

WATTS BAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

PHOTO CONTEST

Win a 40" Flatscreen HDTV

We know you are out there... The WBLA is seeking photos for display on our website and Facebook page that reflect the many wonderful aspects of Watts Bar Lake; its beauty, uniqueness, intriguing nature and wildlife. To this end, we are seeking your photos which highlight something special about the lake. If we use your photo, it will be displayed on our website, with full credit to you, the photographer.

To submit photos to us, email your digital photos directly to us via email, wbla@wattsbarlakeassociation.org. Submitted photo(s) should:

Highlight some significant feature of Watts Bar Lake

be a JPG format file and be a minimum of 600 pixels wide

be from your better photos -- be selective, choose from your favorites include helpful information, such as:

Name of the photographer

Where the photo was taken

What is showing / going on in the photo

Details of what that makes the photo of special significance to Watts Bar Lake

First Place: 40" Flatscreen HDTV

Second Place: \$50 gift card

Third Place: \$25 gift card

We're looking forward to seeing your submissions.

Official Rules: Participants must be a member in good standing (Dues paid current). Contest period is February 1, 2016 thru July 31, 2016. Entries must be the original work of the participant. Limit of three pictures per participant. Winners will be announced at the Fall picnic/general meeting. Officers, Directors, and their immediate families are ineligible to compete. Photos must be of Watts Bar Lake and/or the properties adjacent to the lake. All entries become the property of Watts Bar Lake Association and may be used in future publications.

National Trails Day

Sponsored by TVA, WBLA members can work beside TVA to improve established trails in the Watts Bar Lake area. Mark your calendars for June 4th to help keep our trails clear for all to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information as the time to volunteer gets closer.

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FLOTILLA

Plans are being made for a May or June trip and will be discussed at our spring meeting. For those of you who haven't taken a cruise on the river, let me assure you that it's a relaxing time to see the beautiful resources we are blessed to have in this area. Hope you'll consider taking the upcoming trip.

WBLA 2016 EVENTS

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| Annual Spring Membership Meeting | Mar 17th |
| WBLA/TVA/IJAMS Nature Center-River Rescue and Lake Clean-up | Apr 2nd |
| Spring Flotilla and Luncheon | May TBD |
| Chuck Copeland Memorial Fish Rodeo | June 11th |
| WBLA/TWRA Clean Boating | June 25th |
| Smokin the Water Festival - Kingston | July 3rd-4th |
| Annual Picnic and Member Meeting | Sept 10th |
| Fall Flotilla | Oct TBD |
| WBLA / Tennessee River Rescue and Lake Clean-up | Oct 2nd |

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Spring general membership meeting will be held March 19, 2016 at the Spring City municipal building. Many of you attended last year and enjoyed a program presented by TVA concerning water flow management not only for Watts Bar Lake but the entire river system. This year's program will be announced on our website and mail-out prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

On **April 2nd** the WBLA will join with the TVA and IJAMS Nature Center for the annual River Rescue/Lake Clean-up. Gloves and trash bags will be provided by our friends at TVA. Grabbers will be available courtesy of your lake association. For many years the WBLA has conducted the annual Watts Bar Lake Clean-up. In 2015, we had 25 members and non-members participate. The group worked 6 separate sites in Rhea, Meigs and Roane counties collecting cans, bottles, tires and miscellaneous trash, totaling 4,500 pounds. As in prior years, the event will kick off at 8:30 and will conclude at noon. Afterwards, volunteers will gather at Rhea Harbor Marina in Spring City for lunch and share stories of the day.

Projects

We are currently exploring the ability to monitor our lake ecology and hope to have a program in the near future. If you would like to participate in this program, contact Director Roger Hinsdale at 452-0428

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBER MEETING

WATTS BAR DAM PAVILION

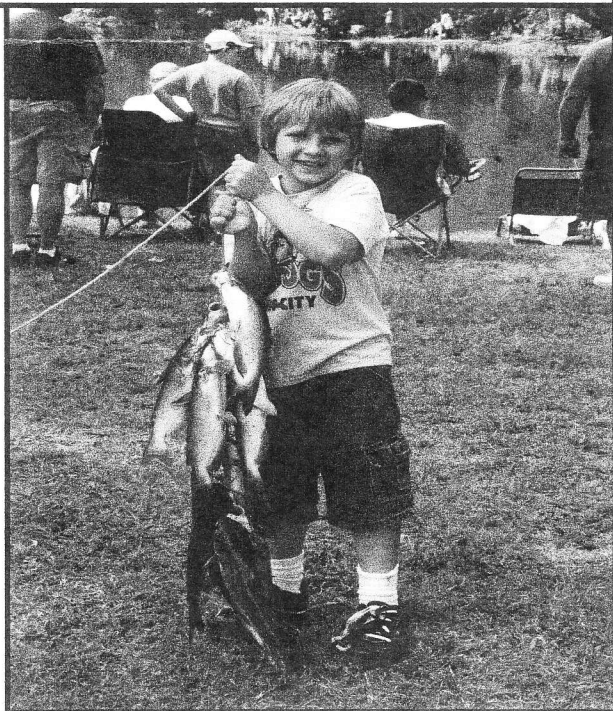
Watts Bar Lake Association held its Annual Picnic and Member Meeting on August 29th at the Watts Bar Dam Pavilion. Two officers from the Rhea County Sheriff's Dept. were our guest speakers. They are assigned to monitor lake activities, and reported that several thefts have occurred recently. All lake owners should be on the lookout for suspicious activities around their area and report individuals who appear to be "casing" docks/boats for possible theft. As usual, the catered dinner was free to all paid memberships and immediate family and one prospective member. Food was provided by Evelyn's Catering. We had a total of 53 attendees for the dinner and meeting. The Association's annual business meeting followed the dinner. The year's main activities were reviewed and the election of directors followed. Directors are listed on page one and can be contacted if necessary.

Kids Fishing Rodeo

The Chuck Copeland Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo is always a major event for us. Last year, we experienced a record turn out of over 660 registered children. This is always a big event for Spring City and surrounding area. Folks from several states and counties come to this event. It takes a lot of hard work to put this event together. If it weren't for the T.W.R.A., W.B.L.A., the City of Spring City, and all of the volunteers that help with this event, it would be impossible to have this rodeo.

Again, we served almost 1200 hot dogs, drinks, snacks and chips to everyone. If you missed last year's event and want to be a part of this exciting event call Gray Cowart for details. This year, the rodeo is scheduled for June 11th. A special thank you for Scott Ledford with TVA for all the hard work he has done for many years to make this event a success.

Remember, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and your contribution to help fund this event is tax deductible.



Boat Donation

We are seeking the donation of a flat bottom Boat at least 19' or more in length to facilitate the collection and removal of refuse in our lake clean-up projects. Also looking for volunteers to staff an ongoing effort to keep our lake clean.

Board of Director Positions

We have two open director positions and encourage you to consider becoming a part of our governing body. Director meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sheriff's annex in Spring City at 6 PM except for July and December.

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President's Corner

I hope everyone is having a great start to the new year. I'd like to acknowledge those members who have joined the WBLA this year and those who have renewed or will renew their membership. The Officers and Directors are committed to continue promoting the activities the Association has supported over the years. Two key activities include the Kids Free Fish Day and the Spring & Fall Watts Bar Lake Clean-ups.

This year, I would like to focus on providing additional value for being an Association member and increasing our membership. Another focus area is strengthening the Association's involvement with environmental activities and with regional agencies such as TVA and TWRA. Please make plans to attend our Spring Meeting to learn more about these efforts and all of the Association's activities planned for 2016.

Be sure to visit our website (www.wattsbarlakeassociation.org). I encourage you to use this website and our Facebook page to interact with the Association's Officers and Directors. If the computer interface is not convenient, you can always phone any of the Directors/Officers. Use these resources to communicate with your Association and help us to address the items that are important to you. The Directors meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July & Dec.) at the Sheriff's Annex in Spring City - 6:00PM. This is an open meeting and members are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your support.

Roger Hinsdale
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Membership Dues Now Due

Your annual membership dues are now due and payable. Some of you owe for 2015; An envelope is enclosed for your remittance. A single membership is \$15.00, a dual membership is \$30.00. Thank you.

E-Mail Addresses

Many of you have provided us with your email address. Some of you have not. Please include your email address with your membership dues payment. Having your email address will enable us to provide timely information to you on important matters.

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