



# THE HC COLA UPDATE

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Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations ("HC COLA") is a coalition of 30 lake associations and their approximate 2,200 members that represent 41 lakes in Hubbard County. Our mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. HC COLA's mission enhances, promotes & protects the interests of lake shore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public & future generations.

Our **Spring 2018 HC COLA Update** celebrates our 30 Year Young Anniversary! The theme for 2018 is a return to our roots "Protecting our Lakes and Rivers". Opportunities abound for you to engage with our mission!

## Topics of Interest:

Century Adventures, Wed 4/18 PM & KIDS Need You, We're 30 Years Young, Chili Challenge, HC COLA Mtgs: Pg 1  
Tues 5/15 PM & Wed 5/16 Freshwater Festival, FREE Decontamination By Appointment, AIS Detector Trg: Pg 2  
Fri 6/8 MAISRC - M State, Thur 8/16 HC COLA offers "Protect Our Lakes & Rivers", Help Sat 8/18 Starry Trek: Pg 2

## **Century Adventures & HC COLA Water-Related Activities on Wed 4/18 PM – We Need YOU**

HC COLA is providing water-related learning opportunities from 1:30 to 4 PM for the Century Adventures program on Wed 4/18 in Park Rapids during P/T Conferences. We need your talents and energy to lead and help both! We will have 7 stations that groups of 11 by grade level will rotate through every 25 mins. Century Adventures is an activity-based childcare program for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Community Education uses the area people for resources. <https://www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us/domain/373>

HC COLA Planned Activities include: The Lake Game on what affects water quality, Mussel Mania on AIS Zebra Mussels & Native Mussels, Fish Identification, Knot Tying, How To Fish, Invertebrate Identification, and Fly Tying Demonstration. Email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) or call Sharon at 763-355-7908 to help engage Youth!



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## **HC COLA is 30 Years Young!**

The Park Rapids Enterprise Outdoors section on Sat 3/17/18 featured the HC COLA article about our formation in 1988. Read more about what motivated our first president Patricia Alberg and others to go the extra mile in creating our nonprofit organization. Our partner in the water quality monitoring program for the cooler drop-off site, Charlie Kellner at Charlie's Boats & Marine, was involved at the beginning too. We thank Pat Alberg, Charlie Kellner and the others! You inspire us to continue protecting our lakes! [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc\\_col\\_a\\_30\\_years\\_young\\_pre\\_3-17-18.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc_col_a_30_years_young_pre_3-17-18.pdf)

**HC COLA's Chili Challenge Total Contributions** to our Food Shelf for the 6 years of our participation is \$14,650! We thank Theora Goodrich for leading our fun-filled team endeavor! This year we earned \$3,249 (our highest year) & came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the third time. We placed 1<sup>st</sup> three times over the 6 years! **Thank You ALL!**

**HC COLA's April Board Meeting is Thur 4/26/18** at Northwoods Bank Community Room, 5:30 PM for Coffee, Cookies & Conversation. Meeting at 6 PM. Our Presenters: Nicholas Macklem, new Hubbard County Environmental Specialist & Jeff Mosner on "Why I love fly-fishing..." A Lake Runs Through It!"

## **FREE Watercraft Decontamination Service provided by the Hubbard County Environmental Services Department!**

**On-Call Available 7 Days a Week. Call ahead to make an appointment at: 218-252-6738**

**Open Sat May12 to mid-September 2018**

**Located at 812 Henrietta Ave S, Park Rapids, MN 56470**

**See the DNR's website for decontamination stations around the entire state of MN:**

**[https://webapps15.dnr.state.mn.us/ais\\_decon\\_sites](https://webapps15.dnr.state.mn.us/ais_decon_sites)**

### **University of Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC) – Sign up for Newsletter!**

**STARRY Trek – Save the Date – Sat Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek>

*Starry Stonewort Identification aid:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te9iF5OTdtg&sns=em>



Starry stonewort

Photo by Paul Skawinski

### **Become an AIS Detector – Spring Classes – Sign Up!**

Participants in the program will learn principles of basic aquatic ecology, AIS identification, impacts, and biology, Minnesota rules and regulations, preventing the spread of AIS, and reporting. Upon completion, participants are equipped to volunteer around the state and make a difference in the areas of citizen science, outreach and education, stewardship, & support of AIS programs.

<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-detector>



**The Hubbard County Soil & Water Conservation District's (HC SWCD) Annual Freshwater Festival** is scheduled for May 16th. It will be here soon!

The HC SWCD is looking for volunteers to help pack trees on Tuesday, May 15th from 1-4 pm and help with the event on Wednesday, May 16th from 8 AM -3 PM.

Both days will be at the Camp Wilderness Boy Scout Camp near Emmaville, MN. Please call the HC SWCD office if you are interested. Thank you!! **218-732-0121 ext. 4**

### **Save the Date for Friday, 6/8/2018 M State Campus, Detroit Lakes, MN MN AIS Research Center Update**

*Hear from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center about current research projects and outreach activities being conducted on various aquatic invasive species. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will post details on the website when become available.*



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### **Park Rapids Area School District 309 Community Education – Adult program – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Scheduled Thur 8/16, 1 PM**

Have you thought about your yard as part of a watershed? Whether you live in the city, country, or on the lake or river, you matter. Discover ways you can make a difference to protect our area lakes and rivers in your own yard and also as you play in water activities. Help keep this important area resource pristine for future generations.

Instructor: Sharon Natzel, Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations

<https://www.parkrapidscomed.com/insight/registry/classinfo.asp?courseID=4123&catID=487>