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Can we survive another year like 2025?

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Spring 2026

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President's Letter – *Let us hear from you . . .*

A Message to Our Partners in Boone Lake's Future



You matter. More importantly, your vision for the Boone Lake Association (BLA) matters as we navigate 2026 and beyond. This isn't about budgets and dollars; it's about the heart of our mission and what you believe is most important for our waters. After reviewing our current state, I have one question: If you were "King or Queen for a day," what would you have us do—or not do? We want to understand your Why. Come to one of our monthly neighborhood "Lakehall" cookouts this June-July-August on days restaurants are closed to the public, but they will host a BLA Day: at Lakeview, Jay's Boat Dock, Boonies or Boone Lake Marina picnic area. Reach out and invite a neighbor who is not an active supporter to enjoy a burger and learn more about BLA.

Our Community: A Troubling Trend

Our strength has always been our number of individual contributors, but we are at a crossroads:

- **The Peak:** In 2014, we reached a high of 601 contributors.
- **The Valley:** We nearly dissolved in 2017 when participation plummeted to 263 during the dam repair.
- **The Present:** While we rallied to 536 supporters after the lake returned, we have declined every year since to 435.
- **The Risk:** Current 2026 trends, down 44% through February, suggesting we could fall below our all-time low if that trend continues.

The Question: Why is our community support dropping, after the lake was raised back to life?

Your Impact: Where Your Support Goes

In 2025, we invested \$266,000, including in-kind donations, to keep Boone Lake clean, safe, and functional. Here is how those funds were prioritized:

- **74% Lake Operations:** This is the "heavy lifting." We cleared 2 million pounds of trees and debris (including the aftermath of Helene) and responded to over 150 hotline requests for help with 5,822 paid crew hours.
- **8% Water Quality:** We remain the only lake in Tennessee with such a rigorous testing program, documenting 100% compliance with TDEC limits last year.
- **5% Education & Outreach:** Keeping 7,000 households informed through the Shoreliner and starting to work with the Nature Center at Winged Deer Park.
- **4% Annual Cleanup Day:** Our signature volunteer event, now entering its 27th year of "Spring Cleaning" our beautiful lake and shore in advance of summer '26'.
- **9% Administration:** The essential costs of keeping our gears turning.

We pride ourselves on efficiency. We do this with a paid, dedicated crew of 4½, supported by an unpaid board and management team that are volunteers. All crew-fleet communications and management have been computerized with GPS-location and time-stamped data to better serve and cover the 65 miles of waterways and 130 miles of shoreline, docks and coves. Our fleet consists almost entirely of aged, donated pontoons, our water testing boat is provided at no cash cost to BLA through a local partnership and our 5-year old Skimmers that originally costed \$400,000 have now depreciated down to a \$100,000 value and need ongoing maintenance to operate.

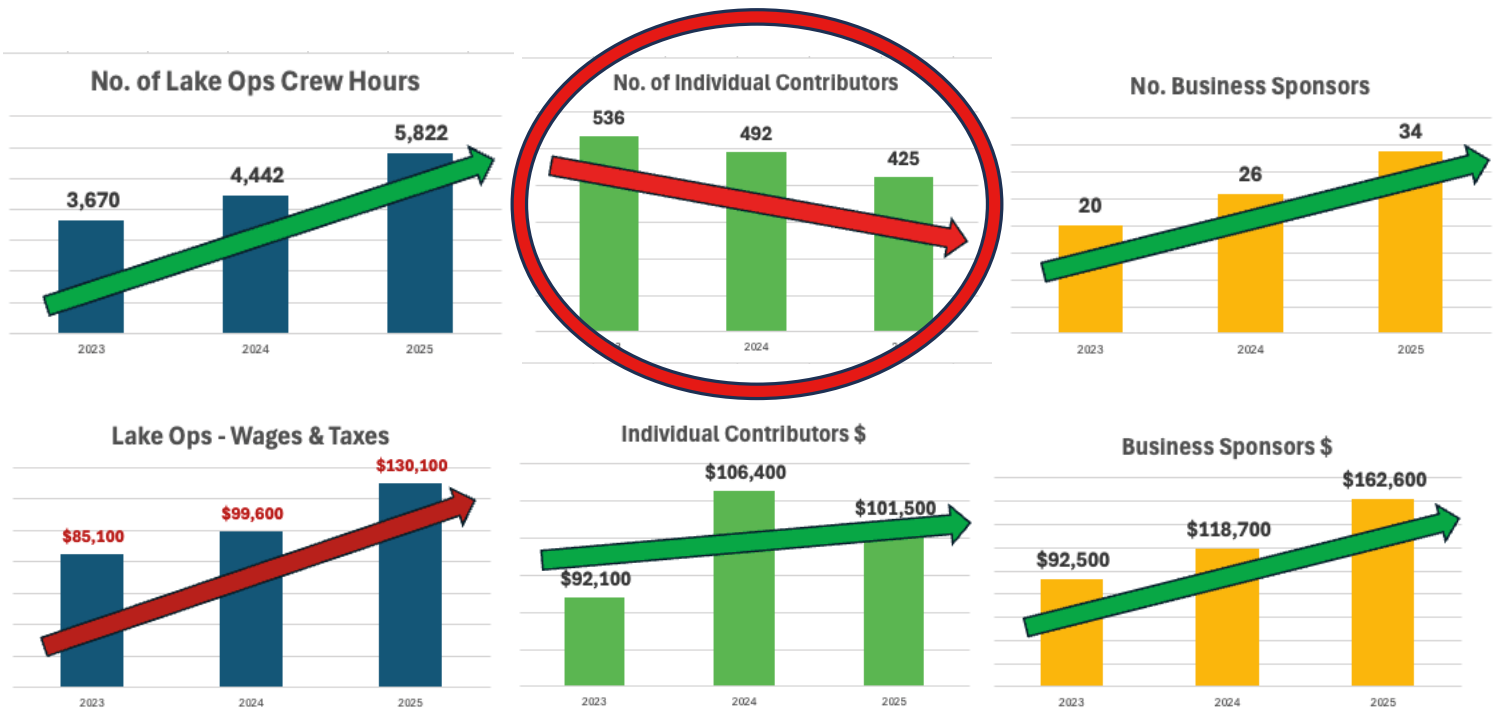
The Path Forward

Since TVA withdrew its lake crews in June 2022, the BLA has stepped up as the primary caretaker of these waters and our lake operations costs have more than doubled because the responsibility for the lake now rests squarely on our shoulders. **Currently, individual contributors only cover \$102,000 of our costs, so primarily local businesses we appealed to make up the balance (\$163,000 or 61%)** of the \$266,000 required to operate this lean, efficient organization.

On behalf of our crew, our Board and our volunteers I thank you and look forward to your guidance and even better your volunteering to implement those suggestions. You remain BLA's foundation—always was, and always will be! Business can come and go from year-to-year, but lake homes span generation-after-generation.

Frank

BLA's 19th President/CEO



HEAVY LIFTING BY THE YEAR-ROUND BLA CREW

BLA joins JC Parks and Rec to Support Summer Camp Program

BLA Reaching & Teaching Kids. BLA knows children are our future and our present joy. So many of us take them out on Boone Lake for family fun and enjoyment. To expand our outreach and education in 2026, BLA is partnering with Johnson City Parks & Recreation Nature Camps this summer. In addition to their themes on creatures like reptiles and amphibians, including pond dipping, hiking, and field trips, BLA will be teaching stewardship of

Boone Lake water quality to help children understand that their daily habits directly impact the health of our planet—starting at home and their home lake. We are excited to bring this additional activity to this year’s Nature Camps....and helping to ensure the future of Boone Lake will be in good hands.

LET’S KEEP BOONE LAKE CLEAN, SAFE, AND VIBRANT

BLA Reaching Kids

Connie Deegan & Tri-Cities TV

Kids Learning about Nature



BLA would like to thank:

2026 Diamond Sponsor

A Message from the Contribution Committee



Gary Parker

Since the successful drawdown and repair of Boone Dam, the all-volunteer Board of the Boone Lake Association (BLA) has been dedicated to ensuring Boone Lake remains one of the cleanest, safest, and most enjoyable lake in recent years. Through tireless commitment, the Board has raised funds to acquire the proper mix of boats, necessary tools, and a devoted work crew, all essential to achieving these goals. However, maintaining and advancing this progress demands both consistent funding and significant time from our small volunteer group.

Why Your Contribution Matters

The BLA is an independent non-profit organization, operating with minimal or no government assistance and relies heavily on both corporate sponsors and individual contributions. With ongoing inflationary pressures and uncertainties surrounding corporate sponsorship, your support is more critical than ever to keep the organization stable and effective. Any expression of interest or financial support, no matter the amount (\$25 or \$50),

plays a vital role in sustaining the organization.

We Welcome Your Input

The Board invites all suggestions, comments, or ideas for enhancing your organization. Please send your thoughts to boonelakeassociation@gmail.com. Your input will help us better serve the Boone Lake community and continue our mission of preserving this exceptional resource for all.

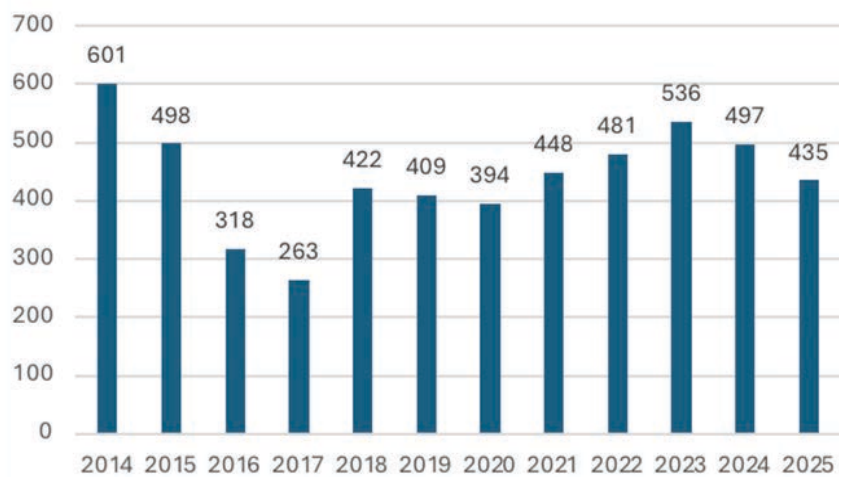
Membership and Contributions: Recent Trends

Though we have met recent challenges, we are facing a concerning trend in membership participation. Prior to the lake drawdown, BLA reached a peak of 601 contributors. Unfortunately, interest declined after the drawdown resulting in a low of 263 contributors in 2017 at which point the organization nearly dissolved. Interest slowly returned after the dam was repaired and by 2023 contributors increased to a high of 536. However, since 2023, we have witnessed a steady and puzzling decline in contributor participation. In 2025 we finished the year with 435 contributors, 100 fewer than in 2023. Year to date in 2026, during what is typically our highest contribution period, contributions are down approximately 44%. BLA does not fully understand the reasons behind this decline and would greatly appreciate feedback or suggestions for improvement.

The Importance of Community Support

Boone Lake is home to over 1,700 direct lakefront owners, all of whom have a vested interest in the lake's quality and reputation which impacts both your lake enjoyment and property values. Despite this, fewer than 350 owners in 2025 made even a modest investment in BLA to help sustain the progress achieved. For those living in subdivisions, of which there are only four that contribute an average of \$250 each, please consider whether this amount is sufficient to ensure your share in maintaining a clean and safe lake environment.

Contributor Count



Year to date 2026 is down 44% compared to YTD 2025

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27th Annual Boone Lake Cleanup Day: Cash, Community, & Conservation



**Mark Your Calendar:
April 25th – Where
Clean Water Meets
Cash Prizes**



Janise Sizemore

Boone Lake is calling for volunteers! The 27th Annual Boone Lake Cleanup Day returns on Saturday, April 25th– your trash bags could turn into cash.

How It Works: Starting at 9:00 AM, volunteers can register and pick up cleanup supplies at any of these convenient locations:

- Boone Lake Marina
- Davis Boat Dock
- Lakeview
- Pickens Bridge Ramp
- Winged Deer Park 11E Ramp
- Rockingham Marina (by water only)

Spend your morning making a difference along the shoreline, then return your filled bags by 2:00 PM to receive tickets for cash prize drawings. The more you collect, the more chances you have to win!

Building on Last Year's Success:

Last year's cleanup was remarkable – volunteers removed over 100 tires, more than 600 bags of trash, 151 pieces of Styrofoam, 299 pieces of floating wood, and over 150 other items polluting our lake. This year, we're aiming even higher! Can we beat those numbers together?

Celebrate Your Impact: After a day of hard work, the real party begins at Winged Deer Park's Meredith Pavilion:

3:00 PM – Live music kicks off

- 4:00 PM – Complimentary picnic for all volunteers
- 4:30 PM – Cash prize drawings begin (**beginning earlier than previous years**)

This isn't just about cleaning up our lake – it's about 27 years of community coming together to protect the natural treasure we all enjoy. Whether you're a seasoned cleanup veteran or joining us for the first time, your effort makes Boone Lake cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful for everyone.

Ready to make a splash? Grab your friends, family, or coworkers and join us on April 25th. Let's show Boone Lake some love while having a great time together!

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Water Quality Update



Bob Honeycutt

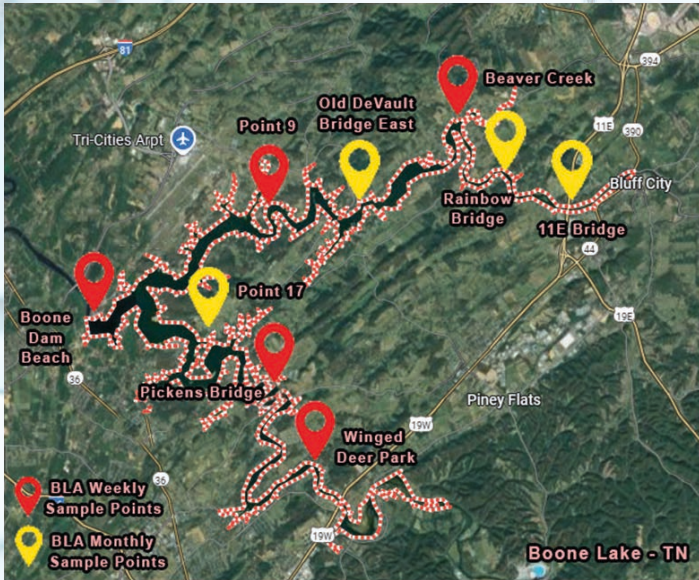
The Boone Lake Association Water Testing Team is gearing up for the 2026 season! They will be taking readings from differ-

ent lake points this year. The map below shows the weekly test points as well as locations that will be tested once a month.

Test results will be posted on the BLA website: <https://boonelakeassociation.org/water-tests/>. Results that

fall within state parameters are indicated with a green checkmark. Results exceeding these parameters are indicated in yellow or red. New this season, contributing, current BLA donors can have actual numerical test results sent to them upon request.

The boat, gas, test chemicals and man hours to test are a significant part of the Association's annual budget. Please consider a donation to this worthy effort to ensure our lake is pristine for all to enjoy! See you on the water!

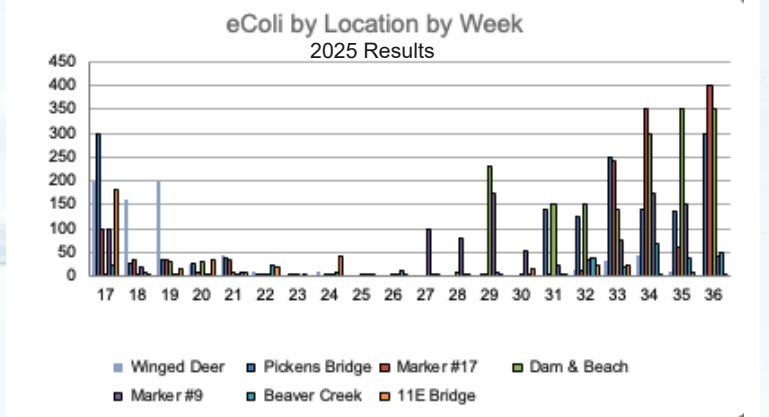


Parameter	TDEC Criteria for Recreation (TDEC Water Quality Parameters tested by BLA)	WEEKLY SAMPLING				ROTATING WEEKLY SAMPLING			(Add More)		
		Winged Deer	Pickens Bridge	Dam & Beach	Point 9	Beaver Creek	Pt 17	DeVault Bridge East		Rainbow Bridge	11E Bridge
Depth	Depth at test locations										
Air Temp	Temp °C/°F (Rounded)										
Water Temp	Temp °C/°F (Rounded)										
Visibility	IAW Q Value Standards: >42" inches										
TDS	<=500mg/l										
Nitrates	Nitrates plus Nitrites < 1.22										
Hardness	<=400mg/L										
Chlorine	<=19ug/L CMC <=11ug/L CCC										
Alkalinity	<300mg/L										
Carbonate	>=50-200<=ppm										
PH	>=6.0-9.0<=										
E coli *	<=410 cfu individual sample										

Test Date: 4-Mar-26 Lake Level: 1,362 Inflow: 4,243 Outflow: 3,638

2026 Water Testing Begins Soon!

✓ Within EPA/TDEC Criteria for Recreation
 * E coli Above EPA/TDEC Individual, Statistical Threshold Value, Sample Criteria (410 CFU/100mL) for Recreation
 ✗ E coli Above EPA/TDEC Individual, Statistical Threshold Value, Sample Criteria (110 CFU/100mL) for Recreation
 * E coli CFU results are counted by hand and are estimated above 50 CFU
 These samples are analyzed at the BLA Water Testing Lab using the most up-to-date methods available



Your Association Board of Directors

- CEO/President: Frank Hahne.
- COO: Vacant
- CFO: Jim Slight
- Secretary: Ann Larson
- Contributions: Gary Parker
- At Large: Jerry Frank, Janise Sizemore (2026 Clean Up Chair), Karen Stigall, Kate Tilley

Where are you??? There's room for you to join us!!

Your Lake Ops Crew

- Crew Chief: Nic Fuller
- Crew: Travis Foulke, Gavin Guldseth, Blake Poland, Bob Honeycutt, Holly Fuller

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WCOSO Marine Unit to help keep Boone Lake Safe in 2026



FRANK HAHNE

PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC PRESENCE AND PUBLIC AWARENESS. These Washington County Sheriff's Office goals are intended to deter and prevent unlawful activities on and around the lake. The two marine unit boats will focus on busy times such as weekends, to mirror the most-used time periods and concerning BUI (Boating Under the Influence), criminal activity or citizen dis-

turbances. WCOSO does not and will not overlap with TWRA's Boating authority and enforcement role, but remains ready to help or tow anyone in distress. Outreach to the community and good communication makes their mission even more effective. We thank Sheriff Sexton, Lt. McKinney and the Marine Unit for their cooperation and concern for a safer Boone Lake and are honored to serve

our community together.

BLA is also most appreciative of Sgt. Cates' coordination of the Department's Annual Cleanup Event Sponsorship and Dirty Street Fighters support.

Wishing all a safe and fun summer on Boone Lake.

Boone Lake Fishing Report

Fishing over the last couple of weeks has been trending in the right direction. Stripers and Hybrids have become increasingly active along with small and largemouth bass. Look for the bass in coves were the stripers and hybrids are pushing bait in the mouth of the cove coming from the main channel. The Large and Smallmouth Bass should be towards the rear of

those coves. Big Brown Trout have also been seen rising on the surface in different areas of the lake.

Fishing will be in a spring pattern for the foreseeable future, and in my opinion the springtime during the months of March thru May is always the best time of the year to fish. So, get out there early, and take a youngster fishing. Teach him or her that there is more to life than that daggone phone.

*A note to those who live on the lake:

Raking or blowing leaves or grass clippings onto the lake bank or into the lake will reduce the dissolved oxygen levels of the lake, adversely affecting the lake environment for the fish population. Please burn those leaves at an appropriate time during the winter or early spring before the lake levels rise and it is too late, and refrain from dumping grass clippings into the lake in the summer.



Derrick Paduch



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CONTRIBUTION LEVEL:

- _____ \$2500+ **Diamond**
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- _____ \$100+ **Bronze**
- _____ \$50+ **Contributor**

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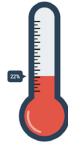
Look Inside: See insert for everything you need to know

27th Boone Lake Cleanup Day CA\$H for TRASH – PICNIC – MUSIC Saturday – April 25, 2026 – Winged Deer Park



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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS
GOAL: \$102,000



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