



Village of Lake in the Hills News Release

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Caution Advised for Woods Creek Lake Activities Due to Algae Blooms Indian Trail Beach and Butch Hagele Beach Closed Until Further Notice

Lake in the Hills, IL – On Friday, August 18, the Public Works Department detected possible blue-green algae bloom in Woods Creek Lake near the spillway on the lake’s south side, along with visible algae within the swimming area at Indian Trail Beach. At this time, visitors to the lake are asked to use caution and avoid direct contact with visible algae blooms. Signage is posted at the lake’s public access points to notify visitors. Indian Trail Beach and Butch Hagele Beach are closed until further notice.

As a precaution, the Village has reported the algae bloom to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for examination. The Village will continue to work with the IEPA to monitor lake conditions, and any updates will be posted on the Village website and social media.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Village of Lake in the Hills Fishing Tournament in Honor of Connor Kincaid, scheduled for Saturday, August 19, has been canceled.

While most blue-green algal blooms are not harmful, some blooms produce hazardous toxins. It is best practice to treat every algal bloom as if it could be dangerous. Blue-green algae can be mildly toxic to humans when blooming, and contact may result in a rash, mild nausea, or allergic reactions. Blooming blue-green algae can also be toxic to animals, so practice caution and prevent pets from drinking from and entering Woods Creek Lake.

Updates regarding the status of the beach operations can be found on the Village’s website at lith.org/beaches.

Please contact the Village of Lake in the Hills at 847-960-7400 for additional information.

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