



## BELIEVE! SANTA BOAT TO SAIL!

Visions of sugarplums, nutcrackers and hot toddy's are dancing in our heads as the LSCC board maps out the annual Santa Boat sailing! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 17th** when Santa Claus comes to the lake! Departure time is 4 p.m. from dock 197 this year! The sleigh pontoon travels clockwise (decreasing dock numbers) which is advantageous for steering and navigating docks. We have a new captain who stepped up, as Scott Scherer is taking a hiatus; one of the Drilevich's volunteered for the role, with the crew TBD! This is a family of entrepreneur's so we have faith in their execution! Thanks to Zac and the supporting cast! Bill Swedberg will once again play Santa which we are so appreciative of! His background is church pastor, actor, mountaineer! He's more than qualified and loves it!!

The gift organization this go 'round will be handled by Melissa Schindel. This is a job of dedicated organization. It's a vital part to the success of Santa handing out presents to the correct child waiting in anticipation, shivering, cold and on a possibly icy dock! Thank you, Melissa.

Please note you must be a LSCC member to participate in the gift delivery. This is a good time to sign up, only \$50, and it can be done online at [www.lakesawyer.org](http://www.lakesawyer.org).

If you are just now paying online, please print a receipt of your payment when dropping off your gift. Email [president@lakesawyer.org](mailto:president@lakesawyer.org) if you don't know your membership status. If you do not want to pay online then bring a check at gift drop-off.

### Please follow these guidelines for gifts:

- ⇒ Individual gifts should be in the range of 12" X 12" X 12" or smaller and should be a reasonable weight.
- ⇒ Please only 1 gift per child and 1 bag per dock

### What is the procedure for gift drop-off?

- ⇒ Mark the child's name & dock number clearly with a black sharpie on each wrapped gift!
- ⇒ Put all gifts for your dock in a large white garbage bag, tied shut, with the dock number written in LARGE print (more sharpie). We are only accepting **ONE** bag per dock.
- ⇒ Be prepared to verify your dock number, phone number, family last name, e-mail, address & status of your LSCC membership.
- ⇒ Drop off your gift bag at Melissa's house, 29718 226th Ave SE. (One white garbage bag maximum per residence). You may leave food bank donations at that time as well as monetary donations by check.

Please text Melissa ahead if you have any questions at 206-229-8252.

## SANTA BOAT (cont.)

Gifts may be dropped off at these times (unless otherwise arranged):

Tuesday, Dec 13th 9 am - 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec 14th 9 am - 7 pm

Thursday, Dec 15th 9 am - 7 pm

**Flashlights:** A reminder, it is very dark and flashlights can be blinding navigating docks. When you see Santa approaching and want to give a signal, make it short then point the flashlight down. Prolonged flashing and pointing the light makes it hard to see. Thank you!

### Donations to the Black Diamond Community Center

Santa will still be collecting donations to the Black Diamond Community Center. Donations can be made online at [www.lakesawyer.org](http://www.lakesawyer.org), you can bring a check at gift drop-off, or give during the journey on December 17th. Non-perishable food can also be given at the time of gift drop-off. The BDCC always needs ongoing support and it is greatly appreciated. Every donation stays in Black Diamond. LSCC is providing matching funds up to \$2,500, and we have an anonymous donor matching \$10,000. Let's keep it going and make a difference!

### Tracking Santa's Journey

We highly encourage you to "like" our Lake Sawyer Santa Facebook page so that you will receive updates of Santa's progress around the lake!

<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Sawyer-Santa-560012104014032>

### Thank you!

Many thanks to Zac Drllivich, Bill Swedberg and Melissa Schindel for keeping the Christmas spirit alive on Lake Sawyer!! Also, the many elves behind the scene...! You know who you are!!



## THE JOY OF GIVING



The Black Diamond Community Center *Giving Tree* is set up at the Lake Sawyer Store as you read this! We keep it filled with tags which have a gift request for a specific child in our locale. Cheryl Hanson and her team organize this annual Christmas gift-drive for families in the area on a tight budget and in need. It makes such a big difference to have a special present for their child(ren) on Christmas. There is always a huge response at the 'little store' thanks to our community and especially the store's regular customers who really step up!

If you are interested in participating, stop by the Lake Sawyer Store and take a tag to fill. They go fast! We replenish constantly until there's no more! **Gifts must be dropped off by December 8th** and Andrew (store owner) graciously collects the purchases for us to deliver to Cheryl.

**DO NOT WRAP** and tape/attach the original gift-tag on when returning. You may drop off directly at the community center, too. The directions are on each tag - who, what, when and where! Thank you elves!! Cheryl offered a suggestion note: gift cards are popular for teenagers and include receipts on items if games/videos, etc. That would be appreciated.

The LSCC Board facilitates the Giving Tree at this Lake Sawyer location. We have a smooth-running system, and it is satisfying to be the bearer of trunk-loads of gifts!

*'Tis better to give than receive!*

## PAINT & SIP EVENT

We had an amazing community turnout for our second ever Paint & Sip event! Host Kellysue from Clayopatra Arts walked us through how to paint a winter scene, with lots of chats and laughs.

Our first paint and sip way back in the “before” times of 2019 was meant to be an annual event, and was a joy to revive the event and pack the community club once again. Forty canvases and fifteen bottles of wine later, we all successfully walked away with a few new skills and some holiday art.

We were so happy to see everyone enjoying themselves, and we’d like to thank everyone that contributed their talents to the evening. We look forward to seeing you at our next events!



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*“The purpose of the LSCC is to bring together all members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns, and interests affecting our community, the lake, and our surrounding environment.”*

