calm

DIAL 911

Send someone for the Closest AED

Follow the instructions on the AED. Stay with the Patient until the Ambulance arrives. Try to take mental notes to give to the paramedics when asked about the situation.

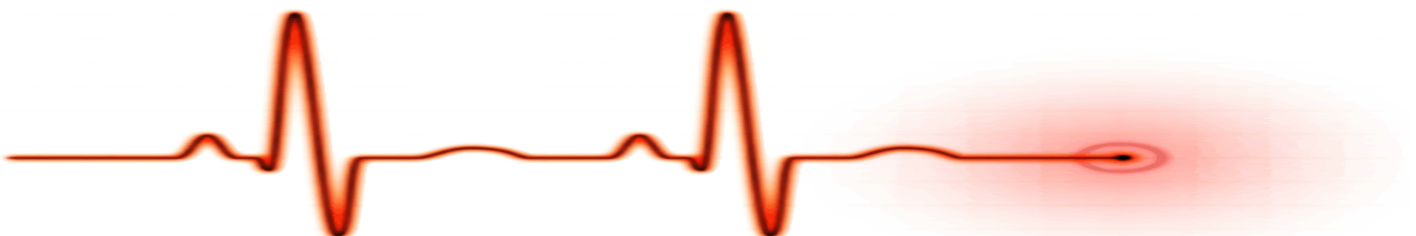
If you are interested in receiving training specific to the AED devices, the American Red Cross offers online classes that are open to the public: [American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

Stay Happy and Healthy - Enjoy our Beautiful Lake



Facts about AEDs

- ◆ Survival Rates: Immediate CPR and the use of and AED can DOUBLE OR EVEN TRIPLE, a person's chance of survival during a cardiac arrest. Studies show that early defibrillation significantly increase survival rates with 9 out of 10 people surviving if they receive a shock from an AED within the first minute of cardiac arrest.
- ◆ Public Access: More than 15% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in public locations, making public access AEDs essential. However, only 10.2% of public arrests have an AED applied by a bystander.



TOWN OF LENROOT REPORT

Spring 2026

Gordy Christians

The township clerk, Robert Ubbelohde, has indicated that he will not run again for the position again when his term ends next year (April 2027). After the former clerk, Carol Stone, retired last year, I found it difficult to find a replacement for this important position until Bob offered to serve.

Many townships in Sawyer County have changed from an elected, to an appointed clerk because no one wanted to run. This is something Lenroot will consider at the April 21st town electors meeting at the town hall beginning at 6 pm. Please attend and express your opinion.

Also presented at this meeting will be the past year's accomplishments, projects for this year, town finances, and other issues brought forward by the electors (residents eligible to vote in the township).

WALLEYE STOCKING 2026

Gordy Christians

This will be the third year of a four - year stocking plan (see the article in the fall 2025 NLA newsletter). NLA has again committed \$7500 toward the purchase of "fingerling plus" size walleyes from the St. Croix tribal hatchery to be stocked in late June. In addition, the Nelson Lake Resort Association will be sharing in the cost of stocking the "fingerling plus" fish.

Another fishing related change this year for Nelson Lake, is the new northern slot size limit. **"Five northern pike of any length may be kept except fish from 25" to 35" must be released."**



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The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Nelson Lake and its surroundings, to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Nelson Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations while respecting the interests of property owners and the public and to provide the opportunity for fellowship among Association members.

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