

2019 Bay Lake Small Northern Contests

Hello Bay Lake Pike Fisherman!

I hope winter treated all of you well. Together we removed 3,752 pike less than 22" in 2018.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make last year a wonderful success.

We have big plans to make the 2019 Bay Lake Hammer-Handle Contest even bigger and better than last year. **There will be more winners, more prizes, and more ways to participate!**

Additionally our neighbors, Ruttger's Resort, has joined the fight against Northern Pike and started their own contest.

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Here are the details for the Ruttger & BLIA Contests:

1. Pike-A-Palooza, hosted by Ruttger's Resort on Saturday, May 18th.

Please consider joining Pike-A-Palooza, a competitive, catch-and-release Northern Pike fishing tournament. This is sure to be a fun day while also supporting both Ruttger's and our mission to improve the quality of Bay Lake by removing destructive Northern Pike. **Ruttger's is generously donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to BLIA.**

Event Details:

- This is a catch & release fishing contest (except fish less than 22")
- Cash prize for heaviest 3 fish bag (1st/2nd/3rd = \$750/\$500/\$250)
 - Fish Fry at Ruttger's
- Chef Demonstration with tips on cooking incredible meals with Northern Pike
 - Awards Ceremony (Prizes for biggest fish and other categories)
 - Entry fee is \$100 per boat

Northern Pike less than 22" that are kept during the Pike-A-Palooza event do count in the BLIA Hammer-Handle Contest.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Purchase tickets in advance here: <https://ruttgers.com/pike-a-palooza/>

Link to event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1212169428952299/>

2. BLIA Small Northern Pike Contest, May 11 through Labor Day

New format in 2019 means more winners, more prizes, and certainly more removal of those pesky hammer-handles! Thanks to all who participated last year and congrats once again to the winners: Dibble Cabin, Norton Cabin and Rose Cabin.

Our hope is that the new format explained below is **more inclusive to all levels of fisherman**. Whether your cabin is interested in removing 10 fish or 1,000 this summer, you have opportunities to win BIG prizes because we are all making a BIG IMPACT on the **water quality of Bay Lake**, together.

Rules:

Every 10 fish documented will earn your cabin \$5 to Lonesome Pine and a raffle ticket. Prizes will be drawn every 2 weeks all summer long. In addition to bi-weekly raffles, there will be awards for "Picture of the Week" and "Biggest Fish Released."

- Fish must be less than 22"
 - No catch and release (must be obvious in picture that fish is dead)
- Raffle tickets counted per cabin – fish can be caught by a member of the cabin or any cabin guest
 - Must be a BLIA member to win --> Join BLIA baylake.org

Prizes:

10 fish = \$5 at Lonesome Pine plus a raffle ticket for our bi-weekly raffles. Some (but not all) of the prizes are listed below.

70 Contest T-Shirts, 9 \$100 Lonesome Pine gift cards, Ruttger's Swag, Wild Tickets, 18Ft Lilly Pad, 2 110 Qt Hard Coolers, 1 40 Qt Soft Cooler, 1 Kayak, Fishing Rods, 30 spinner baits, Big Floatie, Bent Paddle Brewery Pints & 1 growler + 3 refills, 36 Tumbler Cups w/ Logo and more!

How to Participate:

Each submission must have a picture (no catch and release), cabin name, and fish count. This year there will be multiple ways to enter fish into the contest.

1. Send email to Baylakepike@gmail.com
2. Post on BLIA's Instagram or Facebook page with hashtag #BayLakePike (will comment to confirm entry was counted)

Questions: email mattqualen10@gmail.com