

41st Annual GCLA Barbecue Saturday, August 31st

Featuring Mouth-Watering Brisket and Sausage prepared by Pit Master Josh Campbell

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 31st! The Point at Goose Prairie (formerly Crip's Camp) is the place to come for brisket and sausage and all the trimmings, as well as homemade desserts. This year, our brisket and sausage are being prepared by award-winning BBQ pit master and Uncertain native **Josh Campbell**.

BBQ plates include meats, slaw, beans, bread, and desert. They are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids. Serving begins at 11 AM and goes until the food runs out, which is usually by 1 PM.

In addition to food, attendees will be able to join or renew their GCLA memberships, purchase tee-shirts and buy tickets for our raffle for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The raffle tickets can be placed in any of 12 buckets for various prize groups (see page 2). Raffle tickets are also available from our facebook page and website. The raffle drawing will take place at noon, so don't be late!

Bring the family and enjoy great company and great food!

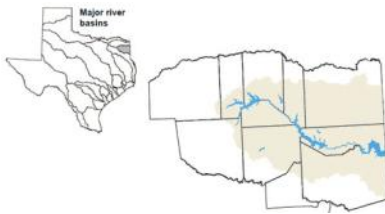


The Big Flush of 2019

By Donna McCann

A very wet winter, spring, and early summer has kept water flows through the Cypress River Basin higher than normal for the entire year to date.

The basin includes the Little Cypress, Black Cypress, Big Cypress, and various smaller creeks along with the lakes shown in the table, all of which are man-made water storage reservoirs, except for Caddo Lake, which is semi-natural. Some of the lakes have gated spillways, so flow into the Big Cypress can be moderated to some extent, but the Black Cypress and Little Cypress tributaries have no reservoirs to act as buffers, so when a big rain occurs, their flows can change



Cypress River Basin Lakes

Lake Bob Sandlin
Lake Cypress Springs
Ellison Creek Reservoir
Lake Gilmer
Johnson Creek Reservoir
Monticello Reservoir
Peacock Site 1A Tailings Reservoir
Welsh Reservoir
Lake O' The Pines
Caddo Lake

rapidly from a trickle to a torrent.

All of this complex hydrology has kept lots of water moving through Caddo Lake. Anyone trying to navigate their boat into a boat house on the river above the big lake knows how swift the current has been. But that swift current has washed a lot of giant salvinia over the dam at Mooringsport into the Red River, resulting in a lake with lots of open water this summer. There is some crested floating heart in some areas, but it doesn't grow as fast as the giant salvinia, nor does it prevent boat navigation.

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GCLA BBQ Raffle Buckets of Prizes

Buy your raffle tickets, then distribute them to any prize bucket that interests you. Twelve chances to win!

<p>1</p>	<p>Fort Worth Weekend Getaway Stockyards & Miss Molly's Bed and Breakfast (Weekend at Miss Molly's, Dinner at Joe T Garcia's, Tickets to Billy Bob's Texas)</p>		<p>2</p>	<p>Kate Spade Backpack Chloe & Isabel Jewelry (Necklace and Earring set)</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Pelican 10 ft Fishing Kayak Hammock with Curved Spreader Bars</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>Fisherman Director's Chair Columbia Dry Box Riverbend Outfitters 2 half-day kayak rentals General Store (Jefferson) \$50 gift certificate</p>	 	
<p>5</p>	 <p>Gecko Pest Control One Year of Service Bluebonnets Print</p>		<p>6</p>	 <p>Gecko Pest Control One Year of Service Magnolia Print</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Four tickets Texas Rangers vs. NY Yankees September 27 Arlington</p>		<p>8</p>	 	<p>Faria Depth Finder, Boat Hook</p> 
<p>9</p>	<p>Wheeled Pet Carrier, Bowl Mat Holy Stone Drone</p>		<p>10</p>	<p>16x20 Mounted Print "Blue Heron", Fish Fryer, Ice Chest</p>	  
<p>11</p>	<p>16x20 Mounted Print "Clear Lake Morning" Lew's Rod & Reel, Tackle Bag</p>		<p>12</p>	<p>Wildlife Print by Terry Redland Weekend Stay at Caddo Cabins</p>	



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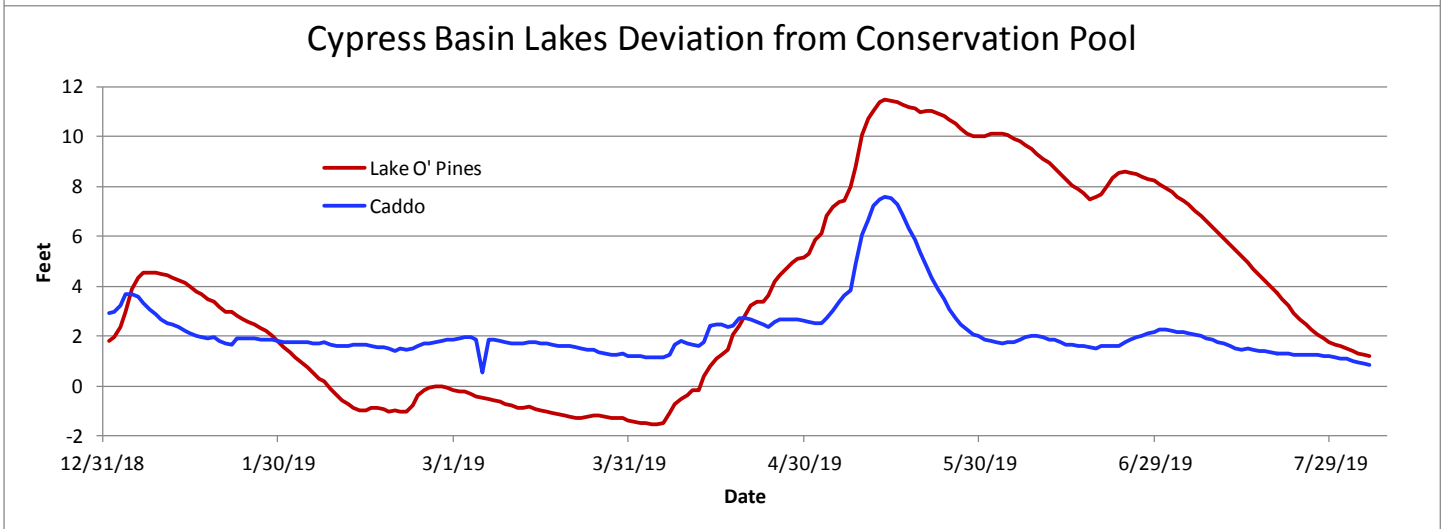
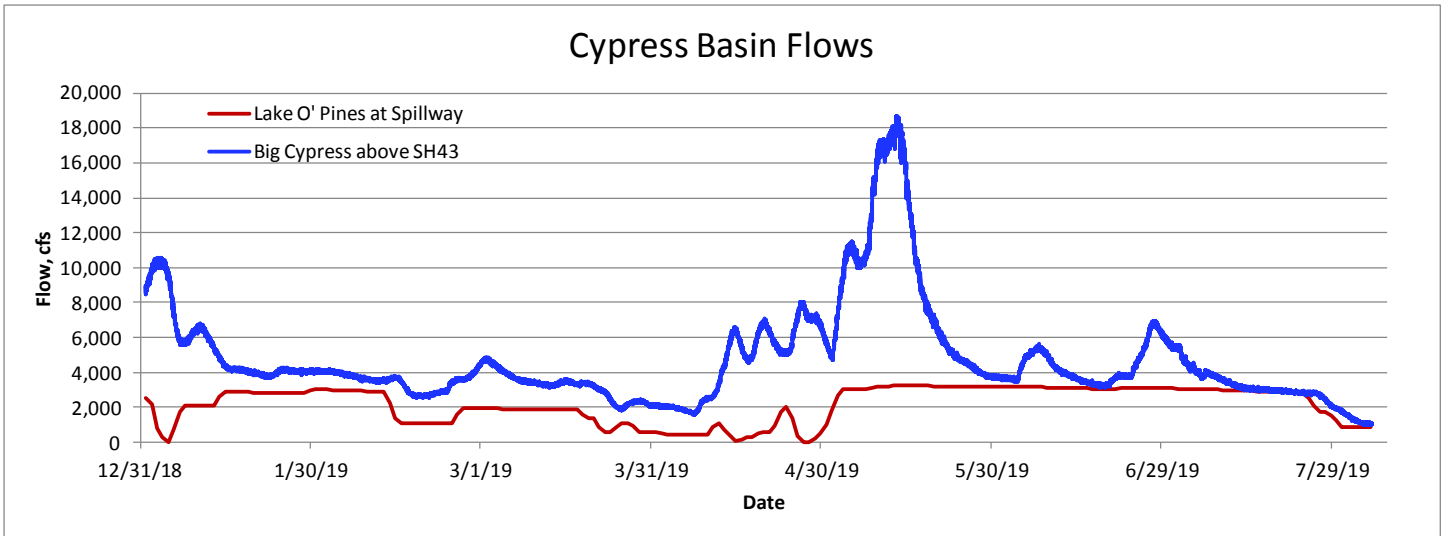
There are a few backwater areas with salvinia, however, and the Caddo Biocontrol Alliance and TPWD continue to monitor these areas closely.

Some charts have been included below which show how the water flow has varied through the year to date from the Lake O' the Pines dam and through the Big Cypress above State Highway 43, after the Little Cypress and Black Cypress contribute their flows. The peak flow this year was over 18,000 cfs on May 13.

Also on page 3 is a chart showing the deviation from normal pool level for both Lake O' the Pines and Caddo Lake. Lake O' the Pines peaked at over 11 feet above normal, closing most of the recreational facilities there, and sparing Caddo from much worse

flooding. Caddo peaked at nearly eight feet above normal, also closing down facilities and keeping some residents from getting to their homes by car.

The gates at Lake O' the Pines finally began closing around July 25, and water flow through Caddo Lake will be rapidly decreasing barring a new hurricane inspired monsoon event.



KEEP CADDO LAKE NATURAL!

Join GCLA

Dues are only \$10.00 per person per year. This includes membership in The Greater Caddo Lake Association of Texas, plus you will receive our newsletters which are printed on a semi-regular basis; more often if needed. There is no better way to keep up with the issues that concern the lake.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Amount Enclosed _____ (\$10.00)*(number of members)

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Please check the date printed above your name and address - it shows when your membership expires. If you are past due, this may be your last newsletter!

*Your email address is voluntary. It will only be used to keep you informed of developments on the lake. It will not be given or sold to anyone. We will send one newsletter per address, unless otherwise instructed. This allows us to mail copies to our politicians and government entities to let them know how we feel on the issues!

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