

IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Curly-Leaf Pondweed

Since our last general meeting, volunteers from the Ida Lake Association (ILA) have been hard at work raking the Curly-Leaf Pondweed in Little Ida Bay. The DNR had recommended this form of containment at this time since chemicals kill good weeds and the pondweed has more space to grow. Many, many thanks to Wes Smith for organizing the raking. Please call Wes at (320) 834-2341 and volunteer to come out to the lake to rake when needed.



Forest Tent Caterpillars (Army Worms)

The Forest Tent Caterpillars (Army Worms) did invade Lake Ida this year and did some serious damage to leaves in a few areas. From the time the potential issue was discussed at the ILA director's meeting it took only two weeks for the spraying to be done. This year the Association paid for the service.

Army worms infestations are usually cyclical, so we have to be ready to spray again next year. So what can you do to help? 1) Notify your district's director upon seeing any of the small caterpillars next season. As you can see, even days make a difference. 2) Make sure that you have signed the permission slip for spraying over your property. Most of the delay in spraying this year was caused by having to obtain all owners' approvals. 3) Please participate. Although the caterpillars only eat the leaves and don't kill a tree the first year, repeated infestations can severely weaken your trees. Also, part of the beauty of our lake area is the beautiful trees (with leaves) surrounding our homes and the lake.

Floating Bogs

Lake Ida had some problems this spring with floating bogs. It is against the law to push back bogs into the lake. The county is trying to determine where they are originating from.

Summer Events

See the enclosed flyers for information on the Ida Lake Association **Picnic** and the Lake Ida **Boat Parade**. **Annual Membership Meeting** – August 22, 9am at Ida Township Hall. **Recognition Dinner** at the Corral Supper Club August 22. Happy Hour at 5, Dinner at 6. Come join your neighbors from Lake Ida!