

May 22, 2024

Dear Ladies of the Lake of Lake Wallkill,

The summer is almost here! The calendar for the 2024 season has been email blasted to everyone who signed up with Violet at the Office. Please do so if you haven't already. The calendar will also be posted on the Lake website (along with this letter), and copies will be available at the Office and at Ladies of the Lake meetings.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the off-season activities. Once again, the Gallagher and Coughlin families, with a team of helpers, put together a wonderful "Halloween on Columbus Day Weekend," and sisters Jenna Mackesy and Nicole Mackesy Lynch, with their team of candy egg stuffers, organized the fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday.

The first Ladies of the Lake meeting will be on Sunday, June 30 at 12 noon. Please try to attend this important meeting, which previews our many Ladies activities, including those that still need volunteer support. Megan Matthews has agreed to be the Coordinator for both Arts and Crafts and Story Hour but is looking for volunteers to run specific weeks of each activity. This worked well for Arts and Crafts last year, so we're trying it for Story Hour also. Please get in touch with Megan to sign up. Subsequent Ladies meetings will be on Saturday, July 13 at 10 am, Saturday, July 27 at 12 noon, and Monday, August 12 at 7 pm.

July 4th weekend is loaded with activities, with the Powder Color Run being reprised by Laurie and Barry Hohnarth on the 4th, the Men's BBQ that night, the Swim Team Pancake Breakfast on the 6th, and something new: a benefit concert by the Lake's own John Kelly and his band on the 5th with proceeds to go to Wounded Warrior Project. Keep checking your e-mail blasts for more details about these and other July 4th weekend events.

Card Parties! Our first one this year will be a BYOB Bunco Party on July 9, run once again by Ashley Kelly. It was a lot of fun last summer. Please come even if you don't want to play (it costs \$10) to check it out and meet and greet old friends and welcome new ladies to the Lake. We also have 2 "open" card party nights in August - on the 13th and the 20th - and are looking for volunteers to host, either to run a tricky tray or raffle, or to provide refreshments and help with the set-up and clean-up. Although some of the card parties have proven to be significant fundraisers to support the many activities that make our community so special, that is NOT necessary. It's the fellowship resulting from these get-togethers that matters.

The dates and times for the first organizational meetings for Teen Canteen and the various children's Regatta groups will be posted at the beginning of the summer. Keep a look out for those notices!

A special shout-out to Barbara LaCarrubba who has agreed to handle apparel sales again this year. She and her mother, Lynne, did a fantastic job last year. If she needs additional help (e.g., to sort and fold the clothing), I promised her that the Ladies would step up, as we always do.

Thanks to the other members of the Board of Ladies of the Lake, and to our many volunteers, for all the work they do to make our Lake a "happy place" for all.

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