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Hello to Lake of the Falls members,

Rice Lake Association is planning year two of our fight to control Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), an invasive species that has populated our lake and threatens to invade Lake of the Falls and the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. The situation is dire and should be a "wake up call" to everyone in the Northwoods that is concerned about our water resource. Left unchecked, CLP will infest the Turtle Flambeau Flowage and eliminate its namesake as the "Jewel of the Northwoods".

This weed matures in early spring and we plan to mount our attack in the first two weeks of June starting May 31st through June 10th.

We need 20-40 people two to a boat to hand pull the CLP, bag it and load it on a trailer for transport to a compost pile. Last year we harvested over 40 tons of this weed, we hope to increase that number this year.

There are a number of ways you can be involved.

#1. You can work in a boat hand pulling with another person bagging. We still need boats and motors and you could provide that for your own use or donate it for general use.

#2. You could join our "Pioneer Plant Brigade" and work out of your own kayak or one that has been donated to search the perimeter of the lake for new "pioneer" CLP plants that have newly emerged this year and remove them.

#3. If you are not physically up to the tasks above but still want to be involved you can donate to our "Go Fund Me" account (see attachment). The expenses for last year's effort exceeded 30k. With rising costs and the unknown expense of some new equipment in the works we anticipate this year's costs to be higher.

#4. You could sponsor a day or more of lunch or food items for our crew. Bottled water, snacks, sandwiches etc. were a welcome treat for all our folks last year.

This is your opportunity to make a difference for your community, the Turtle River Watershed and the future of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage.

Your children and your children's children will benefit from this massive project to save our environment.

Do not miss this opportunity to make a difference