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Return Favorites, New Summer Fun Offered at 2019 Lakes Festival

WINONA LAKE, IND – The 11th-annual Northern Indiana Lakes Festival, hosted by the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, at Center Lake Park in Warsaw, May 24-26, offers lake-based recreation and education for all ages. The Human Hamster Balls are making a return appearance, as are the Lake City Skiers, Beat the Sun 5K and Lakes Festival parade. New this year, Saturday will include the Aquaglide Challenge Track 3 – a floating inflatable obstacle course; Sunday’s Memorial Day ceremony will feature a special fly-over by the Hooligan Flight Team. Admission is free, and families are welcome.

The Lakes Festival offers the perfect blend of recreation and education. Come for the parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, and stay all day to connect with local environmental professionals, like City of Warsaw Stormwater, The Watershed Foundation and ACRES Land Trust, and to watch the fireworks Saturday night.

“We’re always looking for ways to improve the festival and bring fresh entertainment to our county to help generate interest in our local lakes,” said Dugan Julian, events coordinator at the Lilly Center. “This year, we’re excited to inflate our first-ever floating obstacle course off the pier at Center Lake. We’re also thrilled to host the Hooligan Flight Team and their World War II-era planes for a special ceremony fly-over.”

A few favorites are also returning to this year’s Lakes Festival, including Coyote Chris of Silly Safari and the Indiana Pony Party Barnyard Hullabaloo, as well as the BOHO Face Painter and our Saturday evening concert series. As always, the food court will offer a wide selection of summer foods. New this year, come for Ben’s Pretzels and Igloo Ice-

cream, and try out old favorites, like Kona Ice, Holy Smokes BBQ, Beer's Confections, and Red Barn.

Learn more and see a day-by-day schedule at lakesfestival.org; or, call Dugan Julian at 574-372-5100, ext. 6452.

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The Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College conducts research, provides resources, engages and educates residents, and collaborates with local organizations to make the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County clean, healthy, safe and beautiful. To date, the Lilly Center has conducted scientific research on over 30 streams and 40 lakes. The Lilly Center is driven to create a legacy of stewardship by equipping community members, visitors and future generations to understand and enjoy the county's natural beauty. For more information, visit lakes.grace.edu.