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The IKEs Update

Beautiful Birds of Prey will be visiting on November 6 at 6:30 - see page 3 for details!

Here it is, the most colorful time of the year! Golden hickory, deep red oak, orange-tinted sassafras, yellow popple, bright maples... See if the kids can make a leaf-rainbow, or catch a leaf as it flutters down on the breeze. It's not as easy as it sounds! And don't forget to rake up a nice crunchy pile for jumping in. Raking is so much more pleasant than leaf-blowers, I think. Almost as fast, and I need the exercise. Of course, the trees want me to leave most of the leaves right where they land. And I can't really argue with them.

The mosquitoes are gone! Come sit by the pond and enjoy the view. Perfect time of year for that campfire everyone was too busy for this summer. I'll set the date: **October 21st!** Sunset is about 6:30, so around 7:00 I hope some of you will show up with a brat or a beverage, some kids, and maybe some stories. We can roast apples! Saturday, 10/21, join me for a campfire at 7. If it rains we'll use the covered fireplace next to the pavilion by the garden.

I'm making a big map of the property. Maybe it will be done by the time you get this. **Ron Waybrant** and I tromped around

and it was interesting to realize where our boundaries are. The SW corner is closer than I thought, but we have way more territory in the NW than I expected. I'm calling it, "The Northwest Territory." There's a nice view overlooking the creek there. We wanted to make a trail all along the property lines, but I have to admit some of it is not easy going. Who knew there was

a big marsh with genuine marsh plants, and ...mud? But if we follow the west and north sides, and then start jig-jogging, you get a good mile-long hike. If you get lost, watch for the smoke from our campfire. See you on the 21st?

Georgia Donovan

Fix Up/Clean Up Day



Oktoberfest



Outdoor Defender

Bob Stegmier

FYI, Look what is on the Leagues main page of www.iwla.org. It is your "opportunity" to sign up!

To be honest I don't know if it is new, very new or been there a long time. I guess it is one of those things that all of a sud-

den "rings a bell!" It rang my bell the other day so I joined as an **Outdoor Defender**. Possibly I joined before and don't remember but I am in it now.

I suggest you do too and for you to encourage others to also join.

Clean Water Pen-Pal

Georgia Donovan

Since the **Enbridge Line 5** at the Straits gives me cause for concern, and I am not able to run up there to make a stand, I've taken to sending notes to **Governor Snyder**. The 64 year-old set of

pipelines makes our clean water vulnerable. In my opinion it's not worth the risk, since even if we had the money, we couldn't clean it all up. So, I've been sending postcards to PO Box 30013,

Lansing, MI 48909 about 3 or 4 times a week, hoping he'll notice. It's my own little campaign, but if you'd like to join me, any pretty **Great Lakes** postcard will do!

BIRDS OF PREY PROGRAM!!



**Monday, November 6
at 6:30 pm**

Just before press we were able to schedule a visit from Blandford's traveling birds! On, come see live hawks and owls, and hear their stories. It is fascinating to see these beautiful birds up close, so don't miss the chance. Bring the kids and friends for this one hour program. It's FREE for members, others please kick in a \$5/ family donation.

Which birds we will have depends upon their mood, but all will be worthy of our curiosity and respect. **Blandford** staff will be able to describe their characteristics and answer your questions.

We are so excited to have the birds visiting! Circle **November 6** on your calendar. Swoop in for a look!



Official Stream Monitoring Now On Our IKEs Property

Bob Stegmier



Armstrong Creek officially is in the **Bear Creek** watershed and its monitoring program and the data collected will be recorded in the **Micorps.gov** program. This became official last spring and the site is our lower footbridge by

Teardrop Island. This view is downstream from the bridge.

Save Our Streams was developed by the League over 50 years ago and this basic "stream insects and Crustaceans" program has been used for nearly all stream evaluation programs throughout the United States. Something we as "IKEs" can and should "toot our horn" about it.



Correction Tom Watson

In the last issue I mentioned that we have won the Best Newsletter award 4 times since Tam and I started working on it in 2005. I didn't mention that previous to 2005 the chapter also won the award twice. I apologize for the omission.

Kids' Camping

Once again this year the Board funded camping opportunities for kids at D.A Blodgett/St. John's. Following is a letter of thanks we received.

Dear Fred,

As promised, I wanted to report to how the generous support from your chapter of the Izaak Walton League benefitted our kids this summer and will continue to do so this fall.

45 students from our residential program participated in outdoor team building and skill building activities, learned how to ride and care for horses, worked on bikes and enjoyed trail rides, and tended outside vegetable gardens this summer. This fall we have students from one house scheduled to experience a sand dune ride in Mears, MI, and three other houses are planning to take weekend camping trips up north.

The high-risk kids we serve in residential care struggle emotionally, behaviorally and relationally. These outdoor experiences literally and figuratively help our kids get outside their problems, so they are not defined by what has happened to them and can gain confidence and develop interests that will begin to redirect their futures while enjoying the beauty and mystery of our great outdoors. Your group continued to make some that possible this year!

Many thanks for your group's generosity and for making children traumatized by abuse and neglect a priority.

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**Deadline for the
November issue is
Monday, October
16 at 8:00 AM.**

To see this and past editions of the newsletter
and national IKEs information please visit our websites:

www.michiganikes.org,
www.iwla.org

**FIND MICHIGANIKES ON FACEBOOK SO WE CAN SEND UPDATES OUT
IF THERE IS SHORT NOTICE ON EVENTS, OR SHARE PICTURES!**

Born with Fist Doubled: Defending Outdoor America

Bob Stegmier

I am reading this book, 6 in. by 8 in. kelly green paperback from the chapter library, again with the purpose of hopefully finding when "Air" was added to the League's slogan "Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife."



I have an IKE's cap I picked up from a now deceased member **Jack London**. Jack was a long time chapter member and had a remodeling business, "London Remodeling." Jack not only loved steelhead fishing he also loved the IKEs and had a IKEs room or office in his basement. Back to the cap and the slogan on it, it has the circle **IWLA** emblem and it reads "Defenders of Soil Woods, Waters and Wildlife." No air! We certainly and the IKEs learned somewhere along the way "air" needed to be part of our mission and it was added.

I have had the cap for 10 or more years and just recently noticed that "Air" was missing and thus began my search. So far my search through e-mail contacts to as many older, long time IKEs I can think of has turned up nothing positive only suggestions of who I might contact. Nothing positive has been learned. I suppose this emblem missing the "air" could be a mistake but I don't think so. The cap's tab says manufacture by Mid-Iowa Workshops Inc, Marshalltown Iowa.

We have a few chapter members who remember Jack and maybe just maybe they know the answer: **Jack Hornbach, Jim Biener** and **Maurie Houseman**. If anyone else has any info, please share it with me. Back then we had a very strong Ike member **Dan Spalink** who steadfastly said over and over again, "The IKEs are a conservation group not an environmental organization." I suspect his roots may have gone back to before "Air" was added. Dan may even have been involved in the debate regarding adding "air." With "Air" in it I feel a transition into a Conservation/Environmental group took place. Sorry Dan.

I am midway through the book having just finished chapter 13 of this kelly green paperback. There are or were a couple of these in the library shelves at the lodge. I recommend to all members to take one out and read.

Now back to "Air." The first reference I find at the beginning of chapter 11 titled *We Tried to do Too Much*. In the second paragraph it is written, "A number of

issues that have been prominent in recent years have from time to time been aired in *Outdoor America* or at League conventions, only to be left in a file and forgotten until or unless something came along to jog a memory. Air pollution is one of these. **Robert C. O'Hair** of Glyn, president of the Illinois Division, later both national secretary and national president, called attention to smog over Chicago more than once, asking action by the national organization. The first convent action in response to O'Hair's appeals was to appoint a study committee to judge if it was a proper concern of the Izaak Walton League. The committee thought it was and a strongly worded resolution was adopted at the 1951 convention."

I'll keep on this project hopefully find just when "Air" was officially added. I believe today we fully understand how important clean air is.

Send us your fishing, camping or other outdoor stories and we'll publish them in the newsletter. Send plain text and a photo or two, jpg format to:

twatson@comcast.net

LODGE CALENDAR OCTOBER

- October 1 Carla Rental
- October 7 Veronica Antel
Girl Scout/Overnight @ Lodge
- October 10 Board Meeting 7pm
- October 14 Ethan A. Anderson rental
- October 21-22 Laura Alfaro
Cub Scout Pack 3285
- October 28-29 John Grostick
Cub Scout Pack 3228 Rockford

NOVEMBER

- November 14 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- November 17-19 Hunter Waterstrat
Boy Scout troop 264

Native Flowers in September

Tam Bagby

Corrections from the last issue:

One of the photos labelled Blue Vervain was actually Mountain Mint. (It was the one growing next to Little Bluestem)



Mountain Mint

The one labeled Seeds on American Hornbeam should have shown this, from the north bridge:



Seeds on American Hornbeam

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IKEs Member Benefits

-  Monthly Award-Winning Newsletter
-  Gate Key to 39 Acres
-  Nature Trails
-  Catch/Release Fishing
-  Free Camping
-  Lodge Rental (\$75.00 per Day)

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA

Core Event Schedule 2017

NOTE: This is a draft schedule. Especially for late year events you can check for updates in our newsletters and on our website along with notice of special events that come up on short notice and are not listed on this Event Schedule. Also additional information about these listed events can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>
January 28, Saturday 10am-3pm.....	<i>Winterfest Family Outing @ IKEs</i>
March 3, Friday	<i>Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet</i>
March 16 through 19	<i>Ultimate Sport Show-Grand Rapids</i>
April 20, Thursday	<i>Fish & Game Dinner & Program</i>
May 6, 13,20, 27 - Saturdays	<i>Kids Fishing & Native Plants @ IKEs, 9AM-Noon</i>
May 11, Thursday	<i>Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting & Short Program</i>
June 10, Saturday	<i>Fix up/Clean up Day 9AM-?, work, eat, play, campfire</i>
June 24, Saturday, 10am-3pm	<i>Summerfest Community Family Day @ IKEs</i>
June 26-28	<i>2016 IKE's National Convention, Sandusky IN</i>
July 15, Saturday	<i>Native Plants for Everyone, Tear Drop Island @ IKEs</i>
August 17, Thursday	<i>Ribs & Chicken Dinner & Short Program @ IKEs</i>
September 13, Wednesday.....	<i>Oktoberfest @ IKEs</i>
September 16, Saturday.....	<i>Fix Up/Clean Up Day 10AM @ IKEs</i>
October 4, Wednesday	<i>Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ IKEs</i>
November 9, Thursday.....	<i>Game Dinner @ IKEs</i>
December 7, Thursday	<i>Holiday Celebration</i>

Website: www.michiganikes.org

IKEs Property located at 5641 Myers Lake Avenue, Belmont MI

Mailing address is Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306

Conservation Needs a Friend Ask a friend to join the IKEs!

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

SPOUSE _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ SPONSOR _____

___ Individual - \$52 (62*), ___ Family - \$72 (87*), ___ Student (18-21) - \$24 (34*), ___ Youth (under 18) - \$12 (22*)
 * Cost includes increase by IWLA. Please pay increase if you can. If you cannot afford the higher amount, the chapter will fund the increase for 2017 renewals only.

Mail to Izaak Walton League Membership, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306. Checks payable to "Izaak Walton League"
 Email Tom Watson at twatson@comcast.net for more information. A gate key is available to you upon receipt of membership fee. You can pick up a key at the next dinner at the lodge. Please enjoy the 39 acres.

Indicate which of these important committees you're interested in working on:

Natural Features Stewardship _____ Finance _____ Membership _____ Building & Grounds _____

Conservation _____ Programs _____ Every Member Dinners _____

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pass it on to a friend.

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5th Annual Chili Cook Off and Potluck

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 4**

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE
CHILI OR A SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT TO PASS. INVITE ALL
YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

**SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00PM
DINNER: 7:00PM**

**ADULTS: \$8, YOUTH: 6-12 \$4 AND UNDER 6 FREE AS ARE FIRST
TIME GUESTS!**

New members please join us!



coming in
November:

**FISH
AND
GAME
DINNER**

Thursday
November 9th