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AWLI's wetlands festival
Extends to Powderhorn Lake

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For Immediate Release

More of the Wolf Lake watershed will be used at this year's 16th annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands Wind & Water festival on May 28-29.

Sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), this year's festival will include events at Powderhorn Lake and Prairie in Burnham, IL.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond. Winners of the poster contest will be honored. That will be followed by a tour of the building.

At 10 a.m. Dr. Young Choi, Purdue University Calumet, will begin a hike along restored wetlands to view spring flowers and wildlife. Participants are asked to bring binoculars.

Others in attendance will depart to the old beach area at Wolf Lake for canoeing, fishing and kite flying.

At 10:30 a.m. Dr. Joan Crist of Calumet College of St. Joseph will conduct a demonstration with the help of the college's rowing crew. Onlookers will be invited to wade out to inspect the shell.

Crist coaches the crew. The college has two shells, one for a single rower and one that sits four rowers.

Afternoon activities will be held at Powderhorn Lake, just east of the intersection of Brainard and Burnham Avenues, Burnham, IL. The fishing clinic begins at 1 p.m. Canoeing starts at 1:30 p.m., followed by kite flying and face painting. The event ends at 4 p.m.

Canoes are provided by the NWI Paddlers Association.

Sunday activities begin at 7 a.m. with a sunrise service by Br. Benjamin Basile, C.P.P.S., at William Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area, Chicago. The service, performed near the obelisk near the visitor's center, will feature an ecumenical choir and color guard.

Breakfast for participants follows at 8 a.m. at the Environmental Education Center. At 9 a.m., there will be a two-hour bike tour of the bi-state lake.

AWLI is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust. It is headquartered at Calumet College of St. Joseph.

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Note: Attached for posting is a leaflet for the event.

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