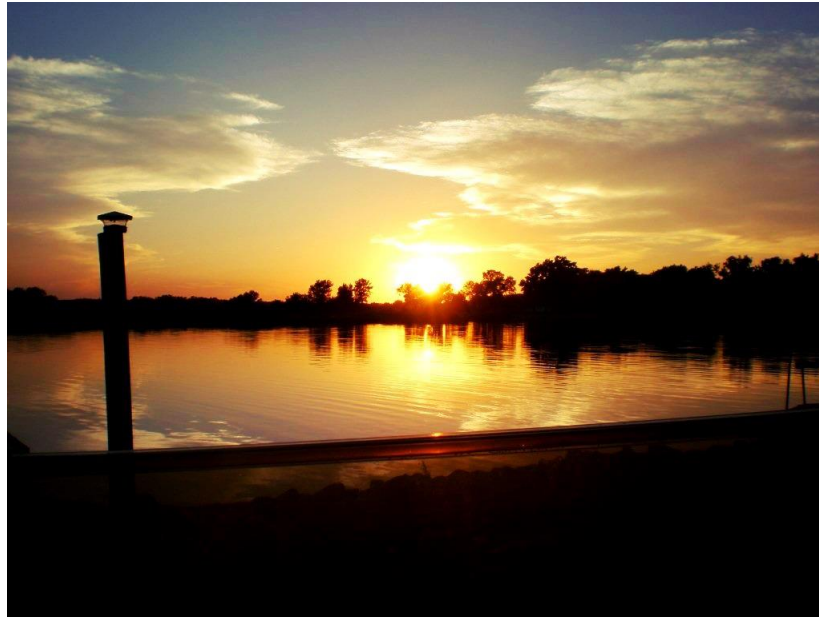


June 2023



Ericson Lake News & Updates

Get out the sunglasses and sunscreen, it's June and that means summer is here! Camping is in full swing and there are a lot of fun and exciting happenings going on at Lake Ericson.

[Visit our website](#)

Cornhole Tournament & Family Fun Day

Memorial Weekend the events committee held the 2nd annual Cornhole Tournament and Family Fun Day.

We had 19 teams compete in the cornhole tournament this year with several out of town teams again. Temperature was nice and made for a great afternoon to toss some bags.

Winners were:

First Place: the 2022 defending champions Aaron Nielsen & Christopher Nielsen

Second Place: Jared Rice & Cody Larsen

Third Place: Shane & Kelly Anderson.



Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you next year.

Wild Hay Cafe was onsite to serve up some amazing food including funnel cakes, fried pickles, snow cones and much more, they will be here on July 3rd as well.

We ended the day with an outdoor movie at dark showing Goonies under our patriotically lit carousel.

This year we had 4 individuals / businesses sponsor custom cornhole boards for the lake tournament. If you are interested in sponsoring a set of boards please let us know the cost is \$250 / set

Proceeds from these events this year went towards the cost of replacing the dam computer



4th of July Events

Saturday, July 1st

Pancake Feed at the ELC Building
Annual ELC Association meeting
Annual Bake & Craft Sale
Silent Auction
Maryann Hagedorn Memorial Golf Cart Parade

Sunday, July 2nd

6th Annual Paddle Poker Run
Splash Into Summer Raffle Winners Drawn
BBQ Cookoff
Food Truck on the lake front
Fireworks at Dusk

Tuesday, July 4th in Ericson

Annual Parade in Ericson
Methodist Women's Dinner
Wagon Wheel Lunch Buffet
Jr. Rodeo at Rodeo Arena
Ericson VFD Street Dance



**Paddle Poker Registration & T-shirt
Orders Click Here**



6th Annual Paddle Poker Run

Sunday, July 2nd @ 1:00 PM

\$20 / Person

Prizes awarded to top 3 hands in
Adult & Kids Divisions.

Pre-register online before June 18th
for free t-shirt.

Splash Into summer Raffle Winners
will be drawn at the conclusion of the
Paddle Poker Run.

For more information click on the
registration link or visit:
www.lakeericson.com

If you are unable to make it to the
paddle poker run, but would like a t-
shirt. You can pre-order only until June
18th.

Stick around afterwards for BBQ
Cookoff, Food Trucks and Fireworks.

There will not be food served with the
poker run this year due to having food
trucks and BBQ going on at the
carousel.

Splash Into Summer Raffle 2023

Get your tickets now!

1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20

3 Winners will be drawn on Sunday, July
2nd after the Paddle Poker Run.

Get your tickets from Ashley Kaiser or
Cyndi Schure

Or you can get your tickets online below:

Get Your Tickets Here!



SPLASH INTO SUMMER RAFFLE

Chance to Win a
**Kayak & Cooler, Floating Trampoline
or Floating Splash Pad**

Winners will be drawn on
Sunday, July 2nd during the
Paddle Poker Run

Get your tickets from an
Board Member or Scan
the QR Code Below

Tickets
1 for \$10
3 for \$20

The poster features a smiling sun wearing sunglasses at the top, with palm trees and a beach scene in the background. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

Proceeds from the raffle will be going repairs to the carousel from last summer's storms.



Pancake Feed

Free Will Donaton

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023
8 - 11 AM**

Ericson Lake Corp. Building

While supplies last

Proceeds going to the Dam Computer Fund

The poster has a black background with a red and black plaid border. It features an illustration of a stack of pancakes on a white plate with a fork and knife, topped with fruit and syrup. String lights are visible at the top.



**Ericson Lake
CRAFT &
BAKE SALE**

Saturday, July 1, 2023
11:00AM - 2:00PM
ELC Building

Please have all items for the Bake & Craft
Sale to the ELC Building by 9:30 AM
For more details Contact:
Cyndi Schure 308-539-2255 or
Ashley Kaiser 308-750-1630

The poster has a dark background with a pink and white polka-dot border. It features illustrations of three decorated cupcakes at the bottom.

Ericson Lake
ANNUAL
SILENT AUCTION
JULY 1, 2023

AUCTION STARTS AT 7:30 AM
BIDDING CLOSSES AT 2:00 PM

ELC Building

Numerous baskets to bid on including: Mens, Womens, Kids, Holiday, Outdoor items and Much More

For more information contact Ginny Oseka 308-380-7514

MAKE A BID!

Need not be present to win, winners will be contacted at the conclusion of the auction.

Proceeds goign to the ELC



MARYANN HAGEDORN MEMORIAL
Golf Cart Parade

Saturday, July 1st
 ERICSON LAKE

Meet at in front of the ELC Building at 5pm

Bring your golf carts, ATVs & UTVs for a patriotic parade around the lake & campsites.

Maryann was the founding organizer for the annual Ericson Lake golf cart parade held each 4th of July weekend. Sadly Maryann passed away this spring but her legacy & love for the lake will carry on.




6th Annual Ericson Lake Paddle Poker Run
Sunday, July 2, 2023 1:00 PM Start
 12:00 - 12:45 Check in

The poker run begins at the boat ramp near the carousel picnic shelter and continues to four checkpoints around the lake before returning back to the boat ramp for your final card. Kayaks and canoes are the only accepted form of water transportation for this event

Schedule of Events
 12:00 to 12:45 PM Onsite Registration, Check in & Pre Registration Packet pickup
 1:00 PM Paddle Poker Run Starts, followed by after Party with Prizes & Raffle Winners Draw

Entry Fee:
\$20 per Participant
 Pre-Registration available online until 5:00 PM Sunday, June 18th.
 Register before June 18th to receive a free T-Shirt.

Scan the QR Code to Register

RULES:

- * Prizes will be awarded to the top three hands in adult and kids divisions
- * The game will be Five Card Stud and will adhere to the best 5 card hand turned in
- * Traditional poker hand rankings highest to lowest will be used
- * At the card turn in, participant will be able to purchase (b) bonus card for an additional \$5 donation, giving the player 6 cards. The best 5 cards will be used
- * Envelopes holding each card will be opened by event staff at turn in. If you have two identical cards, you will draw a new card to replace one of the duplicates
- * Tampering with the sealed envelopes will result in disqualification
- * In case of a tie hand for grand prize, the participants will draw a high card from the deck to determine their new placement
- * Must Be Present to Win
- * In case of bad weather during the event, all participants will proceed to the ELC building to finish drawing cards and enjoy the festivities. There will be no rain date
- * Approved lifejackets are required

Special Thank you to our Sponsors

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Leup Valley **REDI-MIX** **SCHULZE FURNISHING**

Silver Sponsors: Applied Connective Technologies, Boone County Health Center, Good Life Pharmacy, Lammers Abel & Kaps, CPAs PC, LLB Law Office, Levander Funeral Homes, Inc., Loup River Distilling, People's Service/Jimmy K's, Schalk Auto, Inc.



LAKE ERICSON PRESENTS



BARBECUE COOK OFF
SUNDAY JULY 2ND AT 4PM

\$25 ENTRY FEE FOR GRILLERS, CATEGORIES INCLUDE RIBS AND CHICKEN, FOOD MUST BE READY BY 4PM.

TASTER ENTRY IS \$10, TASTERS WILL VOTE FOR WINNER.

PRIZES INCLUDE BLUETOOTH/WIFI THERMOMETER, GRILLING SUPPLIES AND ORD AND ALBION LOCKER GIFTCARDS

LAKE ERICSON CAROUSEL
 CONTACT SARA FISH/ASHLEY KAISER

Still to Come!!!

Labor Day Weekend
 3rd Annual Husker Tailgate Party
 3rd Annual Duck Races

September 9th
 11th Annual Fishing Derby

December 1st & 2nd
 3rd Annual Trail of Lights Ride
 Through Christmas Light Display on



More information to come.



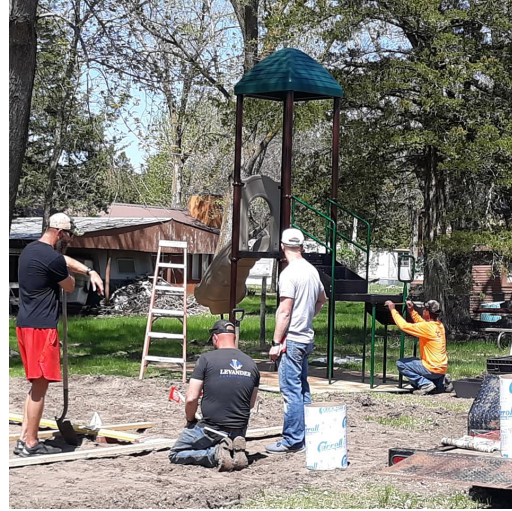
Spotlights

Playground Equipment Being Installed

Once again, we would like to say thank you to all the generous donors who helped make the new playground equipment possible. We raised over \$26,000 for the new equipment that includes the main set with 2 slides and climbing activities, a merry go round, swing set, a rope climbing wall and picnic table.

The hard work has begun to install the new equipment and we hope to have that completed here in the next

few weeks. This is all done by volunteers donating their time and talents. A very special thank you to all of you, especially Chris Levander for taking the lead on tackling this large task. Soon it will be ready for kids to enjoy for years to come.



Dam Computer & Repairs

Dam computer system Arrived!

As you have read in our previous newsletters and minutes. The lake has been raising funds to replace the computer / SCADA system that operates the dam. This computer is the heart & controls of the dam and vital for operating it. As the dam will be 23 years old this system is now obsolete, and we are unable to get replacement parts for it any longer. The week of April 21, 2023, a company installed the new main computers for the dam, just days prior to that the old system stopped working. We are grateful for the timing on the new system arriving. The cost for the new computer system is right around \$50,000 and we are still just a tad short of that, that is due here in 2 weeks. We also have additional maintenance



on the dam gates that is adding up. The gears and actuators on the dam gates are showing their age as well, we have had to have 3 of them fixed this spring along with new brass fittings that are needing to be replaced and a few required repairs from our recent dam inspection will need to be made in the upcoming weeks.

Any help towards the dam maintenance is appreciated. Without the dam we don't have a lake.



[Click Here to Donate to the Dam](#)



Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers for their continued maintenance and upkeep around the lake from mowing the lake front, shorelines and campsites to helping fix and maintain the dam and equipment or jumping in for special projects like installing the new playground equipment and keeping the campgrounds up. If you see them out and about working please say thank you.



Fireworks

Fireworks this year will be on Sunday, July 2nd at dusk.

Over the years Ericson Lake has been the go to place to go on 4th of July for fireworks. The cost of fireworks have continued to increase. Farmers & Merchants Bank and Ericson Lake plan to put on the same amazing fireworks show as usual. If you would like to contribute to the fireworks fund, please click on the button to donate. There are also



donation jars for fireworks at the local businesses in Ericson.

[Click Here to Donate to the Fireworks](#)

Safety

Remember the speed limit around the entire lake is 15 mph. We have had an influx of speeding and careless driving with vehicles and ATV's already this year. There are a lot of young kids playing and riding bicycles around the lake along with adults and pets walking. Please obey the 15 mph speed limit and have a discussion with your kids and guest to obey the posted speed.



Red Flag Warnings

As summer's hot and dry weather is fast approaching, we want to remind everyone to be on the look out for red flag warning signs posted at the campsites. If you see these signs up please no fires of any kind around the lake.



Trail of Lights

Once again, December will be here before we know it. We will be getting geared up and preparing for our 3rd annual Trail of Lights Ride Through Christmas Light Display Fundraiser this summer.

If you would be interested in helping up organize this event, help us decorate, would like to decorate your own scene or have a generator or small trailer that you would like to lend for the event please let Cyndi Schure, Ashley Kaiser or Nicole Levander



[2022 Trail of Lights Video](#)

Click here to watch a video from last years Trail of Lights

know.

We would like come up with a better way to enclosed the picnic shelter for the event during the summer/fall.

We are also looking for somebody who would be able to take photos and videos of scenes on the trail and ground the pick up area

For those asking for other ways to help or donate we will be coming up with an Amazon shopping/wish list of items we could use, if anybody is interested in purchasing one or more.

Camping Reservations



New for 2023

We hope that everyone has adjusted to our online camping reservations since they have moved online!

Reservations will now be made online through CampSpot.

Planning your tanking trip or family reunion? Don't delay in reserving your campsite.

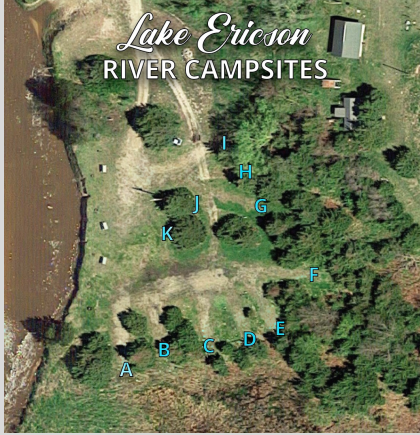
Please share the link below with your friends and family.

Minimum stay of 2 nights for electrical reservations – \$30 per night

(Maximum stay of 14 days)

There are 30-amp campsites for \$30 per night and 50-amp campsites that are also \$30 per night (50-amp sites: Campsites #2, #6, #7 and #8 at the Dam Campground and Campsites G, H and J at the River Campground)

All camp sites are back in ONLY....there are no drive through sites.



Tent camping is also available at two locations. No reservations required – first come first serve. Cost is \$10 per night per tent. (no minimum stay)

Camping Reservations

<https://www.campspot.com/book/lakeericson>

You can reach us in the office between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 at (308) 728-3132



Book Your Campsite Today

Lodging Reservations



Cabin Rentals Available

Wanting to visit Lake Ericson, but don't want to camp in the good ole outdoors? We now have a lodging page on our website for local cabin rentals in the area.

If you have a cabin or property available for short term rental and would like to have it advertised on our website, please email ericsonlakeevents@gmail.com for details on getting your property listed."