



Census Information for Lake Cabin and Seasonal Home Owners

Aitkin County asked area lake associations to publish this information. If you own a lake cabin or seasonal home, you need to respond for THAT address in addition to your full-time home address. If you do not respond on your own – a census taker will visit your lake cabin. **For the census question on the number of people who usually live or sleep in that home, answer ZERO.** A full explanation is at the end of this newsletter.

Census data is used to determine how BILLIONS in federal funds are distributed to state and local communities every year for the next 10 years. That includes critical funding for emergency services, for hospitals and clinics, for roads and other services.

If you do not want to have a census taker visit your home – then respond to the census on your own. There’s still time. **You have until September 30, 2020.** Go online at 2020census.gov Or call 844-330-2020. You can also respond by mail if you received a paper census form at your house.

Donate Canned or Boxed Goods to a Food Shelf

If you are closing up your cabin and don't want to carry your canned or boxed foods home you can donate them to a food shelf. Two local donation sites are listed below. **Food items cannot be expired.**

St. James Catholic Church

299 Red Oak Dr, Aitkin, MN 56431

(behind Paulbeck’s grocery store)

Phone: (218) 927-6581

Drop off 9:00- 5:00 Monday - Friday

Aitkin Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church

107 Second Street SE, Aitkin, MN 56431

Phone: (218) 927-2028

Drop off Mondays 9:00 – noon. Call to let them know to come out and get the donation, or you can:

Email Laura Smith at lbs4464@gmail.com with questions or to arrange drop off other than Monday

Membership

We have 223 paid members - 61% of 367 lake property owners. We only need 12 more to surpass last year’s total paid membership of 234. A current membership list is on the website or send an email if you can’t remember if you paid. You can pay online too. 32% of paid members have used the online payment option.

Aitkin Independent Age article August 19, 2020

The lake association is taking action to keep property owners and lake users informed

Because this is such a nice positive for our lake association, I included this article again with the link to the online article, which is easier to read than the scanned version in the previous newsletter.

“One active lake association works diligently to keep its members and all lake residents informed about aquatic invasive species (AIS). After the Minnesota DNR confirmed a report of zebra mussels in Farm Island Lake in June, the Farm Island Lake Association (FILA) (sic) has doubled its efforts.” *Click to read more:*

https://www.messagemedia.co/aitkin/outdoors/zebra-mussels-confirmed-in-farm-island-lake/article_68a0563c-e560-11ea-90c3-67f282ad0dbb.html

Zebra Mussel Update

A zebra mussel was found on the east shore north of the big island, at the tip of the bay called Dalecarlia or Church Camp. A clam with a zebra mussel attached was caught in approximately 17-foot-deep water.

Per Tim Plude, DNR Invasive Species Specialist: “This is the first mussel found on the east side of the lake and I suspect we will see more on docks and other equipment this fall as the docks come out of the water for the year. I have a few veliger samples that are still being processed and will share results as soon as I get them.”

Our own board member Bill Haroldson got a veliger sample kit from the DNR and took samples on the north side of the lake - the middle of Dahle’s Bay and the middle of Dummer’s Bay by the access going into Little Pine. The samples came back negative – so that is a good sign for the north part of the lake.

Farm Island Lake Apparel Store a Success

Shirts Plus of Aitkin reported they received 26 orders for FIL clothing - a good amount of orders! We may open the online store again first part of November in time for Christmas.

Be Well.

Sincerely,

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Your questions and comments are welcome.

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Note: When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities concerning Farm Island Lake.

2020 Census PSAs – census takers visiting non-responding households

There are THREE important things about the 2020 Census.

Number ONE – to let you know census takers are working across all areas of Minnesota to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

That includes houses that are lake cabins. So, if you own a seasonal home, you need to respond for THAT address in addition to your full-time home address. If you do not respond on your own – a census taker will visit your lake cabin.

If a census taker visits your home, PLEASE answer their questions.

It will only take a few minutes and your responses are important.

To protect the public health, census takers wear face masks and keep social distance.

Wondering if the person knocking on your door or walking your neighborhood is a census taker?

You can VERIFY that. Ask the person to show their official Census Bureau badge and their official Census Bureau phone.

If you get a call from the Census Bureau, answer the phone.

But be aware of scams.

The 2020 Census does NOT ask questions about your income or your social security number. And you won't be asked if you are a citizen.

Number TWO –

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There's still time.

You've got until September 30, 2020.

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Or call 844-330-2020

You can also respond by mail if you received a paper census form at your house.

The third and FINAL thing I want to share about the 2020 Census is how important your responses are for our emergency responders.

Census data is used to determine how BILLIONS in federal funds are distributed to state and local communities every year for the next 10 years.

That includes critical funding for emergency services, for hospitals and clinics, for roads and other services.

Count everyone who usually lives with you, including any renters or roommates.

Be sure to count children and grandchildren living with you.

We need everyone counted.

The census is EASY – it's SAFE – and it's IMPORTANT.

Go to 2020Census DOT gov now.

The entire community of Aitkin County thanks you.



**Take 10 MINUTES
to benefit Aitkin County
for the next 10 YEARS**

We need you to respond to the 2020 Census. Count everyone in your home, including relatives, young children and friends living with you. Our community benefits when you respond. Census data impacts **billions in federal funds** to state and local communities for critical public services, such as roads, hospitals, emergency services, job training, schools and more. **Census data informs business decisions** on things like products to offer, hiring strategies, and business locations.

Do you own a lake cabin or seasonal home?

You need to respond for that address in addition to your year-round home. For the census question on number of people who usually live and sleep in that home, answer "zero."

**Respond online: 2020Census.gov
Respond by phone: 844-330-2020**

Respond by mail using the census questionnaire if one was mailed to your home.

**If you do not respond on your own, a census taker will visit your home
in person to ask you census questions.**

Please cooperate. Your response matters for Aitkin County.



Support small businesses. Complete the census.

The 2020 Census will provide data to small businesses that is essential to help them grow and succeed. This data can help businesses better understand how to serve their customers, where to open new locations, and where to find a skilled workforce. Respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail for a complete and accurate census.

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