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MISSION STATEMENT

“To conserve, maintain, protect and restore the soil, forest, water and other natural resources of the United States and other lands; to promote means and opportunity for the education of the public with respect to such resources and their enjoyment and wholesome utilization.”

Events:

State Convention: June 3 & 4, Fort Wayne Chapter, Huntertown, IN

95th National Convention: July 26th to July 28th in Sandusky, OH

55th IWLA Youth Camp: July 23rd – July 29th, Ross Camp, West Lafayette, IN



2016-2017 Officers

President: Patty Jarosz
Vice President: Keith Halper
Secretary: Stan Jarosz
Treasurer: John Decker

From the President's desk...

I am quickly approaching the end of my first year as President of the Indiana Division Izaak Walton League of America. It has been my vision for the Indiana Division that all of our Chapters start working together to make the Indiana Division the strongest one in the Izaak Walton League.

Keith Halper, Jim Sweeney and I have been traveling to different chapters to get to meet our members and find out what the chapters need from the Indiana Division. We have also been recruiting new Regional Vice Presidents. This is your Division and it is important that your Chapter be heard. How can your Chapter have a voice at the Division quarterly meetings? By sending a member from your Chapter or by hosting one of the quarterly meetings at your chapter house.

How can you get to know other Chapters? By inviting them to your events and going to their events. Several Chapters in Northwest Indiana have reached out to the Miller Chapter in support of their events to raise money to rebuild their clubhouse that was lost to a fire in June, 2016.

State Convention is June 3 & 4 at the Fort Wayne Chapter, 17100 Griffin Rd, Huntertown IN 46748. **If you have any questions contact:** Matt Edholm, President, 260-414-1380 or Ann Michael, Treasurer, 260-494-0121.

Patty Jarosz, President



IWLA Youth Camp

The 55th Annual Indiana Division Izaak Walton League of America Youth Camp will be held Sunday, July 23rd – Saturday, July 29th at Ross Camp, 4449 State Rd 43 N, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

The cost of camp is \$100 per child ages 9-15. Campers need to be 9 years old by September 1, 2017. Izaak Walton dependents have reserved spots through May 31st 2017. After May 31st, the camp is open to the public.

This is an overnight camp where your child will learn to canoe, fish, gun safety, archery, first aid, hiking, Leave No Trace and other outside activities. Stan Jarosz has been the director of the camp since 1994. The Youth Camp staff refers to this camp as unplugging your child from electronics.

For more information, please contact Stan Jarosz at 219-730-0496 or sjelectric65@gmail.com. An application can be found at the Division website at <http://www.in-iwla.org/>

State Convention

The Indiana State Convention will be held June 3rd – June 4th, 2017 at the Fort Wayne Chapter, 17100 Griffin Rd, Hometown IN 46748. Any member of the Indiana Division Izaak Walton is welcome to attend the convention.

At the convention a new budget for the Division is proposed and approved, new officers and board of directors are elected, there will be a guest speaker discussing little rivers and Asian Carp, and Saturday night there is an awards banquet where State awards will be presented and we will be dining on prime rib.

If you would like to go to the convention, please contact : Matt Edholm, President, 260-414-1380 or Ann Michael, Treasurer, 260-494-0121.

An agenda can be found on the Division website at <http://www.in-iwla.org/>

IWLA National Convention

The 95th National Convention will be held July 26 – July 28, 2017 in Sandusky, Ohio. Any member of the Izaak Walton is welcome to attend the convention.

If you would like to go to the convention, please check out this website: <http://www.iwla.org/news-events/events/2017-iwla-national-convention>

News Items & Events

We would like to include events our chapters have coming up for the next 3 months in each quarterly Hoosier Waltonian. Please email events and news items to iwla.indianadivisiion@gmail.com.

Hoosier Waltonian

We have changed the format of the Hoosier Waltonian from a quarterly newspaper to a quarterly newsletter. As we are a conservation organization, we would like to offer the Hoosier Waltonian to our members in electronic form. This can be accomplished through email and there will also be a copy of the Hoosier Waltonian available on the Indiana Division website. If you do not want to receive a hard copy of the Hoosier Waltonian mailed to you, please email the editor at iwla.indianadivision@gmail.com with the Subject: Change to Electronic Hoosier Waltonian.

Thank you,

Patty Jarosz

Indiana Division Officers and Board of Directors

Below is a list of the current Indiana Division Officers and Board of Directors:

Officers

President	Patty Jarosz
Vice President	Keith Halper
Secretary	Stan Jarosz
Treasurer	John Decker
Northwest Regional VP	Bobby Wright
Northeast Regional VP	Open
Central Regional VP	Jim Morgan
Southern Regional VP	Open

National Directors

Chapter	Director
Cass County	Open
Clinton	Keith Halper
Diana	Bobby Wright
Evansville	Jim Sweeney
Ft Wayne	Keith Halper

Chapter	Director
Glen Park	Patty Jarosz
Grant County/Marion	Jim Buiter
Griffith	Jim Sweeney
GSP	Bobby Wright
Howard County/Kokomo	Open
Huntington County	Jim Sweeney
Miami/Peru	Don Jones
Michigan City	Don Jones
Miller	Bobby Wright
North Manchester	Bobby Wright
Porter	Jim Buiter
Spring Lake	Keith Halper
St Joe County	Don Jones
Terre Haute	Keith Halper
Wabash	Jim Buiter

Fun Facts About Our Chapters:

1. The Argos Chapter house use to be a fishery and is listed as a historical building.
2. The Gene Stratton Porter Chapter was named after Gene Stratton Porter an American author, early naturalist, and nature photographer.

If you are lazy, and accept your lot, you may live in it. If you are willing to work, you can write your name anywhere you choose.

Gene Stratton-Porter



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Clean Water Challenge

Only 20 percent of America's streams and rivers are monitored for water quality (and half of those don't meet basic standards). Pollution running off parking lots, backyards, and farm fields presents a serious threat to water quality. With so many potential pollution sources, it's nearly impossible to accurately assess stream health (good or bad) unless more stream sites are monitored more frequently. You can help! Go to the website <http://www.iwla.org/conservation/water/clean-water-challenge>

STEP 1: Snap a Stream Selfie

Every American has the right to know whether the streams running through their backyards and neighborhood parks are safe. But there is an alarming lack of up-to-date information about water quality across the country. The Izaak Walton League's "Stream Selfie" project will help bridge that information gap.

Anyone can get involved! Simply snap a photo of a stream that's important to you, answer a few key questions, and share your picture on our [Stream Selfie website](#).

With each photo, the League is creating a first-of-its-kind national map for individual volunteers and community organizations involved with stream monitoring. By putting this information in one place, we can highlight streams that are being monitored today and develop a national inventory of streams that need to be monitored in the future.

Thousands of people are working toward a common goal: clean water. Will you join us?