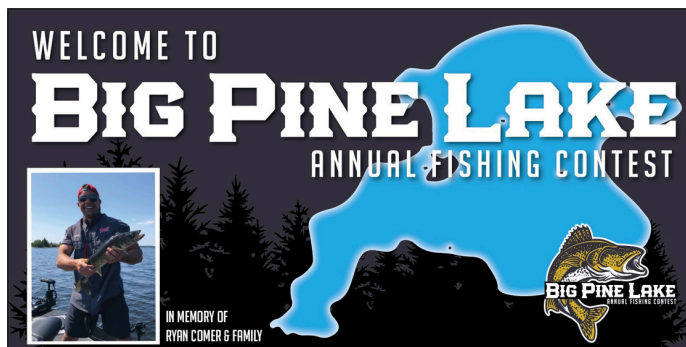


2024 Fall News

Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association

- We had 150 participants this year.
- Every child won a prize!
- Promotes catch and release initiatives to allow fish to grow and reproduce for the health of the lake.
- Encourages the sport of fishing for Big Pine Lake families.

A huge thank you to the Moore family for hosting and organizing the contest again this year; and to the volunteers and donors listed to the right.



2024 Fishing Contest

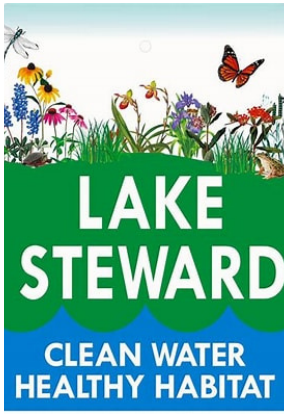
Thanks to Lake Neighbors:
Esnoughs, Frehner, Murray,
Jaspers, Prokoschs, Rineharts,
Samuelson, Wiblishauser,
Segars & Shermers.

Thanks to businesses:
Garrison Sports, Harbor Inn,
JJ's Birds Nest, The Joint,
Lonesome Pine Restaurant,
and Tutts Bait & Tackle.

Boat Parade

This year's boat parade had 4 registered, and two last minute participants. While the Broderick's Ice Cream pontoon was a huge winner for the kids, the Pirate Ship won the booty!





Lake Steward

Would you like to be a Lake Steward? Big Pine Lake POA is partnering with MN Lakes and Rivers to protect, improve, and enhance our shoreline. Contact our board President Tom Hubbard, or board members Dick Weber and Jerry Low via the website to have your shoreline assessed and learn positive steps you can take to minimize any negative impacts on the health of the lake. Tom and Dick performed 15 shoreline evaluations in 2024. Learn more at link:

[Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Lake Steward Program \(mnlakesandrivers.org\)](http://mnlakesandrivers.org)

Website

Thank you to Sharrell Wright and Amie Mayo for the hard work they put in building a website for Big Pine Lake POA. Please visit the website to learn about the many new initiatives we are working on to improve the lake experience for Big Pine Lake POA members: [Big Pine Lake Association: Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association \(mnlakesandrivers.org\)](http://mnlakesandrivers.org).

Education

There was a great deal of discussion and concern about safety on Big Pine Lake at the annual association meeting in July. David Fisher has volunteered to join the association board and lead up our education initiative in an effort to improve safety on the lake, fostering an environment for all to enjoy in years to come.

Learn more on education and certification program here:

<https://bigpine.mnlakesandrivers.org/water-safety-and-etiquette/education-certification-training/>



Big Pine Lake Swag!

Holidays are coming! Order your Big Pine Lake spirit wear by following the link below. These will make great gifts or stocking stuffers for the entire family!

<https://bigpinelakegear24.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Get Involved!

There are many opportunities to get involved and get to know your neighbors at the lake. Visit our new website for the most updated list or to let us know about a talent or skillset. Some needs:

Help at events like: Fishing contest, Boat Parade, Roadside clean up, annual meeting, picnic potluck.

Participate with membership & communications assistance, invasive species monitoring, Lake Steward program, promoting education, website & social media updates, or boat inspections at the launch. Visit the website to express interest by following the link below, or call Sharrell Wright to learn more: 712-253-6981 <https://bigpine.mnlakesanddrivers.org/volunteers/>

Neighborhood Information:

- The Mille Lacs Energy Coop has moved in! Stop by to pay your bill and check out the new building: 23483 US Hwy 169
- Looking for fun in the area? Check out Aitkin County Friends of the Arts music scene link here: <https://acfota.weebly.com>
- Join the Big Pine Lake -Aitkin facebook page link here: [Big Pine Lake-Aitkin Facebook Page](#) Amie and Nicholas are doing a great job sharing the latest.
- Not a facebook person? check out Big Pine Lake nextdoor link here: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/bigpinelake--aitkin--mn/>



2025 Save the dates:

- May 17th: Spring board meeting & Roadside Cleanup
- July 5th: Fishing Contest and Boat Parade
- July 19th: Annual membership meeting (after board meeting)
- August 2nd: Annual potluck Picnic
- September 20th: Fall Board meeting & Roadside Cleanup

Board Officers

Tom Hubbard - President <https://bigpine.mnlakesanddrivers.org>
Mike Moore - Vice President
Sharon Esnough - Treasurer
Marie Segar - Secretary - Segars@comcast.net - 651-246-0182

At Large Board Members

David Fisher	Jerry Low	Stacey Robin
Wes Thomas	Dick Weber	Sharrell Wright