



Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group

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Topic of the Month - May, 2019

Adopt A Shoreline

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The ice is officially off and the sound of waves lapping at the shores of Lake Mille Lacs signals a new and promising open-water season. Unfortunately, the long and brutal winter leaves behind debris and litter from various on-lake activities. In an effort to reduce shoreline trash the 7th Annual Adopt-A-Shoreline Event is once again planned for Wednesday, May 29 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Adopt-A-Shoreline program, initiated in 2013 by Grand Casino Mille Lacs, began with the idea of involving the surrounding community, organizations, resorts, interested individuals and others to pitch in for a common cause - to make this lake a better place. Registered volunteers meet at Grand Casino where they collect their trash bags and other cleanup supplies. If volunteers do not have a particular shoreline in mind to clean, an area will be recommended. Participants are asked to collect what they can and drop off the trash at designated landings on Lake Mille Lacs. Mille Lacs Band DNR personnel will then collect and properly dispose of the wastes. As an added incentive, an Adopt-A-Shoreline T-shirt and a box lunch are provided and all registered participants will be eligible for a few raffle items.

The ultimate goal of the Adopt-A-Shoreline event is to not only increase the number of participants from year to year and clean up the shoreline but to also raise awareness, educate, and inspire others to think about the trash and pollution in and around Mille Lacs Lake and the watershed as a whole. Protection of one of our area's most precious resources should not just be an annual event but a year-round and life-long state of mind.

To register or get details on how you can participate in this year's event, contact: Alyssa Welsh at 320-532-4772
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