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LOON HOOTS

The Newsletter of Plum Lake Association

Kids and Rainy Days

So, you've pretty much tapped out things for the kids to do this week, huh? Its still raining, they've played all the games twice, the puzzle is missing pieces and, yea...its still raining.

Well, here's an idea. Penny Wahlgren manages Plum Lake Equestrian Center and is offering un-mounted, hands on classes that will expose kids to the wonderful world of horses. There are 3 different themes currently being offered. Class #1 is Intro to Horses, which teaches about the animal's movement, body language and behavior. Class #2 is learning about Horse Breeds, Markings and Coloring of the horse. Class #3 is Veterinary Care of Horses. This class will teach your child about finding body temperature, using a stethoscope, and how to tell if the horse isn't feeling well. All classes will include students brushing the horse along with other hands-on learning. Classes are for a maximum of 4 and run about 45 minutes to an hour. Cost is \$15 per student. Penny also gives mounted riding lessons.



For answers to any questions, call Penny at 715-892-2216. For a registration form for lessons, email her at pwahlgren13@gmail.com.

Penny is on facebook and the web site is plumlakedressage.com.

2017-18 Projects

Loon platform repair .

Fish Sticks projects for this winter.

Eagle Scout/PLA town lake Loon project

Osprey nesting platform.

AIS sweeps in June, July and August

Loon Population Update



All loon nests are empty and we have **SIX** new chicks on the water. As of a couple days ago, all are accounted for. We have single chicks on West Plum and Starlight Bay and twins off the platforms in the East Bay and the West Bay. The first off the nest was the East Bay pair and the last was our late nester on West Plum. The Starlight Bay pair that nests on the small bar near the boys camp was still on the nest two days before the HUGE rain that lasted most of a week. I saw that chick the day after the rain and the nest was under nearly a foot of water. Timing is everything.

AJR



These truly stunning photos of our new loon families are courtesy of Julie Smith, a friend of Karen Happ and a truly talented photographer. Our Thanks, Julie!!

AIS Search Team

We are seeking a captain to head up our AIS Search Team and members who will adopt a sector on Plum. Those sectors are outlined in the box to the right. PLA will provide a special rake and lanyard for checking aquatic weed beds for invasive species and a laminated guide showing the plants we are looking for. Members of this team will sweep their sector 3 times per summer—about an hour and a half job each time. Suspicious plants will be bagged and location marked and dropped at the golf club refrigerator. Send an email to the plant ID guys, Chris wise and John Richter.

We need help on this, people. Please give us a hand and get involved.

Sign up by emailing John at ajr5@aol.com with your choice of sector. If you are interested in being the group captain let me know.

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Plum Lake AIS Sectors

1. Camp Highlands Pier through starlight bay
2. East Bay, east of Wilmot Island
3. Wilmot to White's Island, north to south
4. Sayner lodge to Donaghues white 5 stall boat house
5. Harrisons point to Sayner Lodge
6. Fox Point to Harrisons point
7. The narrows to fox Point
8. West bay, both shorelines from Rice Creek to the pilings
9. Inside the pilings both sides to the culvert
10. West Plum
11. North shore from Rice creek to Statehouse point boat landing.
12. Statehouse point to Vermillions
13. Vermillions to Camp Highlands.

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