

# Greater Caddo Lake

ASSOCIATION  
OF TEXAS



*Cordially Invites You to Our*

## ANNUAL BBQ AND FUNDRAISER



Brisket, Sausage Links  
Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread  
Desserts, Iced Tea, Water



**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

11:00 a.m. until the food is gone



Adult Plate - \$15.00

Child Plate - \$5.00

T-Shirts - \$20.00



### Raffle:

Dual Fuel Grill, Gasoline Caddy, Supercooler, and more!

The Point on Goose Prairie, Uncertain Texas  
(Formerly Crip's Camp)

## It's Membership Renewal Time!

**We hope you will join or renew your membership in GCLA. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about membership:**

**Q** Why should I become a member or continue my membership in GCLA?

**A** Because you *love* Caddo Lake. "The purpose of the GCLA is the protection of Caddo Lake, its tributaries and adjacent wetlands, including the environmental, ecological, and historic resources of the greater Caddo Lake area, to preserve the system as naturally as it can be. The mission of the GCLA is to work with the community to conserve, protect, and enhance native fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats within Caddo Lake and its watershed, for the continuing benefit of Caddo Lake." GCLA is currently continuing to fight giant Salvinia by supporting the raising of the weevils that eat it, as well as working alongside the City of Uncertain on the annual Lake Cleanup Day. This year we also have installed 19 historical place name signs and have another 25 in the pipeline. These are intended to help boaters know where they are and be reminded of the fascinating history of the area.

**Q** How much does it cost?

**A** It's a bargain – only \$10 per person, per year.

**Q** How do I know when my membership expires?

**A** Just above your name on the newsletter address page, there is a date. That is your expiration date.

**Q** How can I pay this?

**A** We hope everyone comes to our annual barbecue where you can pay with cash, check, credit card, or venmo. If you can't come to the event, see the back page of this newsletter.

**Q** What do I get for my membership?

**A** You receive our newsletter, which is published 4-6 times a year and an invitation to the Annual Meeting and Christmas dinner held every year in December.

**Q** Have more questions?

**A** Email us at [gclaofc@gmail.com](mailto:gclaofc@gmail.com) and we will get back to you!

## Caddo Lake Place Name Markers

GCLA has mounted 19 signs with some of the more well-known place names on trees in appropriate locations. We are in the process of having about 25 more made, and they will be mounted as well when conditions allow. If you want to take a nice little boat tour of the swamper part of the lake on the Texas side, finding all of these signs would provide a good start.

### Phase 1 (April 2021)

Blind Slough
Bradley Canal
Britt's Gap
Carney Canal
Carter Lake
Clinton Ditch
Devil's Elbow
Government Ditch (2)
Hell's Half Acre
Mossy Brake
Mound Pond
Oxbow
Pine Island Pond
Smith Slough
Starr Ditch
The Cathedral
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Whangdoodle Pass



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Welcome to  
**CADDO LAKE**

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## Dragonflies

By Donna McCann

Anyone who spends even a little time in the wetlands of Caddo Lake and pays attention will soon notice all sorts of interesting critters. Of course the big birds get lots of attention; they are magnificent after all, and in warm weather nearly every horizontal fallen log along the banks has several turtles warming in the sun. Now and then, even a beaver or an alligator might swim into view. But the smaller critters can be fascinating as well.

Caddo is home to a large population of dragonflies because the swamp fits their life cycle so perfectly. There are over 3000 species of dragonflies. Dragonfly sex is so weird it would require another whole article, but the female typically lays her eggs on or in aquatic plants. The eggs develop into "nymphs" which live under the water for several years, feeding on such things as mosquito larvae and tadpoles while breathing through gill-like structures. When it's time to fully grow up, a nymph will come to the surface, get used to breathing air, then climb up onto a plant where it can molt one last time, with a fully formed adult body climbing out of the larval skin.

Adult dragonflies hunt on the wing using their exceptionally acute eyesight and strong, agile flight. They are almost exclusively carnivorous, eating a wide variety of insects ranging from small midges and mosquitoes to butterflies, moths, damselflies, and smaller dragonflies. Dragonflies are some of the insect world's most efficient hunters, catching up to 95% of the prey they pursue.

If you look closely at a dragonfly's head, you will notice that the eyes are the dominant feature, bulging from both sides. Dragonfly vision is thought to be like slow motion for humans. Dragonflies see faster than we do; they can process about 200 images per second, and they can see in all directions at once. Nearly 80 percent of a dragonfly's brain is dedicated to vision.

Adult dragonflies typically live for only a few days or weeks, during which time their main mission is of course to reproduce—and be beautiful for us.



Dragonflies can be downright friendly at Caddo Lake

## Mud Boaters Converge on Caddo

Mud boaters from all over converged on Caddo Lake on the weekend of June 19 to race and have fun. Local residents and marina owners helped make the event a big success, with lots of spectators lining the channel sides in boats or on shore at Johnson's Ranch to watch the drag races. Our understanding that the loser of a heat was asked to put \$20 in a bucket. Whatever the rules, just like the last several years, the group donated all the funds raised, around \$650, to the Greater Caddo Lake Association to help finance our efforts to keep Caddo a great place to visit for everyone.

The mud boaters found plenty of time to explore the swamp, and quite a few of them found places to get out and swim in the hot part of the day. The Cathedral was lined with boats from end to end, with lots of people cooling off in the water with a cool beverage in hand. Coming through the area on a weekday a couple of days later, the whole area was clean as a whistle, which the wading birds were back to fishing like nobody had been there.

We appreciate these folks and hope they do it again next year!



These two mud boat racers were very close at the finish line.

### GCLA Officers

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### GCLA Board Members

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (     )- \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Member Names \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ ( \$10.00) x (number of members)

New Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewals: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to GCLA of Texas

Mail to: GCLA of Texas. P.O. Box 339, Karnack TX, 75661

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Go to the GCLA of Texas Facebook page or the GCLA web site and find links that will take you to PayPal to pay by credit card.

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.

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