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Families can enjoy nature
At 14th Active Living Faire

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Immediate Release

The 14th annual Active Living Faire at Wolf Lake on Saturday, Sept. 30, will offer families ways to have fun in the outdoors and enjoy being active. They will also be able to learn more about the Wolf Lake watershed.

The festival will begin at 9 a.m. at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond. In the afternoon it will be held from 1:30-4 p.m. near Shelter 2, William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area, 126th Place and Avenue O, Chicago.

Sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), the festival features a nature walk for those competing in a poster contest, a hike along Wolf Lake to view autumn colors and wildlife as well as a Walk-a-Thon to raise funds for non-profit organizations.

Rachel Kovach of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District will lead the nature walk at 9:25 a.m. Professor Young Choi, ecologist at Purdue University Northwest, will lead the hike at 10:30 a.m. The Walk-a-Thon takes place at 2 p.m.

Cyclists also will be involved. A Bike-a-Thon takes place at 10 a.m. Non-profit organizations are invited to participate as a fundraiser for themselves.

The Bike-a-Thon will follow a 10-mile course. AWLI requires all participants of the Bike-a-Thon to wear helmets.

The Walk-a-Thon will be an 8K, or five miles.

The Active Living Faire is organized to promote health and fitness for visitors to the Wolf Lake watershed and promote discussions on ways to improve the watershed. It is free to the public.

Presentations among the day's events include a discussion about Indian Creek and Hyde Lake Wetland. Participants also can listen to a preview of the Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 3.

Other activities will include an exhibit on water safety by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

AWLI is a non-for-profit organization and land trust seeking to protect and enhance the Wolf Lake watershed.

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Note to Editors: Below is a schedule of events.

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Schedule of Events

Schedule is subject to change.

Environmental Education Center
2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond

Saturday Morning Session

Environmental Education Center

2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and set up of educational displays and the Farmers Market
- 9:00 a.m.** Opening remarks
- 9:05 a.m.** Tour of the Environmental Education Center by
Racine Kovach of the Lake County Solid Waste Management
District with stops at educational displays.
- 9:25 a.m.** Poster contest begins with nature walk
- 10:00 a.m.** Family Tour of the
Lakes Bike-a-Thon (helmets required) by John Pastirik
- 10:30 a.m.** Hike along Wolf
Lake led by Professor Young Choi, PNW (bring binoculars)
- 10:30a.m.** Preview of the upcoming meeting of the Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee
meeting by AWLI
- 11:30 a.m.** Announcing poster winners

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Wm Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area
126th Place off Avenue O, near Shelter 2, Chicago

Saturday Afternoon Session

Wm Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area, Shelter 2,

126th Place and Avenue O, Chicago

- 1:30 p.m.** Registration and information table by U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers
- 2:00 p.m.** Wolf Lake 8K Walk-a-Thon
- 3:00 p.m.** New look at Indian Creek and Hyde Lake Wetlands
- 4:00 p.m.** Active Living Faire concludes