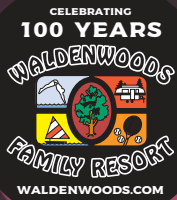


Waldenwoods Recreation Resort NEWSLETTER

september - october 2025



LABOR DAY WEEKEND BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT 2025

ENTRY FEE \$10/PERSON
HEAVIEST BASS WINS
12 BOAT LIMIT

**SUNDAY
8.31.2025
7AM-11AM**

RAFFLE FOR FISHING PRIZES!

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING
6:45AM @ BOAT LAUNCH

**CASH PRIZES
1ST, 2ND, 3RD**

**WINNERS
ANNOUNCED
@ 11:30AM**

RULES

- MAX OF 2 PEOPLE/BOAT
- HEAVIEST FISH WINS
- SMARTPHONE REQUIRED
- DIGITAL FISH SCALE REQUIRED



EMAIL OR TEXT BRETT TO SIGN-UP
734.578.2833 RZUCIDLOB@YAHOO.COM



LABOR DAY WEEKEND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 2025

BRING OWN BAGS • NO CORN-FILLED

UPPER BRACKET

LOWER BRACKET

1ST
PLACE

2ND
PLACE

1ST
PLACE

2ND
PLACE

DATE SATURDAY 8.30.2025
TIME 10:30 AM
LOCATION Across from Pavilion
CHECK IN 11:00 AM
BAGS FLY @ 11:00 SHARP
30 TEAMS \$10/PERSON

RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS
GREAT PRIZES!

**GRASSY AREA
ACROSS FROM
PAVILION**

**EVERY TEAM GUARANTEED TO PLAY 5 GAMES!
BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER - TEAM TOURNAMENT**



• STOP BY THE IMF BOOTH
AND SAY HI!

• NEWLY RELEASED GRENDAL Z
BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR SALE

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

WALDENWOODS Family Recreation Resort

\$15.00 SPECIAL
Halloween T-shirt, and Wristband
Combo Pre-Order available
9/28-10/4
Lakeside Cafe 10/9-10/11
Available online &
Lakeside Cafe While supplies last.

SATURDAY 10/11/2025

9 AM - 11 AM (3) Style Pancake Buffet \$5 Special (Pre-Order)
11 AM - Pumpkin Carving/Painting @ Pavilion
Pumpkins / Pancakes available for pre-order 10/1/25.

*12 PM-3 PM Hayrides
Wristband or tickets required for hayrides. 11AM - 3PM hayrides

*12 PM - 4 PM Kid Zone @Pavilion
Obstacle course, bounce house, animals, tattoos & more. Wristband required -
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Wristbands are \$10.00 Available online or at the Lakeside Cafe during open hrs 10/1 - 10/10 or at Pavilion 10/11/25

2 PM - 3 PM Halloween Costume Contest
12 & under 2 PM, 13 & up 2:30 PM, & Dog/animal to follow. (Times are estimated)

4 PM - 6 PM Trick or Treat
Roads closed 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM.
Resort members without sites, can pass out candy at the Pavilion

6:30 PM 9:30 PM 21 & Up Beer Tent @ Pavilion
• DJ
• 7:30 PM Performance Entertainment
• 8:30 PM Adult Games and Prizes

Sign UP QR

Lakeside Cafe
QR
810-632-5880

TURKEY TROT 5k

WALDENWOODS Family Recreation Resort

5K RUN/WALK - Goodie bag - EVENT SHIRT
\$1,700 Social membership award for top male and female runner.
Top three times in each age group medal.
Under 13, 13-17, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-54, 55 and over

November 2nd, 2025 - Early Registration \$30
\$30 until Oct 20th, \$35 until Nov 1st, & \$40 day of race.

RACE STARTS @ 10 AM

Waldenwoods Resort
2975 N Old US 23
Howell, MI 48855

Proceeds benefit the Hartland Area Project
Established in 1929
<https://runsignup.com/race/MI/Howell/WaldenwoodsTurkeyTrot>

Sign up link



BRIAN'S REPORT

September
-
October

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25

Membership camping doesn't end after Labor Day. In fact, fall brings crisp evenings, peaceful trails, and fewer crowds—ideal for quiet retreats or last-minute family escapes. Take advantage of extended weekends and our firewood specials. Be sure to sign up for the big Hartland Area Project fall run!

Our historic cottages are available well into November—perfect for anniversary trips, girls' weekends, or work-from-anywhere escapes. Each cottage offers lake access, fire pits, and rustic charm with modern convenience.

Planning a milestone event or company retreat? Fall is ideal for banquets, reunions, and team gatherings now available at Cromaine, Lakeview Tent, and Sunshine Cove. In the winter months, Cromaine Hall is available at off-peak rates, with full catering and lodging options.

At Waldenwoods, we believe fall is more than just a season—it's a time to slow down, gather together, and make memories. Whether you're camping under the stars, sipping apple cider by the lake, or raising a glass with family, we're here to make it special.

P.S. Know someone who needs a fall getaway? Forward this newsletter and share the experience.

To refer someone, please send contact information to sales@waldenwoods.com. Any referrals you submit will remain credited to you for the next two years. Thank you for being part of the Waldenwoods community.

Brian C. Crouse, President

September 2025

Saturday 9/6/25

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ceramic Painting \$5.00 (FC)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1) free small craft of choice (FC)
3:00 PM-Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PG)
4 PM- Free Play (FC)
***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Sunday 9/7/25

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mosaic Picture Frame \$5.00 (FC)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1) free small craft of choice (FC)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Driving Range Golf \$5 for bucket of balls (M)
4:30 PM Lions Game (TBD)
SPECIAL GAME DAY-Buy One Get One 1/2 OFF (Equal or less) - FULL Lake Side Cafe Menu!

Saturday 9/13/25

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Bird House Painting \$5.00 (FC)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1) free small craft of choice (FC)
3:00 PM – Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PG)
4:00 PM – Free Play (FC)
***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Sunday 9/14/25

12:00 PM – Lions Game and drinks at the pool (P)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Driving Range Golf \$5 for bucket of balls (M)
SPECIAL GAME DAY-Buy One Get One 1/2 OFF (Equal or less) - FULL Lake Side Cafe Menu!

Saturday 9/20/25

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Wire Art with Wax Flowers (FC)
3PM-Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PS)
4 PM- Free Play (FC)

Sunday 9/21/25

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Learn to crochet a potholder \$3 (FC)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1) free small craft of choice (FC)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Driving Range Golf \$5 for bucket of balls (M)
***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Saturday 9/27/25

11:00 AM – Painting class with lunch \$10 includes Chicken Strips and Fries. (FC)
1:00 PM – Painting Class with Lunch \$10 includes Chicken Strips and Fries (FC)
3PM-Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PS)
4 PM- Free Play (FC)

Sunday 9/28/25

12:00 PM Lions game and drinks at the pool (P)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Driving Range Golf \$5 for bucket of balls (M)
SPECIAL GAME DAY-Buy One Get One 1/2 OFF (Equal or less) - FULL Lake Side Cafe Menu!

MEMORY MAKERS



J. Robert's Favorite Quotes

January 21, 1923:

"To analyze the charms of flowers
Is like dissecting music; it is one
Of those things which it is far
Better to enjoy than to attempt
To understand."

- Tickerman



J. Robert Crouse, the founder of Waldenwoods, was an avid reader and wanted us to share from his quote book. Enjoy!



October 2025

Saturday 10/4/24/25

3PM-Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PS)

4 PM- Free Play/Video Gaming (FC)

***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Sunday 10/5/25

11:00 AM –2:00 PM Crochet Halloween lovey for beginners \$5

4:00 PM –7:00 PM Lions Game- TBD

SPECIAL GAME DAY-Buy One Get One 1/2 OFF- FULL Lake Side Cafe Menu!

HALLOWEEN BOO BASH 2025 WEEKEND

Friday 10/10/25

Cafe Open 9:00 AM –9:00 PM

11:15 AM – Craft Halloween SLIME/\$1 (FC)

1:00 PM – Ice block sledding (PG)

2:00 PM – Mummy toilet paper challenge (FC)

4:00 PM –Donut Eating Contest on the Patio \$1.

10 and under 4:00 PM, 11 – 17 4:15 PM, and 18 and UP 4:30 PM (PT)

6:00 PM Decorate bikes and more for the parade (FC)

7:00 PM – Halloween Parade- Order of Parade = Bikes, Walkers, Golf Carts, & Dogs. Dress up your golf cart, person, dog, and bikes for a fun Waldenwoods Parade. If you are able to help with the parade, please see the activities manager Ms. Parker or call 810-632-5889. The parade starts at the Cafe and loops around the Pavilion and ends back at the Cafe. Parade participants are encouraged to bring candy/trinkets to toss.

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM Entertainment on the Patio TBA

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sign in for Pumpkin carving contest (Must purchase Pumpkin from Waldenwoods. Please Order in advance to insure availability.)

HALLOWEEN @ WALDENWOODS RESORT!

Saturday 10/11/25

Cafe Open 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM \$5.00 Pancake Breakfast Buffett on the Patio. Multi Toppings with three different pancakes choices, Blueberry Pancakes, Buttermilk, and Chocolate Chip. (NO carry outs for Buffett.)

Pancakes are available at regular price for carryout. (Pre-Order Required for Buffett) (PT)

11:00 AM Pumpkin Carving/Painting on Patio (PT)

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Hayrides (Wristband Required) (PV)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM - KID ZONE (Wristband required) (PV)

See Flyer for details

2:00 PM –3:00 PM Halloween Costume Contest at the Pavilion. 12 and under 2:00 PM,

13 and up at 2:30 PM, and Dog Costume to follow. (We will start each category once the prior one has finished. Times are estimations) (PV)

4:00 PM –6:00 PM Trick or Treat (Roads closed 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM)

6:30 PM –9:30 PM Ages 21 and UP Beer Tent with entertainment and DJ.

Sunday 10/12/25

Cafe Open 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

11:00 AM – Halloween Scavenger hunt. Must have at least one adult per team. (PT)

1:00 PM – Apple Bobbing (PT)

2:00 PM – Pie eating Contest \$1 (PT)

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM \$1 Hot Dog Social & Trivia on the (PT)

Saturday 10/18/25

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Halloween Diamond Art \$5 (FC)

11:00 AM –2:00 PM Free Small Halloween Craft (FC)

3PM-Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PS)

4 PM- Free Play (FC)

***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Sunday 10/19/25

11:00 AM –2:00 PM Paint Halloween Ceramics \$5 (FC)

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Campfire with marshmallows and hotdogs. (PT)

***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Saturday 10/25/25

11:00 AM –2:00 PM Halloween Cookies decorating \$1 for three cookies (FC)

11:00 AM –2:00 PM Halloween Free Small Craft (FC)

3:00 PM Hayrides & Cider, Hot Coco, or Coffee \$1.00 (PS)

4:00 PM Free Play (FC)

***25% any grill item at Lakeside Cafe with craft purchase.

Sunday 10/26/25

12:00 PM –3:00 PM JR Ranger Halloween Party. \$10 (Pre-Order Required)

\$10 Includes Chicken Fingers w/fries, Cider or Hot Coco, Donut Eating Contest, Craft, Games, Prizes, and Small Gift Bag. (FC)

4:00 PM Free Play (FC)

LABOR DAY INFO:

Labor Day Weekend

FRIDAY 29TH

11AM-5PM **ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**
-SET UP AT CAMPSITE- NO FOOD/DRINK-
11:15AM **LABOR DAY CRAFT - FC**
1:00PM **WATER GUN WARS - M**
(11 & UNDER- BYO GUN)
2:00PM **WATER GUN WARS - M**
(11 & OVER- BYO GUN)
4:00PM **GAGA BALL - M**
5:00PM-7:00PM **DRINKS AND ENTERTAINMENT - P**

SATURDAY 30TH

11:00AM-5PM **ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**
-SET UP AT CAMPSITE- NO FOOD/DRINK-
12:15PM-3PM **KID ZONE - FC**
\$5 (OR \$15 W/ T-SHIRT PRE-ORDER PACKAGE)
4:00PM-6:00PM **ENTERTAINMENT ON THE BEACH**
6:30PM **PARADE**
(STARTS AT POOL, CHERRY LANE, CAFE)
7:30PM-9:00PM **DANCING/MUSIC - PV**

SUNDAY 31ST

9:00AM-11:AM **PANCAKE BUFFET - PT**
(AYCE - NO CARRYOUT OR 3 PANCAKES W/ CARRYOUT)
1PM-2PM **SLIP & SLIDE (12 & UNDER)**
(ADULT SUPERVISION & INNER TUBE REQUIRED. NO SHOES OR DIRT)
2PM-3PM **SLIP & SLIDE (13 & OVER)**
(INNER TUBE REQUIRED. NO SHOES OR DIRT)
3PM-5PM **ZORB BALL - WALK ON WATER! - M**
(\$5 LIMITED SPACE. GET TICKETS EARLY)
6PM **ANNUAL REGATTA OLYMPICS - B**
(TEAMS OF 4, 2 MUST BE OVER 12 - SIGN UP AT FC)

FC- FAMILY CENTER
M- MARINA
P- POOL
PV- PAVILION
PT- PATIO
B- BEACH



Winter on Site

Sign Up **September 27th**

8am walk ins and 9am call ins.

Starts November 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

Metered Electricity

WOS are rows Odd #A01 to A33 and Even #C02-C50

WOS Fee is \$400.00 for the 6 months **PLUS** 6 months of storage

- Storage for RV 31ft & over:
\$80/mth x 6 mths = \$480.00
plus WOS fee of \$400.00 = \$880.00

- Storage for RV 30ft & under:
\$65/mth x 6 mths = \$390.00
plus WOS fee of \$400.00 = \$790.00

All fees paid at time of sign up and accounts must be current to sign up. All agreements must be completed by **October 15, 2025**.
If not completed your winter on site will be canceled.

VILLAGE MANOR RETIREMENT



Retirement living and close to Waldenwoods! It sits on the south side of our property and

is offering great rates for the parents of Waldenwoods Members. Independent living with Activities, Gourmet Meals and Assisted Care (located ½ mile west of US23 on M59).

Call **Susanne Bianchette** at the Village Manor at 810-632-6200.

www.VMRetirement.com



WALDENWOODS

2975 Old US-23
P.O. Box 248
Hartland, MI 48353
www.waldenwoods.com

Holiday Periods 2025

Labor Day September 1st Holiday Period:

August 28th to September 2nd (If you do not have a Holiday reservation you must be off at noon on August 27th, you can come back in on September 3rd at noon)

Halloween October 11th Holiday Period:

October 6th to October 12th (If you do not have a Holiday reservation you must be off at noon on October 5th, you can come back in on October 13th at noon)

BRING SOME FRIENDS OVER AND SIGN THEM UP FOR A TOUR!

Our referral program pays you for letting us know who you want our next members to be. Submit your referrals to sales@waldenwoods.com and they'll be your referral for the next 2 years.

FACEBOOK:



Speaking of family and friends, amazingly we've reached over **10,000 likes** on Facebook and hope you'll share your pictures and stories with us there. All of our members are free to post on our Facebook page.

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Directory & Hours of Operation

www.waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6400

Cromaine Banquet Center:

9am to 5pm Daily • (Tour by appointment only)
banquets@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6401

Member Services & Lodging Office:

9am to 5pm Monday through Saturday
10 am to 4pm Sunday
memservice@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6402

Sales Office:

9am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday
Closed Monday and Tuesdays
(Tour by appointment only)
sales@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6420

Bellringer:

Only open for Special Events

Lakeside Cafe & Park Store:

Friday 4PM -8PM & Saturday and Sunday 9AM -5PM
Halloween Week Lakeside Cafe Open: Weds 1st -Friday
3rd 4PM -8PM, Sat 4th & Sun 5th 9AM -5PM,
Monday 6th - Thursday 9th 4PM -8PM, Friday 10th
and Saturday 11th 9AM -9PM and Sunday 12th 9AM -5PM

Family Activities Center:

Saturday & Sunday 11am -5pm
Halloween Weekend Activities -
Friday 10th: 11AM -9:00 PM,
Saturday 11th: 11 AM -9:30 PM
Sunday 12th: 11AM -5PM

Work Out Area - Saturday & Sunday 11am to 5pm
Activities@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-5889

Marina:

Closed for the season- Limited boat rentals available at Park Store.

Pool/Jacuzzi/ Sauna:

9am to 9pm Daily Pool estimated close date is 9/22/25 weather pending.

HARTLAND AREA PROJECT



"Friendly Association for Community Service"

Help us...help others. Do you know a local outreach program or community program that needs help? We are always looking to reach out & help drive community service. Let us know about other programs that we can all work as a team to help provide leadership in the areas of health & welfare (W), education & culture (C), economic development (D). Contact the activities department by calling 810-632-5889 or email activities@waldenwoods.com. Please join us at the Family Fitness Center at 3pm on the 1st Friday of every month in our planning meeting where we will develop our plans for the coming year. It is through this project and our "Friendly Association" through Waldenwoods that we hope to have a big positive impact on Michigan and our local community. Waldenwoods cares about being a good citizen, and through the Hartland Area Project, we've continued to support the local community in achieving improved health and welfare, education and culture, and economic development. If all our members get involved with smile.amazon.com, it'll become a fantastic way to make a real difference in our community.

JANUARY: Food Drive for Gleaners. Drop off donations to Family Center any weekend or at Kroger's on January 26th on Highland Rd.

FEBRUARY: National Cancer Prevention Month. Visit Cancer.org to donate and learn more.

MARCH: March of Dimes visit www.marchofdimes.org to donate & learn more

APRIL: Volunteer Month. - www.livingstonhabitat.org Waldenwoods Resort, Habitat for Humanity volunteer date TBA.

MAY: Donation Drive for Military Care Packages www.operationgratitude.com Donations can be dropped off at the family center during open hours.

JUNE: National Cancer Survivor Day, Walk every Wednesday at 11:15 am. Share photos and the story (to share) of your survivor to Activities@waldenwoods.com

JULY: Fill the pool for Hartland School (School supply donations).

AUGUST: Blanket/towel donation collection for local animal shelter. Drop off at the Family Center.

SEPTEMBER: Hunger action month, Donate 4 canned goods and one scoop of ice cream for free.

OCTOBER: Donate raffle prizes for November's Turkey Trot 5k.