

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Newsletter–Winter 2019



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Our HC COLA 2019 Chili Challenge Theme is: Keeping it reel Chili

Please use the form below and send your checks now (date check for 3/1/19) to help HC COLA **aid the Hubbard County Food Shelf**. The need in Hubbard County is great as at least 40% of our county is food insecure; a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. This is an **Important Fundraiser** for our Heartland Lakes area Hubbard County Food Shelf! HC COLA members volunteer at the Food Shelf too!



In the past six years, HC COLA has raised \$14,749 for the Hubbard County Food Shelf by participating in the Chili Challenge. Let's raise more! Send your check and then come eat your way through the Chili Challenge line on Wed 3/6/19 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Park Rapids American Legion, 900 E 1st St, Park Rapids, MN. Bring \$\$ for tastes and enjoy the Reel fun atmosphere! HC COLA will serve reel vegetarian chili & regular chili!

Enclosed is my support for the HC COLA Chili Challenge 2019 to benefit the Hubbard County Food Shelf, a 501c3. **Make your checks payable to: Hubbard County Food Shelf**. The Hubbard County Food Shelf will receive the checks from HC COLA as part of the Chili Challenge on 3/6/19. The Hubbard County Food Shelf provides you a receipt, as a 501c3 organization.

Name: _____ Lake: _____

Address: _____ City / State: _____

Email: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Mail form and check to: Theora Goodrich, 28933 State Highway 87, Nevis, MN 56467

Make your checks payable to: Hubbard County Food Shelf.

January 2019 Update on Water Monitoring



- 1) RMB Environmental Laboratories water monitoring prices have increased after 3 years at \$210. Our new HC COLA discounted price for the program is \$235, so an increase of \$25 per lake.
- 2) The RMB Environmental Laboratories zebra mussel veliger composite sampling (ZMVS) along with spiny waterflea analysis are at \$115 per bottle to analyze for 2019. For just ZMVS analysis alone, the price will be \$85.
 - a. We clarified for a lake that asked; if a tester can fit their two dates of ZMVS into one bottle with a 3:1 of 91% alcohol to water for each date sampled – that is OK.
 - b. In a combined bottle, if veligers are discovered during analysis, you will not know which date sampled had the veligers.
 - c. A couple experienced ZMV samplers on our HC COLA team suggest keeping with the practice of one bottle per ZMVS date to maximize sampling ease, if possible.
- 3) Water monitoring coolers for May / June and integrated sampler pickup for the 2019 season will be Wed May 8th from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM at Northwoods Bank / Community Room in Park Rapids. Refresher / Training for water monitoring, zebra mussel veliger sampling techniques plus an update for lakes is available along with refreshments. If you and/or your alternates are NOT able to make the pickup, please email hccolamn@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements.
- 4) Mark your Calendar with the Dates for Water Monitoring and ZMV Sampling and when the coolers need to be at Charlies Boat & Marine for our terrific HC COLA volunteer “cooler shuttle-service drivers”:
 - Sun 5/19 – Mon 5/20 delivery to Charlies Boat & Marine, E Hwy 34, P. R. by 11 AM
 - Sun 6/16 – Mon 6/17 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
 - By Mid June – 1st ZMV testing – when water in littoral areas is 54 F <https://www.in.gov/dnr/files/ZEBRA-MUSSEL.pdf>
 - End of June / First part of July for 2nd ZMV testing
 - Sun 7/14 – Mon 7/15 - delivery of water monitoring & ZMV samples - 11 AM to Charlies
 - Sun 8/18 – Mon 8/19 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
 - Sun 9/15 – Mon 9/16 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
- 5) AIS Volunteer Training is available on 2 separate dates to choose from: Fri 5/3/19 or Thurs 6/6/19 at Northwoods Bank Community Room from 1 PM to 4 PM. This training is available for citizens who are interested in informing the public about aquatic invasive species and how to slow their spread and is taught by DNR Watercraft Inspection Program staff. Twenty people are required per class and must be registered 7 days in advance. Please email hccolamn@gmail.com with the date you'll attend. A DNR volunteer agreement form and a background check are required of all AIS volunteers annually.

After you receive your certification as an AIS Volunteer, you can coordinate ahead of time which dates / times you plan to educate at your public access with Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Services, email: nmacklem@co.hubbard.mn.us and phone: 218-732-3890.

- a. Remember that AIS Volunteers do not have the legal authority to tactilely and visually inspect watercraft like the Hubbard County Inspectors.
 - b. AIS Volunteers are there specifically for helpful reminders and education. For example:
 - Identify themselves as an AIS Volunteer trained by the Minnesota DNR as an educator for the public.
 - Drain plug removed (ZM veligers can live in the pooled water)
 - Where is boat coming from? (If an infested water body, share risks of AIS and transporting watercraft from infested waters.)
 - How long has the boat been out of the water? (if coming from infested waters boats usually need 5 days to completely dry out to kill ZM veligers, or decon)
- 6) Starry Trek – Sat Aug 17: Save the Date to help search our county lakes public access areas for Starry Stonewort.



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Subject: Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) Charitable Fund Request For Proposals

The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) Charitable Fund is seeking proposals for up to \$1500.

The HC COLA Charitable Fund will consider grant applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and community groups. The geographic eligibility area is Hubbard County and watersheds that impact Hubbard County.

Funds may be used for charitable and educational programs, projects and activities that facilitate cooperation among member lake associations and to assist in encouraging environmentally sustainable use of lakes and watersheds that protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of area lakes and their environs including funding for:

- Research, studies or projects on water quality, shoreland development and disseminating information thereof to member associations and the general public.
- Projects on restoration of critical shoreland habitat, buffer strips, rain gardens, shoreline erosion, stormwater run-off, AIS prevention, vegetation mapping.
- Projects for specialized sampling research and limited support for scientific studies.
- Support of acquisition of property for sustainable public use, e.g. Conservation Easements.

To qualify for consideration, please refer to the HC COLA Charitable Fund Grant Application Guidelines found on the Northwest Minnesota Foundation website at www.nwmf.org. Requirements include clear goals and action steps for completing the project, and other criteria such as:

- Description of working relationship(s) with other partner(s) and/or funding sources.
- Evidence of an evaluation plan.
- For every \$1 contributed by HC COLA Charitable Fund, applicant must match \$1 toward the project. Matches can be comprised of volunteer labor, in-kind services, donated materials, and/or cash.
- Requested funds must be spent in the year requested.

The deadline for submission of proposals is March 1, 2019. Funds will be awarded by June 1, 2019.

The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Charitable Fund is a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

**Chip Leer, Featured Speaker at
our Park Rapids Lakes Area
Fishing Expo on Friday April 12th**



Save the Date!

You are invited to participate in the Park Rapids Lakes Area Fishing Expo on Friday, April 12th from 6 – 9 PM at Riverside United Methodist Church, 1005 Park Ave N, (Hwy 71) in Park Rapids, MN.

The event is focused on recreational fishing opportunities and techniques, how invasive species has and could impact our waters and our responsibility to protect these resources.

Kev Jackson of Paul Bunyan Broadcasting will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The event will be set up in an expo open house style with featured speaker Chip Leer and a panel discussion (also including Jason Durham, Brian “Bro” Brosdahl, Jason Freed and Paul Nelson). Chip Leer will be presenting on walleye fishing, protecting our resource and AIS prevention. Regional fishing guides will have displays and promote their services while answering questions and giving demonstrations during the open house portions.

6:00	Doors Open for Fishing Expo: open house style gathering! Refreshments!
6:30	Fishing Blessing by Pastor Chip, Welcome and Intro to MC
6:35	MC Intro Fishing Guests, Acknowledgments and Main Speaker Intro
6:50	Main Speaker Chip Leer
7:30	MC lead Panel
8:30	Open House style gathering
9:00	Conclude the evening

Warm Wishes from the Park Rapids Area Lakes Fishing Expo Team!

The Expo Team includes representatives from the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA), MN Department of Natural Resources, Riverside United Methodist Church, and Hubbard County Environmental Services.