2019 Bay Lake
Small Northern Contests

Hello Bay Lake Pike Fisherman!

I hope winter treated all of you well. Together we removed 3,752 pike less than 22" in 2018.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make last year a wonderful success.

We have big plans to make the 2019 Bay Lake Hammer-Handle Contest even bigger and better than last year. There will be more winners, more prizes, and more ways to participate!

Additionally our neighbors, Ruttger’s Resort, has joined the fight against Northern Pike and started their own contest.

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Here are the details for the Ruttger & BLIA Contests:

1. Pike-A-Palooza, hosted by Ruttger’s Resort on Saturday, May 18th.

Please consider joining Pike-A-Palooza, a competitive, catch-and-release Northern Pike fishing tournament. This is sure to be a fun day while also supporting both Ruttger’s and our mission to improve the quality of Bay Lake by removing destructive Northern Pike. Ruttger’s is generously donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to BLIA.
Event Details:

- This is a catch & release fishing contest (except fish less than 22")
- Cash prize for heaviest 3 fish bag (1st/2nd/3rd = $750/$500/$250)
  - Fish Fry at Ruttger’s
- Chef Demonstration with tips on cooking incredible meals with Northern Pike
- Awards Ceremony (Prizes for biggest fish and other categories)
  - Entry fee is $100 per boat

Northern Pike less than 22" that are kept during the Pike-A-Palooza event do count in the BLIA Hammer-Handle Contest.

Click here for more information.

Purchase tickets in advance here: https://ruttgers.com/pike-a-palooza/
Link to event on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/1212169428952299/

2. BLIA Small Northern Pike Contest, May 11 through Labor Day

New format in 2019 means more winners, more prizes, and certainly more removal of those pesky hammer-handles! Thanks to all who participated last year and congrats once again to the winners: Dibble Cabin, Norton Cabin and Rose Cabin.

Our hope is that the new format explained below is more inclusive to all levels of fisherman. Whether your cabin is interested in removing 10 fish or 1,000 this summer, you have opportunities to win BIG prizes because we are all making a BIG IMPACT on the water quality of Bay Lake, together.

Rules:
Every 10 fish documented will earn your cabin $5 to Lonesome Pine and a raffle ticket. Prizes will be drawn every 2 weeks all summer long. In addition to bi-weekly raffles, there will be awards for “Picture of the Week” and “Biggest Fish Released.”

- Fish must be less than 22”
- No catch and release (must be obvious in picture that fish is dead)
- Raffle tickets counted per cabin – fish can be caught by a member of the cabin or any cabin guest
- Must be a BLIA member to win --> Join BLIA baylake.org
Prizes:
10 fish = $5 at Lonesome Pine plus a raffle ticket for our bi-weekly raffles. Some (but not all) of the prizes are listed below.
70 Contest T-Shirts, 9 $100 Lonesome Pine gift cards, Ruttger’s Swag, Wild Tickets, 18Ft Lilly Pad, 2 110 Qt Hard Coolers, 1 40 Qt Soft Cooler, 1 Kayak, Fishing Rods, 30 spinner baits, Big Floatie, Bent Paddle Brewery Pints & 1 growler + 3 refills, 36 Tumbler Cups w/ Logo and more!

How to Participate:
Each submission must have a picture (no catch and release), cabin name, and fish count. This year there will be multiple ways to enter fish into the contest.

1. Send email to Baylakepike@gmail.com
2. Post on BLIA’s Instagram or Facebook page with hashtag #BayLakePike (will comment to confirm entry was counted)

Questions: email mattqualen10@gmail.com