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WATCHING THE WATERS

Spring 2025

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Boone Dam Rebuilt . . . Lake Water Is Sparkling . . . What It Takes to Sustain It

TIME. BLA was created, and exists, through private citizens who love the environment and lake enough to serve as non-paid board and committee volunteers for this 42 year-old environmental Nonprofit. **I cannot thank my 6 current Board Members enough, and 4 of those 6 have served BLA a combined 47 years.** Over the five years I have served with them I have watched them stretch through Covid, through TVA's successful dam repair and crew departure and most of all the expansion of BLA's efforts clearing, cleaning and conservation of our Waters. **Last year BLA invested over \$200,000 in crew labor, fuel, material and expenses—twice the amount spent in 2001;** while the number of board or committee chairs are down to 7 plus 2 advisors from 15 due to medical, hurricane and life changes. **Come aboard, take up an oar, and be a part of the dream!**

MONEY. BLA invests 94% of all contributions into Lake Operations (88%) and Education Awareness (6%) thanks to the non-paid volunteer hours from the Board/Committees and over 300 volunteers at the Annual Cleanup Day, April 26th this year. A few bullets looking back on 2024:

- \$207,000 Expenses (88% Lake Ops, 6% Education/Awareness and 6% Admin)
- \$214,700 Cash Contributions (50% Individuals, 39% Companies and 11% Services)
* In addition BLA received over \$35,000 of non-cash help from Boone Lake Marina and Food City
- \$500 Cash from Local County or City Governments;
* Johnson City contributed complimentary meeting rentals and non-cash waste disposal landfill services
- 2025 Expense Budget of \$208,000 is fat compared to 2024 actual expenses, despite inflation and increased BLA services such as weekly water sampling and testing in 2025.

EARTH DAY → LAKE DAY. Otherwise known around here as the

Boone Lake Annual Cash-for-Trash Day. Make a difference and give of your time if you can, or contribute \$'s if you can't. Over 300 volunteers will turn out for our Annual April event April 26th when we take out tons of debris/trash/tires/items in our Spring Cleaning. Someone may ask why? I say because we care, and we can!

- 2025 – Our Goal to not only Watch the Waters, but help make the waters sparkle
- 2024 – Johnson City upgrades Brush Creek water treatment facility > \$50 million
- 2022 – TVA completes the Boone Lake Dam on schedule and < \$350 million
- **1999 – BLA begins the 1st Annual Boone Lake Cleanup (Lake Day) 26 years ago**
- 1991 – Johnson City opens Winged Deer Park on Boone Lake 34 years ago

- **1983 – BLA is formed 42 years ago to work to make our waters EPA compliant**
- 1972 – The Clean Water Act was passed after the 1st Earth Day 53 years ago.
- 1955 – Johnson City built their first water treatment facility, since upgraded thrice
- 1954 – City of Bristol built their first water treatment facility, upgraded since then
- 1952 – TVA constructed the Boone Lake dam over a two years for \$27.7 million

In closing I thank you for your consideration and contributions, and **PLEASE . . . JOIN US — HELP US — HELP YOU.**

Frank

BLA's 19th President/CEO

Your 2025 BLA Board

- Frank Hahne. **CEO.** Board member since 2020 (5 yrs)
- Jim Slaight. **CFO** and Board member since 2016 (9 yrs)
- Ann Larson. **Secretary** and Board member since 2013. (12 yrs)
- Jerry Frank. Board member since 2008. (17 yrs)
- Gary Parker. Board member since 2016 (9 yrs)
- Karen Stigall. Board member since 2024 (1 yr)
- Janise Sizemore. Board member since 2024 (1 yr)

Board Advisors

- Laurie Spring. Board member since 2021 (4 yrs – Currently Inactive)
- Bob Honeycutt. (Advisor since 2024)
- Val Kosmider. (Past President)
- Jon Wireman. (Past President)

Open BLA Board or Committee Positions Needed for 2025—Please Inquire:

- A **Nature Photographer** who can also capture the Conservation needs of Boone Lake and the crews and volunteers trying to preserve this amazing 130 miles of Tennessee.
- A **Grant Writer** who can put the needs of this beautiful stretch of river, shores and lake that egrets, otters, geese, ducks, foxes, and migratory birds into messages yielding help.
- A **Fundraiser** who can have a vision to motivate all who are blessed to live on this lake to join those visionaries who see and support the efforts of Boone Lake Association and friends.
- A **Social Media** reporter who can tell stories of accomplishments and results of all who labor to make a difference in this part of the Tennessee Valley for our children's children.



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26th Boone Lake Cleanup Day

CASH for TRASH – PICNIC – MUSIC

Saturday – April 26, 2025 – Winged Deer Park

Trash Collection Sites: #1: Boone Lake Marina #2: Davis Boat Dock
#3: Pickens Bridge Ramp #4: Winged Deer Park 11E ramp #5: Lakeview Marina

Register: receive your trash bags from 9 AM, at 1 of 5 trash collection sites.

Return: deliver your trash to any collection site up to 3 PM, to receive your tickets.

Enjoy: come to Meredith Pavilion Winged Deer Park by 4 PM for Food and Music.

Win: Meredith Pavilion Winged Deer Park at 5 PM for Grand Prize & Cash drawings.

CASH for TRASH: Pick up trash/Debris in bags provided. Bring your bags and larger items (large wood, appliances, Styrofoam, tires, etc.) to a trash collection site by **3 pm** to receive an access wristband and cash prize-drawing tickets.

PICNIC & MUSIC: The Meredith Pavilion picnic includes food served at **4 pm** to registered participants. Show your wristband for an event t-shirt. Please bring your lawn chairs to relax and enjoy the food and music.

DRAWINGS: The 40 - \$30 cash prize drawings will begin at **5 pm**, followed by the Grand Prize drawing. You can exchange your wristband for one (1) Grand Prize-drawing ticket. You must be present to claim a prize(s).

2024 Platinum Sponsors



2024 Gold Sponsors



2024 Silver Sponsors



All proceeds go to clear and clean Boone Lake TN by BLA, an IRS 501 3) c) Nonprofit Organization

Welcome to our newest 2025 Cleanup Platinum Sponsor: Hudson Auto Group and our 7 new Silver Sponsors: Champion Chevrolet, Hamilton Meats, MiMi's Creamery, Orth Homes, Tackle Box, Universal Development and Construction, and Zak's

Sponsor Directory..Businesses

Please note: * Silver Sponsor. ** Gold Sponsor. *** Platinum Sponsor

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***Bristol Motor Speedway** is a premier racing venue known for its thrilling NASCAR events and vibrant atmosphere. It attracts motorsport enthusiasts from all over the country, making it a must-visit destination. More information can be found at www.bristolmotorspeedway.com. **Elizabeth Graham**

****Carefree Boat Club.** Boat as often as you like, when and where you want. Over 140 locations. On Boone Lake you will find the the club at Rockingham Marina. 844-246-2628. **Jessica Luff**

***Champion Chevrolet.** A locally owned and operated dealership with locations in Johnson City and Kingsport providing a large selection on new and used vehicles and award winning service. championjc.com /championkingsport.com **Tim Copenhaver**

***Davis Marina:** A family owned and operated business and home of Boonies Restaurant, open year round. They are an alcohol free and family friendly facility located on Buffalo Rd in Blountville.(423-279-0013). **Johnny Morris**

****East TN Boating Club.** East Tennessee's premier boating club focused on making the most of our beautiful regional lakes for boaters of all ages. **Gina Pinney**

***East Tenn Rent-Alls.** Offering a wide variety of well-maintained equipment for rent and sale for your small to large projects, excellent service, equipment repair and maintenance services 423-282-3221. **Josh Baxter**

****Food City:** A family owned corporation headquarters in Abingdon VA. with stores in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. Food City is recognized locally for its support of community organizations and sponsoring of BMS races. Foodcity.com. **Steven Smith**

***Hamilton Meats** is your neighborhood

butcher shop since 1970, located on Old Gray Station Rd., offering quality beef, pork, chicken, seafood and economy boxes prepared daily. 423-282-4531. **Brian Hamilton**

*****Hard Rock Hotel and Casino,** Stay, Play, Dine. Offering world-class entertainment, accommodations and casino action. A get-away not too far away! 276-696-3660. **Allie Evangelista**

*****HSN:** has a local fulfillment center in Piney Flats. HSN supports local non-profits to include BLA cleanup efforts providing not only financial support but a team of volunteers as well.(423-391-1600). **Christina Brassfield**

*****Honda of Kingsport** offers a diverse inventory of Honda vehicles, from sleek sedans to versatile SUVs. Their professional team is dedicated to helping customers find the perfect car to fit their needs. They are located at 2217 E Stone Dr, Kingsport, TN 37660 and online at www.hondaofkingsport.com. **Tyler Shuttle**

***ICR Staffing Services** a nationwide staffing and business service provider, provides temporary to direct hire candidates, placing the right people in the right place In Johnson City 423-705-2000. **Robert and Melanie Lovingood**

****Jays:** a local family owned Marina providing floating cabins, houseboat, and boat slips, a fueling station and a seasonal restaurant. (423-773-9236). **Cindy and Jeff Light**

*****Johnson City Ford** is a well regarded local dealership offering a wide selection of new and pre-owned vehicles. Their knowledgeable staff and excellent customer service make for a pleasant purchasing experience. johnsoncityford.com **Ed Johnson**

*****Johnson City Toyota** is your go-to destination for the latest Toyota models and quality used cars. They pride themselves on their commitment to customer satisfaction and comprehensive service options. You can find them at 3124 Bristol Hwy, Johnson City, TN 37601 or visit www.johnsoncitytoyota.com. **Shane Terrell**

***Lakeview Marina,** offers boat slips, boat sales & service along with fuel. Their widely popular Marker 2 Café offers live entertainment on the deck throughout the

summer season! <https://www.facebook.com/marker2grille/>. **Chad Mitchell**

*****LPI, Inc.** is the largest hot tub and swim spa retailer in the US located in Elizabethton, manufactures golf carts at their Kingsport location and recently opened a year round resort and event venue, Hatley Pointe in nearby Mars, NC. 423-349-2900. **David and Deb Hatley**

***MIMI's Ice Cream.** (Peerless Hospitality) is Johnson City's premier Ice Cream Dessert Truck, delighting locals with handcrafted desserts, refreshing drinks, and unique shakes. Come experience the goodness that defines Mimi's Cookies N' Creamery! mimiscreamery@gmail.com. **Gary Kalogeros**

****Modern Woodmen of America:** A fraternal financial services organization providing services since 1883. MWA identifies and responds to local needs to positively impact the communities they serve. (423-360-7908) Local representative is **Derrick Paduch**.

***One Stop Wine and Spirits** offers a large variety of wines, beers, spirits, champagne, hard seltzers, bar accessories, mixers, sodas, chips and candy at their 2 Johnson City locations. 423.926-8366 or at onestopwines.net. **Phil Scharfstein**

***Orth Homes** founded in 1990, the largest new home builder in East Tennessee and dedicated to helping customers to get the perfect home for their family 423-202-5208. **Terry Orth**

***PEAK Geomatics.** provides surveying services to public agencies, engineering firms, contractors, architects and homeowners. 423-202-7093. **Matt Lindvall**

****Republic Services** provides reliable and responsible waste recycling services and waste disposal services for 14M customers. republicservices.com. **Scott McConnelee**

*****Rockingham Marina** offers a full line of service for any boat, engine or trailer line. Featuring an on the water service shop, and offering on the water demos to help you find the perfect boat. Rockingham Marina carries new and used inventory from Avalon, Bennington, Chaparral, Cobalt, Manitou, Nautique, Moomba, Supra and Premier. Contact

them at 877-651-3625 or online at www.rockinghammarine.com. **Doug Sams**

***Sonny's Marina** has been in business for over 70 years, offering covered and uncovered boat slips, new and used boat sales that also includes Mastercraft boats, inboard and outboard service, seasonal lakeside dining and bar, boat rentals, non-ethanol gas, pro shop and ship store. Contact at 423.282.9440 or visit www.thesonnysmarina.com. **Travis Richards**

***Tackle Box.** A locally owned and operated live bait and tackle shop located in Kingsport TN. 423-574-2248. **Jonathan and Gloria Zavala**

***Universal Development and Construction.** Is a fully integrated real estate development company specializing in multi-family community development and management in TN, N.C. and S.C. **Jamie Abraham**

****Wheels Contracting.** A three generation family-owned full-service contracting and construction company 828-898-5510. **Erin Buchanan**

***Yamaha Marine** is an innovator in the world of motor sports providing state of the art outboard engines, rigging and controls, and props. In 2024 they introduced the first hydrogen-powered outboard concept

***Zaks** is a family-owned regional destination furniture store in the Tri-Cities area for over 60 years. Providing sales and design services. 423-282=4951. **Scott Bowman**

Special Thanks to Boone Lake Marina (Jerry Frank) and Rockingham Marina (Doug Sams) for their generous contributions to BLA. Jerry has supported us for several years and in 2024 his cash and in-kind donations totaled \$ 34,000.00 or 17% of our budget. Doug's 2024 support totaled \$24,000.00 or 11% of our budget. They are Boone Lake Proud!

Governmental and Utilities Sponsors

- Bluff City
- Bristol Tennessee Essential Services (BTES)
- Brightridge
- Inframark
- Johnson City Parks and Recreation
- TVA
- Washington County

Hudson Auto Group, Carefree Boat Club and Rockingham Expand BLA's Water Testing on Boone Lake for 2025



BLA wishes to thank the individuals behind the funding, equipment and gasoline to expand BLA's water sampling on Boone Lake in 2025 to a weekly frequency. In the photo above Ed Johnson, Tyler Shuttle, and Shane Terrell (non-shown) of Hudson Auto Group providing the funding commitment to Jim Slaight (Water Quality Chair) and Frank Hahne (President) of BLA.

Jessica and Brian Luff of Carefree Boat Club are furnishing a pristine clean sampling boat to BLA's crew every week. Doug and Chloe Sams of Rockingham contribute fueling the boat for weekly sampling on both the Watauga and S. Holston channels.



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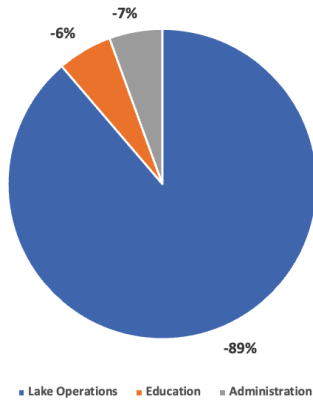
Last year BLA invested \$208,000 in operating expenses of crew labor, fuel, material and expenses—twice the amount of 2001. \$215,000 Cash and \$35,000 non-cash contributions exceeded the cost of operations by \$42,000 for our operational reserve; **necessary from the lesson learned in 2017 when BLA almost folded due to lack of operating funds.**

BLA’s reserve account does not have sufficient funds to replace the three worn-out boats and engines necessary for crew safety, purchasing a second crane barge, cover the cost of replacing 1,350 feet of 10-year-old surplus containment boom donated to BLA by TVA following its use during the 7-year dam repair, and new water testing lab instrumentation recommended by an ETSU water quality team. Those items

add up to over a year of operating expenses. BLA has only enough excess capital reserve to meet **20% of the \$250,000** needed over the next 2 years. **It will take your donations, those of our terrific business sponsors, and those who are enjoying a clean, safe Boone Lake to keep our crew safe and operations efficient.** Your help is vital!

Where did your money go in 2024 ?

2024 Expenses by Area \$208,000



BLA 2024 Expenses Ranked by Category			
No.	Description	Amount	%
1	-Net Wages & Taxes	-99,592.86	48%
2	- Cost of Supplies	-19,168.17	9%
3	- Maintenance	-17,173.17	8%
4	- Waste Disposal	-14,771.10	7%
5	- Fuel & Diesel	-9,514.04	5%
6	- Printing & Postage	-9,867.00	5%
7	- Cleanup Event	-10,360.59	5%
8	- Professional Services	-6,847.77	3%
9	- Water Quality	-6,142.67	3%
10	- Insurance	-6,452.00	3%

What’s Needed to Move Forward in 2025-2026

2024 and 2025 were tough weather years for our crew and our aging equipment but they’ve done a terrific job removing all the logs and other debris from Helene while working under very cold and windy conditions for a good portion of 2025. **You, our individual contributors, who represent less than 1/4 of lakefront owners, paid for almost half of BLA’s \$208,000 operating budget in 2024.** To meet our remaining operating costs, Cash-for-Trash Cleanup Sponsors and Corporate Contributions filled the gap. All 6 Boone Lake marinas are sponsors of BLA. Three Silver, one Gold and the two Platiums, Boone Lake Marina and Rockingham, who provide 17% and 11%, respectively, of BLA’s total operating budget.

Unfortunately, the boats and other equipment that the crew depends on are aging. **Crew safety has become a major concern and a focus of our 2025 and 2026 efforts and capital budget expenditures.**

Our crew uses five boats and a large boom to cover 65 miles of channel and 130 miles of shoreline to corral floating logs and debris. **All the boats need periodic maintenance and three of the boats need replacement over the next two years.** The crane barge has proven to be worth its weight in capacity, capability, and time saved and, given sufficient capital funds, we’re planning to have a second crane barge built in 2026. **The boom is old, worn and ineffective and must be replaced this year. Finally, our expanded water quality program requires capital investment for instrumentation to carry out weekly testing.**

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Gary Parker

2025 contributor report

We are through the first quarter of 2025 and we are pleased that our income is running slightly ahead of the first quarter of 2024. Can this be a good sign of what is to come?? We certainly hope so! Our final total of contributors in 2024 fell 40 short of the previous year, just under 500! **Our goal is to exceed 600 individual contributors.** Will you help us reach that goal?? If you are already contributing . Thank you. If you are not currently supporting BLA

we ask you to do so now!! Wouldn't it be great if everyone that lives on the lake, or uses the lake came onboard!!! Current 2025 contributors are 160 with a total contribution of \$35,000.00.

Voluntary Individual Contributors have been the foundation of BLA for 40 years, Every contribution, large or small from our Contributors and Supporters is well-spent on lake crews, op-

erating expenses and infrastructure, while an all-volunteer board of directors manage affairs. **The most frequent contribution is \$100, but the average individual contribution is up to \$196.** Together we reached our \$100,000 Goal last year for Individual supporters. This year we hope to top the \$100,000 with your help. Here's a breakdown of last year's contributions.

2024 Contributions by Donor and Distribution of Individual Contributors:

Income > Contributions



Individuals	\$106,450.10
Clean-Up Sponsors	\$57,964.21
Corporations	\$25,509.00
Contract Services	\$16,000.00

\$ Range of Contributions	No. of Contributions
<\$100	171
\$100	253
\$250	86
\$500	37
\$1000>	17
Grand Total	492

BLA is an IRS-approved not-for-profit 501c3 organization

YTD 03/28/2025	2024	2025	25-24 Delta
Contributor Count	123	160	37
Regular Dues Income	\$28,900	\$35,000	6,100
Other Inc. cash/contract/Sponsors	\$20,000	\$20,049	49
Cleanup	\$22,000	\$26,000	4,000
In-kind	\$0	\$0	0
Total Inc. w/o Cleanup & in-kind	\$48,900	\$55,049	6,149
Total inc. w/ cleanup no in-kind	\$70,900	\$81,049	10,149



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Boone Lake Fishing Report

Late Winter and Early Spring saw heavy rains in Southwest Virginia resulting in ongoing generation into Boone lake from South Holston dam. Fishing was active during that time even with water temperatures in the mid to upper 40s. Good water flow through Boone lake usually results in an active fishing pattern. As dry weather

has been the theme in March fishing and has been fair. Warming water temperatures from the 50s into 60s in the coming weeks should result in good fishing with the Stripers, Hybrids, and Trout pushing bait to the surface look for the birds to tell you where the fish are located. Bass and Crappie will also become more active all over the lake with those

warming water temperatures.

Let's hope for some more rain to fill the lakes above and force generation schedules to increase again so we can have a great spring on the lake fishing. Good Luck out there and be safe!



Derrick Paduch

Watch our website...Beginning the week of April 27th we will begin posting water sampling results on our website and will continue throughout the summer season

Boone Lake Association wins TACD Conservation Award for the State of Tennessee

After winning District, Area and Division competitions throughout 2024, BLA was selected as the state-wide winner and received the award at the 81st Annual Awards Program of The Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts in Gatlinburg, TN.

The mission of TACD is helping Soil Conservation Districts

conserve and enhance the natural resources of Tennessee through education, leadership and advocacy of organizations who bring communities together to improve outdoor spaces and has programs and projects that improve water quality and conservation of Tennessee's natural resources.



Dwight King, Sullivan County Commissioner, giving TACD Award to Frank Hahne



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