

BLIMP Newsletter

September 2025



Invasive Plant Harvesting *Operations*

Aqualogic is back on Balch Lake for the first few weeks of September 2025. We will publish the results in the October 2025 Newsletter

- Milfoil identification – if you suspect you have milfoil by your camp please send us a text with your name, association &, most importantly, a picture of your camp taken from the lake. Please text your Association BLIMP Representative (see the list on the last page of this newsletter) and they will then coordinate with Tom Eichner.

Aqualogic team



FUNDRAISING

We had several great events around the lake in August that brought the lake community together, provided a fun time and raised funds for BLIMP!



Thank you to Elaine Hall for all her efforts to coordinate the Annual Bake Sale

Mark your calendars to join in the fun events that help raise funds for BLIMP and get the lake community together

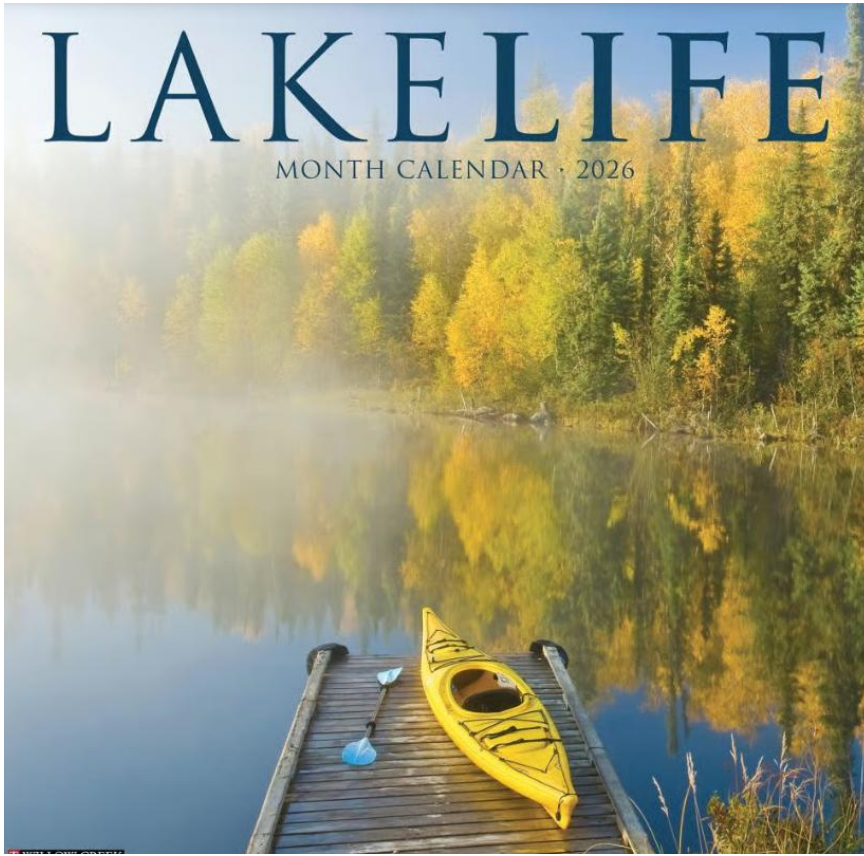


Use the above QR code to make donations directly to BLIMP. *When making donations, please include your lake association in the notes.*



Thank you to Harrison Goodell for another GREAT concert





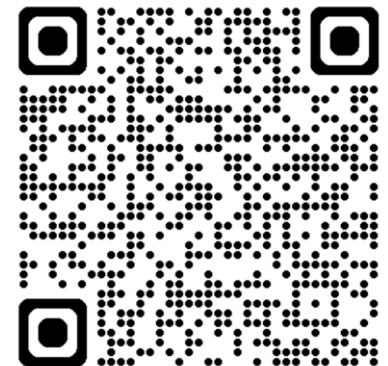
2026 Calendars

We still have Balch Lake 2026 Calendars available to purchase.

\$20 each. They make great holiday gifts.

Contact Michael Moscaritolo to get your copy today:

michaelmoscaritolo@gmail.com
or you can visit Balch Lake FB page and can message Michael directly. Below is the QR code to the FB page

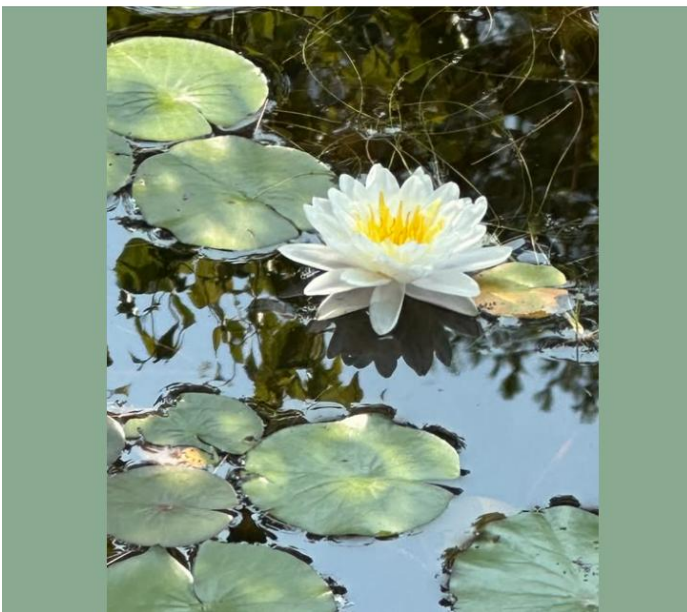


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We have raised \$440 so far from calendar sales to turn over to BLIMP ... helping to keep our lake clean. I still have some left. I will be available Columbus Weekend to meet in person or I can mail one to you. They make great Christmas gifts!!! Message me here and I'll get back to you. Enjoy Fall on Balch!



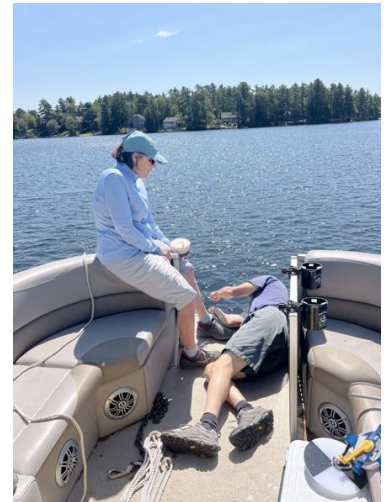
Balch Lake Dam Keeping

Please note that the dam is managed by the Town of Newfield so if you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to the Town at 207-793-4348. *According to the Dam keeper, Bruce Colwell, the dam will open on Monday 10/13/25 to begin lowering the water levels for the winter season. Please plan accordingly to have your boats out of the water.*

BLIMP Volunteer Spot Light

In 2006, 6 years before Tony Tagliaferro retired after 37 years at UNH in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, Nutritional and Biomedical Sciences, he and Ginny—herself looking to retire shortly, from a long career as a high-school math teacher—began looking for a lakefront home in NH. “The lake needed to be relatively small, close to Durham, and a place their 10 grandchildren would have fun,” said Ginny. “We wanted to get really invested in the lake and meet new people”, said Tony. In 2018, their friend and neighbor, Linda Seaver, an active member of BLIMP, told them about a water sampling program that was just starting up, and within one year they were managing the project. “The goal was to collaborate with UNH and take water quality measurements such as water clarity, plant content, and phosphate levels at several sites on the lake.” said Tony. They’re both involved in sampling and processing samples, while Ginny also handles communication and scheduling tasks, and Tony maintains the equipment. Tony and John Castellot interact with colleagues at UNH, the NH Lay Lakes Monitoring Program (LLMP), and the Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA).

The water sampling program started with 8 participants and now includes 14. (Laura & Mason Parsons, Tom McNally, Ed & Carol Suleski, Andy Rosenberg, John Castellot, George Fox, Steve & Kathy Cassazza, Chris Fanger, Mike McDonald, Tony & Ginny Tagliaferro) “With bi-weekly testing from May through early October, we’re kept pretty busy but it’s really enjoyable. We are always looking for new volunteers, and you don’t need a science background to take samples—in fact, most of our volunteers don’t”, said Ginny. “Each trip takes about an hour to an hour-and-a-half and it’s a very social event while we’re traveling from one site to another. Even if your knees or back are creaky we’re always looking for folks willing to just drive their pontoon boat.” When asked to assess the water quality program, Tony said “It’s fantastic—we test 6 different sites—two deep and four shallow. It ranges from the river inlet to the dam outflow and four places in between: Stump Pond, Wyman Cove, and two deep spots in the main part of the lake. In addition to the water testing program through UNH, John Castellot also takes a water sample, once yearly, for analysis of more than 200 possible pollutants by Katahdin Analytical Services. Our UNH partners tell us that “Balch is unique for a lake in our size class and the NH-DES is also very interested in the data we’re producing.” Asked about the future plans for the program, Tony and Ginny noted that we’ll soon have a decade of rigorous, carefully controlled sampling data, that could lead to publishing a 10-year summary in collaboration with a UNH Master’s student—a regional first. If you see Ginny and Tony, or any of the other water samplers out on the lake flying the BLIMP flag on their pontoon boat, please keep your wakes low but feel free to say “hi”!



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We continue to work with all the associations around the lake to identify the BLIMP Representatives. Please contact Donna Lefebvre @don_ox@yahoo.com to update the information for your association.

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