



**KAYUTA LAKE  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

PO Box 112  
Alder Creek, NY 13301-0112

**Summer 2016**

*MISSION STATEMENT: To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of friendship, to promote and administer a responsible approach to water and land management, and, to preserve and conserve our ecology and wildlife. Membership is extended to, but not limited to, those property owners from Crandall Falls on the Black River, to the River Road bridge over the Black River in Forestport and all tributaries.*

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we arrive at the unofficial start of the summer I want to welcome back all of you who use the lake for recreation. Summer is truly a busy time on the water, at the camps, and at the campground. We spend this time cleaning and preparing for another summer season around the lake. However, summer is not the only time that things happen at the Lake. There are many who enjoy the other three seasons as much, if not even more, than the warm summer months.

In 2015, we had all enjoyed another beautiful fall foliage season. We didn't have as much early snow as we had the previous year around holiday time. The lake experienced a very late freeze. In fact, there were two brave kayakers seen on the lake Christmas morning. The mild winter did not offer a full season for the winter sports enthusiast.

The 2016 snowmobile season was very short and most local riding was limited to a few weeks with mostly marginal conditions. Once again, the many volunteers that spend countless hours maintaining our wonderful trail system deserve a huge thank you. Here is a loud shout out to the Trackside Blazers, the Penn Mountain, and the Lost Trails Snowmobile clubs for doing their best to groom whatever nature provided on the trails. Even with a shorter season there were those who still managed to enjoy the non-motorized outdoor sports of snowshoeing and cross country skiing on many local trails. The ice on the lake hosted ice skating, ice fishing, and the Kayuta Lake Curling Club's annual bonspiel.

The 2015 summer was another busy season for the Association. The KLIA again sponsored a Boater Safety Course and we wish to thank Sheriff Rob Maciol for providing the Navigation Patrol Lieutenant to instruct the course. Those who attended all succeeded in obtaining their NYS Certification. Read on further into this Newsletter for important information on the 2016 Boater Safety Course and the preregistration information.

2015 was the second year of the new format for the Annual Pickerel Derby. The derby was held from the

middle of June until the end of August. There were winners in three different categories. Our members enjoyed this format and the competition intensified in late August. We wish to thank Chris at the Forestport Station Country Store. The Country Store served as the official location for the fish measuring and weigh-in. They also maintained the record of all submitted catches. In 2015, the official weigh-in and recording station was again the Forestport Country Store.

The Board of Directors has decided to recommend to the membership to forego any fishing derby in 2016. There are two reasons for this recommendation. There will be some disruption of the lake as a result of the Dustin Rd. bridge reconstruction that will impact the three summer months of the derby. Secondly, it is time to discuss with the membership a possible change in the format. The number of entrants has continued to decline. The Board looks to the membership for a discussion of ideas on what format would result in more membership involvement.

The 2015 Island Fun Day was again attended by a large crowd. We had slightly less land mass to the island due to the high water level, but the food, games, and music were enjoyed by everyone. More new members joined the KLIA at this Fun Day than ever before. We have received feedback from those with families that we need more games for the young children. We welcome volunteers to join the committee and help us make this day more fun filled for all ages.

2015 marked the 11th anniversary of the Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School and X Squad Ski Show. The Ski School again was held in August and our local youth not only enjoyed a day camp experience on the water but left with many improved skills. And as in past years, our local kids along with the X-Squad entertained the lake with a spectacular display of water skills. A big thank you to Joe and Chrissy Serth for the great work they do with our youth and for the quality of their entire operation. And a thank you to the Corrigan family for their continued support of this two week event, as they allow the Ski Camp and Ski show to operate from their shoreline and docks. The Ski School will be back this season for

another two week school followed by the X-Squad Ski Show in August. Read on for the details and dates.

The Association once again held a Land Picnic at the Kayuta Campgrounds on the weekend before Labor Day. This picnic allowed KLIA members to come together after the busy summer months were over. The pavilion and grounds of the Kayuta Campgrounds offered the perfect setting for food, games, music, and a great social mixer. There are plans to continue the land picnic and even grow the activities for the children. Come to the Annual Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> and listen to the ideas and even provide your own input on what can be added to all of these events to improve them.

### **The Dustin Road Bridge Project:**

There is little debate that the biggest event of this 2016 summer season will be the Dustin Road Bridge replacement. Some preliminary work has been completed in the past months but the start of bridge deconstruction was set for the beginning of June. We are now informed that in the first weeks of July some causeway work will begin that will impact vehicle traffic during the day, but one lane of traffic will be open in the evening and on weekends. The detour will not be in effect during that time.

**As of this printing we do not have any other information. As NYSDOT updates any work schedule or closings we will post that information on our Facebook page.**

The bridge will be demolished and a new bridge will be constructed in its place. The new bridge will be elevated more than the current structure. The center concrete support will be removed and the new bridge will be a single span. The finished bridge will result in about a 9 foot clearance from the water surface to the under structure of the bridge.

The causeway will have the curve reduced and both the bridge and causeway will have shoulders on both sides. The width of the bridge will be increased in comparison to the current bridge.

All vehicle traffic will be detoured for the duration of the construction. This could be for 3 months. The bridge demolition work should only take a couple of weeks. The demolition work during the work day will restrict boating traffic. The reconstruction of the bridge could restrict boat traffic during the work day.

The NYSDOT has created a contract that requires 90 days completion once work begins. The bridge is required to be demolished and reconstructed within 30 days. During

the actual bridge construction passage under the bridge will be restricted to the evenings after working hours and all weekend. No nights or weekend boat traffic will be impacted in the current plan.

The Construction Engineer in Charge, of this contract is Andrew P. Boncella, (NYSDOT) [Andrew.Boncella@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Andrew.Boncella@dot.ny.gov).

The KLIA will keep you informed of all information that is available on this project through our Facebook page and our website.

### **Thank You!**

In closing, as with any similar organization that relies on volunteers, there are countless hours that are put in by dedicated people who serve as the officers and directors. The President could not accomplish anything without the officers and directors who continue to serve in these positions. Thank you to the entire Board for your service.

In 2015, as it has been for every year, the music at both the Island Fun Day and the Land Picnic was provided by DJ John Duda at no cost to the KLIA. I want to give a "Shout out" and a huge thank you to John for donating his DJ services to the KLIA for these events.

As anyone can see, the KLIA continues to organize and host a variety of events, both on and off the water. This variety provides some fun and entertainment for everyone. Thank you to the members who continue to support each other by supporting the events and activities of the KLIA. We are only as strong as our membership. And a strong membership ensures that we can achieve our mission each and every year. Please provide us feedback. Are there other events or activities that you would like to see? Please attend the upcoming meeting or if you cannot, post on Facebook or call any of the officers or Board members. Please renew your membership and make an attempt to recruit one additional member this season.

And be sure to patronize the many Corporate Members who are mostly local businesses and merchants. Be sure to tell them that you saw their ad in the Newsletter and that you are patronizing them because of their support of the KLIA and the work that we are all doing together.

I wish all of you a great 2016 Summer Season on the Lake! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Member Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Forestport Town Hall. Coffee and donuts at 9:00 am with the business meeting at 9:30 am.

Al Candido  
President

## **THE KLIA SPRING MEETING**

The Spring meeting will be held Saturday June 11th at 9:30am at the Forestport Town Hall. We will start with a cup of coffee or juice and a danish at 9:00 followed by the meeting.

As usual, there will be a lot to discuss at this meeting so don't miss it. Don't forget to send in your membership application or bring it to the meeting along with your dues to renew your KLIA membership.

## **KLIA CONTACTS**

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Contact information for board members and officers that are elected at the Spring meeting will be available on the KLIA webpage. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of us!

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Hello Kayuta Lakers! Our 2015 membership remained consistent with 120 members. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join KLIA to further strengthen our membership and organization. The KLIA checking account was audited by the Audit Committee on May 15, 2016 with no discrepancies. Expenses for 2015 totaled \$5,477.21 and income totaled \$3,950.85. The Adirondack Bank checking account has a current balance of \$14,569.42.

We continue to require two signatures on all checks. Al Candido, Bill Miller, and I are the only authorized signers at this time. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me by e-mail at [davidwallacelnha@icloud.com](mailto:davidwallacelnha@icloud.com) . I wish all a happy summer!

Sincerely,  
David Wallace, Treasurer

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

There were no vacancies on the board this year but if anyone is interested in joining the board, please contact any of the current board members or the nominating committee—Frank Marfone (Chairman), Wink Doolittle, Bill Miller, Justin Wilcox, and Debbie Belmont. Those wishing to join the board can also be nominated by the floor during the annual meeting on June 11th and elections can be done.

The Nominating Committee of the KLIA unanimously recommends the following as officers again for 2016:

President—Al Candido  
Vice-president—Bill Miller  
Treasurer—Dave Wallace  
Secretary—John Fox

And as board members:

Wink Doolittle  
Don Lenczewski  
John Duda  
Carrie Kifner  
Aaron Labella

Thank you! Frank Marfone, Chairman

## **FUN THINGS ON KAYUTA LAKE**

Each year, the KLIA tries to bring the people of Kayuta Lake together. Member volunteers try to accomplish this through a variety of fun family oriented events that allow you to get to know your lake neighbors and to help you have a summer that you and your family will remember for years to come.

### **1. Island Family Fun Day:**

This fun will continue in 2016. Saturday July 23rd (rain date Saturday July 24th). The festivities will start at 1pm and the location is none other than the islands. The sand bar seems to be cooperating this year so space should not be an issue. ...and we should have a great view of the bridge construction.

KLIA will be providing (for paid members, their families and friends) grilled food by the expert grilling staff as appointed by KLIA caterer and friend Henry Alberico—chef extraordinaire and all-around great guy, thirst quenching beverages, and snacks. We are requesting anyone that would like to bring a dish or dessert to put on the tables to please feel free to add to the mix.

John Duda and his family will again provide the main entertainment, all your favorite island fun day tunes and newest dance crazes so be prepared with dancing sandals. We are very grateful to the Duda's for their contribution to this event.

Volunteers to help conduct the childrens events are desperately needed so if you would like to help organize and run some fun kids games please contact a board member at your earliest convenience.

## **2. Water Ski School on Kayuta Lake:**

Camp Mohawk Valley Waterski School will return to Kayuta Lake once again in 2016! Ski School will be held the weeks of August 8-12 and 15-19. There are currently openings for both weeks and all ski school students are invited to participate in the ski school show Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> before the X-Squad Ski Show. The Serth family loves holding ski school at Kayuta Lake and hope for another successful season. Ski school will be held at the Corrigan residence and anyone interested in attending can call 518-864-5565 or email [cmvski@aol.com](mailto:cmvski@aol.com) for more information on ski school and how to enroll!

Once again, Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School and the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association are sponsoring two "scholarships" to the ski school. Each student enrolled or interested in enrolling for ski school is encouraged to write a letter to ski school about why they would like to go to ski school, what they really enjoy about ski school and their favorite things they've learned or goals that they hope to attain at ski school. The letters may be mailed to the address below or emailed to [cmvski@aol.com](mailto:cmvski@aol.com) with the email subject 'ski school letter'. All entries must be received by July 17<sup>th</sup> and only one entry per student will be considered. Please be sure the students' name, address, phone number and age are on the letter. The authors of the 2 most compelling letters will each win a free week at ski school, one winner being sponsored by the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association and the other by Camp Mohawk Valley Water Ski School. The winners will be announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Good luck to all and we will see you on the lake soon!

Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School  
8496 Mariaville Road  
Pattersonville, NY  
12137

## **3. Water Ski Show:**

This fantstac tradition will continue in 2016 with the annual Camp Mohawk Valley Exhibition Squad Water Ski Show! The X-Squad show is set for Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> (rain date in August 21st) at 2pm with the Ski School

show beginning at 1:00pm. As in previous years, the Ski School Show is open to ANY student who attends EITHER week of ski school at Kayuta Lake. Ski School kids are asked to arrive at 11:30am to prepare for the show. The X-Squad show will be as thrilling and exciting as ever with 3-tier pyramids, high flying jumpers and barefooters speeding by at up to 45 mph! The show will take place at the same spot as usual on the north side of Dustin Bridge in front of the Corrigan's house. The show space will be buoyed off and spectators are expected to anchor on the outside of the buoys for the safety of the skiers. The X-Squad is looking forward to yet another fantastic year on Kayuta Lake and will once again be hosting Pirate Night on the island following the ski show Saturday night. Pirate ship rides will be given to those wearing any pirate attire.

## **4. KLIA Land Picnic**

As we approach the Fall season, we would like to invite all members and their families to our annual Land Picnic at the Kayuta Lake Campground pavilion, on Saturday, September 17th from noon to 4pm. (rain or shine!) The main dishes will be catered and KLIA will provide condiments, tableware and pavilion fees. We are also looking to have a bounce house and a popcorn machine. There will be games, raffles, and music. Each family attending is encouraged to bring a generous pot luck dish to share! Last year's selections were AWESOME! Please bring your own cold beverages! (avoid glass if possible) Coffee, Tea, and doughnuts will be provided. Come party, socialize, and have a great time!

Thank you, Lillie and John Duda

## **NYS DEC – Required Permits**

As an annual reminder, DEC permits are required for any work that causes a disturbance to the bed or the bank of our waterways. A permit is also required for any excavation or fill that is below the mean high water level, such as rip rap or dredging. (Article 15). Permits are also required for any work within a wetland or within 100'. (Article 24). Permits may also be required by other agencies, such as NYS Canals or the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Even if you don't think you require a permit from DEC or other agencies – check check check.

Written determinations can be provided by sending a written request along with the location (tax parcel number), written description of project and photos of the project area. If DEC concurs that no permit is required, they will respond in writing and you will have a permanent record if the project is ever questioned down

the road.

Oneida and Herkimer County projects are generally handled in the Utica Office.

NYS DEC Room 1404  
Utica State Office Building  
207 Genesee St.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 793-2554

Permit applications are available online at [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) and at many Town Offices or by calling the Utica DEC office. You may check basic maps by using the “Enviromapper” link on the DEC webpage.

## **BOATER SAFETY COURSE**

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation provides the public with a safe and enjoyable environment for recreational boating. Their goal is to assist the boater in developing safe boating habits and maintaining a strong law enforcement presence on our waters. Everyone can be a safer boater by following three simple suggestions:

- Take a boating safety course
- Wear your life jacket
- Don't drink alcohol while boating

**All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are now required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat.** Approved courses include those offered by NYS Parks, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadrons. Individuals less than 10 years of age may not take this course of instruction. Certain allowances to this law have been made for visitors to New York, persons renting a boat and persons purchasing a new boat for the first time. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadron, or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website <http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx>. The state has also approved additional online courses this year that are offered through [boaterexam.com](http://boaterexam.com), [boat-ed.com](http://boat-ed.com), [boatus.org](http://boatus.org) and [americasboatingcourse.com](http://americasboatingcourse.com). Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators still need a Boating Safety Certificate.

State Parks encourages everyone, regardless of age, to consider taking a boater education class to sharpen their nautical knowledge.

With the stories in the headlines regarding boating accidents in and around the Tappen Zee Bridge construction project and the forthcoming reconstruction of the equally

impressing Dustin Rd Bridge, all boaters should be take extra care while passing through the area. Construction equipment and building materials will create hazards both seen and unseen. Slow down, keep an eye out, and be especially mindful of unexpected dangers.

For New Yorkers who have earned a Boating Safety Certificate, keeping track of it is even easier thanks to New York's new Adventure License. New Yorkers who have taken an approved safe boating course and received a Boating Safety Certificate, with just a few easy steps, can have the certification reflected as an anchor icon on their NYS Driver License, Non-Driver ID or Learner Permit. The personalized Adventure License eliminates the need to carry a separate certificate. For more information on the other benefits of getting an Adventure License, visit [licensecenter.ny.gov](http://licensecenter.ny.gov).

The KLIA will again sponsor a Boater Safety Course which will be held on June 18, 2016 at the Forestport Town Hall. This is an eight hour class that will be presented by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. When registering with the Sheriff's Office be sure to tell them that you are a KLIA member as there are reserved slots for the course designated for KLIA members.

Upon successful completion of the course attendees will receive NYS certificates of completion that is required for any over the age of 10 to operate any motor boat, and those of any age to operate any PWC.

There is no cost to attend and you must be at least 10 years old. The class starts at 9:00. Preregistration is desired but not mandatory. You may call Robert Snyder at 765-2222 or go to [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx) to register for this class and for information on other courses being offered.

The KLIA will provide coffee, juice and donuts. You should bring your own lunch as the class will take most of the day.

## **FISH UPDATE & KLIA PICKEREL TOURNAMENT**

Due to the lack of participation (only 8 entries in 2015), the KLIA Board has decided to discontinue the “Season Long Pickerel Tournament” for the summer of 2016, however, it's future will be a topic for discussion at the Spring Meeting. The possible return of a one-day event for 2017 was also discussed. The last such event held on June 23, 2012 resulted in 28 entries. The reintroduction of a one-day derby would require a lakeside location to accommodate boat parking along with room for tent and table setup. Board Member: Aaron Labella mentioned the

possibility of providing the use of his property for such an event. It was also noted that holding a one-day Derby requires at least 3 volunteers willing to donate their time from 5:00am - 4:00pm, rain or shine.

There will be no Fish Stocking of Largemouth Bass this year. The last stocking of 1000 6"-8" L.M. Bass was on June 14th 2014 at a cost of \$3,700.00. Due to the Dustin Rd. bridge construction, (one of our fish release locations) the board decided that it would be best to wait at this time.

A question was asked at last years meeting whether a follow up fish survey would be possible in 2016. In a conversation with Frank Flack, DEC Region 6 Fisheries Manager, I was informed that such lake surveys are normally done in 5 to 6 year intervals. The last survey was performed in 2013. It was also noticed that a "Invasive Species" sign was posted at the State Boat Launch. An inquiry was made to Dave Erway: DEC Fish Biologist ,who replied that he was unaware of any invasive species in Kayuta Lake at this time.

Don Lenczewski

## **SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

For those who wish to test their septic systems to be sure they are not leaching any waste into the lake, test kits are available at most KLIA events or contact any of the board members. Kits are \$4.00 each.

## **NYS CANALS**

Anyone looking for information regarding the permitting procedures or applications can access their website at [www.canals.ny.gov](http://www.canals.ny.gov). Search under tab "Doing Business" then "Real Property".

Hard copies of the permit applications and instructions are available for those who do not have Internet access. These documents along with a hard copy set of maps of Kayuta Lake and the Black River are located in the Assessor's Office at the Town of Forestport Town Hall, Woodhull Rd., Forestport.

The NYS Canals' contact person for Kayuta Lake is:  
Kevin Lamphere – Permit Engineer  
NYS Canal Corporation  
(315) 733-9530  
[Kevin.lamphere@canals.ny.gov](mailto:Kevin.lamphere@canals.ny.gov)

There is a lot of other information also available on this website. Did you know that the Canal Corp has rules and guidelines for the design and construction of docks? Of course they do... The KLIA does not make or enforce

these rules but we try to make everyone out there aware of the requirements and regulations that govern our unique lake. Better to know and plan before you build to avoid any unintended surprises. The guidelines can be found at <http://www.canals.ny.gov/business/realproperty/tap-923b.pdf>.

## **TRASH DAYS**

The Town of Forestport will be holding the only trash day for 2016 on July 16th, 2016 from 8am to 3pm at the Woodgate Schoolhouse on Bear Creek Road, Woodgate. Please see the Town Clerk during normal business hours for more information. Additional details may be found at [www.townofforestport.org](http://www.townofforestport.org).

## **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

Kayuta Lake Campground will continue to allow the public access to their boat launch. The launch is available to the public during store hours and the fee is \$10.00 (tax included).

Launch Guidelines:

- Launch will be accessible May 15th to October 14th only.
- Due to the large number of camping guests, the launch is closed to the public on holiday weekends (Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day weekends).
- Launch will be open during office hours ONLY. Office hours are Sunday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm, Friday & Saturday 9am-7pm
- The 5mph Speed Limit on Campground Rd and inside the campground will be strictly enforced. Please drive slowly.
- Launch fee covers Boat Launch ONLY. Access to campground facilities (pool, beach, games, playground, entertainment, etc.) is restricted to our registered campers only.
- Launch pass is a single use pass. Good for 1 boat on 1 day. Multiple boats require multiple passes.
- You must stop at office to get your launch pass BEFORE proceeding to the launch area.

Please, for the safety of the campers & the continued availability of the launch, we request that the above guidelines be followed by everyone wishing to use the launch.

Thank you for your cooperation!  
Mike & Karin Caccavale

Kayuta Lake Campground  
10892 Campground Rd  
Forestport, NY 13338

Phone: (315) 831-5077

## **KLIA MERCHANDISE**

For 2016, we have the following items available for sale:

- Welcome To Kayuta Lake signs made of wood and twigs for \$12.00.
- Kayuta Lake Can Koozies insulators to keep cans/ bottles cold \$3.00.
- Kayuta Lake coffee mugs stoneware/ceramic for \$6.00.
- Kayuta Lake insulated travel mugs plastic for \$5.00.
- KLIA key floats for \$3.00.
- KLIA LED light key rings for \$3.00.
- KLIA Christmas ornaments for \$6.00.
- KLIA Pub glass (16oz) for \$4.00.
- Kayuta Lake stuffed moose for \$8.00.

Items will be on sale at the Spring meeting and the Land Picnic. If you would like to purchase any item at any other time, please contact Bill Miller and I will direct you or create an order for delivery. We are also researching the availability of baseball caps since there has been a great deal of interested expressed to have them added.

There are also a limited number hooded sweatshirts this year which are left over from the order done in 2014. Cost will be \$35 each.

There will be discussions at the annual meeting about the possibility of doing additional merchandise this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please bring them to the meeting and feel free to let us know what you'd like to see. If you have any questions please contact Bill Miller at 831-2205 or [Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com](mailto:Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com).

## **KLIA Dot Com**

As with any organization, communication to all members is our biggest challenge. KLIA has used many types of communication to let all members know what's going on. The newsletter has been our traditional method but recently we've expanded to include email and the KLIA web page at [www.KayutaLakeNY.com](http://www.KayutaLakeNY.com). All members are entitled to access the website so if you still need your user ID and password please contact me at [Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com](mailto:Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com). In addition to the web page, you can also "friend" the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association on Facebook to see important notices and post your comments and questions.

Please include your email address on your annual membership form so that we can send you your secret code to access the website. This email address will not be added to the KLIA email list unless you specifically

request it to be. We are all sympathetic to the problem of email overload and we don't want to end up in your SPAM filter!

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, or comments please don't hesitate to contact me at [Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com](mailto:Bill@KayutaLakeNY.com) or 831-2205.

## **KAYUTA LAKE CRITTERS**

### The History Of Coyotes In The Adirondacks:

As [wolves were driven out of the Adirondacks](#), it opened the door for coyotes to fill that vacated niche. Some researchers speculate that the presence of coyotes in the Adirondacks pre-dates Europeans settling in North America, others believe that the species initially inhabited the mid-west, and naturally passed north of the Great Lakes and into northern New York as deforestation subsided.

Coyotes were originally documented in New York State in the 1930s, and the population has been significant throughout the state since the 1970s.



### The Current Coyote Population

Unlike wolves, coyotes don't establish true "packs" with other adults, and instead travel in "family units". Coyotes are extremely territorial, and therefore are unlikely to cross into the territory of a different family.

The DEC reports that a SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry study "estimated that there are approximately 14,500 breeding pairs of coyotes in New York during the summer," and identified coyote density estimates as being around 2.5 pairs/10 square miles in the Adirondack Mountains and St. Lawrence and Mohawk River Valleys. This density decreases to 1 breeding

pair/10 square miles in the Lake Plains.

Although coyotes have historically preferred wooded habitats, they do inhabit suburban and urban areas at times. While the species is not known for aggressing humans, they do pose a serious risk to domestic pets.

### Avoiding Conflict With Coyotes

The Department of Environmental Conservation recommends the following steps to minimize the possibility of conflicts between people or pets and coyotes, and to maintain coyotes' natural fear of humans:

- Do not feed coyotes, and remove or secure possible food sources - like garbage cans, pet food dishes, compost piles, and birdfeeder spillage - so coyotes can't access them.
- Don't allow coyotes to approach you or your pets, and teach children to keep their distance from coyotes.
- If you see a coyote, make yourself appear large by standing tall and holding your arms out. You can also be aggressive in your behavior by making loud noises, waving your arms, or throwing sticks and stones if the coyote lingers for too long.
- Prevent pets from running free, especially small dogs and cats.
- Fence your yard to keep coyotes out.
- Remove areas of brush and tall grass from your property, as coyotes are attracted to these types of environments.
- Contact your local police department or your NYS-DEC regional office for assistance if there is a particularly bold coyote in your area.



### Coyote Fun Facts

- To communicate, coyotes howl, yelp, cry, bark, growl, wail, and squeal.
- Coyotes sometimes walk on their toes to avoid making noise.

- Coyotes sleep and give birth in holes in the ground.
- Hunting is typically done in groups of 2-3.
- Coyotes can sense hunters from a mile away.
- At top speed, coyotes travel 40 miles per hour.
- Contrary to popular belief, coyotes are not strictly nocturnal.
- Coyotes mate for life.
- Litters generally contain 4-6 pups.
- Coyotes are full grown at 9 months.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

If you have lost something and would like to let people know or if you've found something and would like to help find the owner send an email to Bill Miller at [Bill@kayutalakeny.com](mailto:Bill@kayutalakeny.com). We will send out an email blast and place a notification on the KLIA webpage.

Posting items on the Facebook wall is also a good way of locating missing items or helping a neighbor locate their lost items.

# DUDA

## WOODWORKING & CHAIR HOSPITAL

Furniture Repair & Regluing  
Countertops • Speaker Cabinets  
*"Formica Work Is Our Specialty"*

**JOHN F. DUDA**  
734 Lafayette Street  
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- **Annual Spring Meeting:** Saturday, June 13, 9:30am at the Forestport Town Hall - Come at 9:00am and have a cup of coffee or juice and a danish.
- **Boater Safety Course:** Saturday June 18, at the Forestport Town Hall starting at 9am.

## July 2016

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
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- **Ski School:** Monday, August 8 through 12 and August 15 through 19 from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Corrigan beach.
- **Ski Show:** Saturday, August 20 starting at 1:00pm (rain date Sunday, August 21).

## September 2016

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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- **Memorial Day:** Monday May 30. Thank a soldier, a vet and all those who serve for the sacrifices they've made to protect our country, home and all that we hold dear!

## June 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- **Fourth of July:** Strangely, the Fourth of July is on July 4 this year.
- **Island Fun Day:** Saturday, July 23 at 1pm (rain date Sunday, July 24).

## August 2016

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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- **Labor Day:** Monday, September 5. Take a day off!
- **Land Picnic:** Saturday September 17 at 12:00 noon at the Kayuta Lake Campground pavilion.

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