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At the 11th-annual Northern Indiana Lakes Festival, May 24-26, more than **6,400 community members and visitors** celebrated the start of summer and honored fallen veterans. Here are a few highlights:







The Indigos performed live on Friday, kicking off the City of Warsaw's Central Park Concert Series. On Saturday night, Zach Day & Full Throttle, The Brothers Footman, and 81/89 paved the way to fireworks. As always, the family-friendly concerts drew a crowd.

The Aquaglide (a 55-foot floating obstacle course) offered a new way for kids of all ages to enjoy water-themed fun. This was the first year for the Aquaglide.

At the 2019 festival, 57 visitors participated in two rain barrel workshops and a first-ever native plant workshop. Many kids also learned to kayak in Center Lake with Kayaks for Kids, a program run by Paddlers for Conservation.





Visitors honored fallen veterans at Sunday's **Memorial Day Ceremony.** The presentation featured a color guard ceremony, performed by the Pierceton American Legion, a 21-gun salute, and a special World War II fly-over show by the Hooligan Flight Team.



The 2019 Lakes Festival hosted several regional environmental education experts. ACRES Land Trust attended as a first-time education vendor; KC Recyling, Washington STEM, Stormwater Utility, and Hoosier Environmental Council also set up booths. After visiting each booth, over 98 percent of visitors said they are now more likely to protect the lakes.



Lakes Partner

Kosciusko County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission, Zimmer Biomet

Lakes Visionary

City of Warsaw Stormwater Utility, DePuy Synthes, Maple Leaf Farms



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Lakes Advocate

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