



Loon Lake Management Planning Project *Announces Kick-Off Meeting*

July 23, 2016– 9:00 AM

Camp Tekawitha

W5248 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166

The Loon Lake Wescott Management District has received a **grant (LPL-159416) totaling almost \$20,000** from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to partially fund the completion of comprehensive management plan for Loon Lake. **Onterra, LLC**, a lake management planning firm out of De Pere, has been hired to lead the project. The design for the planning project has been finalized and approved by the WDNR and includes two primary objectives:

- 1) *the completion of in-depth studies including multiple plant surveys, water quality sampling, and watershed investigations; and*
- 2) *the completion of a realistic management plan for the lake and its watershed.*

TIMING:

Most of the studies will be completed during the spring, summer, and fall of 2016. The tasks associated with the analysis of the data will be completed during the fall and winter of 2016-17.

EDUCATION AND INPUT of the STAKEHOLDERS (users of Loon Lake):

The project will also incorporate opportunities for education and input, which are both very important components of all lake management planning efforts. Public participation will be an integral part of the Loon Lake project.



The first and very important opportunity for stakeholder participation in the process will be at the Project Kick-off Meeting to be held on:

Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 am at Camp Tekawitha.

Coffee and
donuts, too!

During the meeting, Eddie Heath, an aquatic specialist ecologist with Onterra, LLC, will describe the project and its importance. The presentation will include a description of the project's components a quick course on general lake ecology, and a breakdown of how the District's Planning Committee will be involved in the plan's completion.

(In addition to this meeting another opportunity for your input will be through a written stakeholder survey that will be distributed later during the project.)

**PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS IMPORTANT MEETING AND DO
NOT HESITATE TO ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE COMMENTS.**

Match funds are available for this grant – your attendance at the July 23rd meeting counts!