

Here is the contact info for our member dinner on October 18th of Jim Nelson at [515-208-0305](tel:515-208-0305) you can call or text him. His email contact is jenelson@dmgov.org. The menu for the meeting is Pork roast with mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Speaker will be Team NGX HBO Bowfishing. Please make RSVP so that he knows how much to make for supper. Our meals are a free will donation with a suggested amount of \$7.

Membership renewals have been sent out this week. The rates for 2017 are \$140 for family, Single/Regular membership stayed same at \$100, Student went to \$35 and Youth rate is \$22. In the recent Izaak Walton Outdoor Magazine it states that at the National convention a vote was taken to have an increase in dues of \$10 on the Regular membership. All the rates are based off that with the family being at 150% or \$15, youth at 1/5th or \$2 and students are at 1/2 at \$5. Funds are needed by national to keep up programs, to help retain and hire needed positions that have been left open for several years. So please dig out your recent Ikes magazine and review it if you have any other questions.

Also in there is another article that came out from our meeting in Wisconsin this last summer. That the quality of our rivers and lakes for our drinking water needs to be tested at a higher ratio than the 2% that is currently being done. We as Ikes can take this on with our Save our Streams and with our Creek Freaks program for our youth too. Please get back with me if you have any interest in working in this area.

Also under membership area I have been updating the email list for our new members and to remove those that are no longer active. That being said I will need to get any changes of where you want your newsletter sent. So get back to us with those changes and updates. You can also go online with the National Ikes and setup your own account with them to keep you informed and up to date with what is going on too.

In the membership renewal's you will notice a card letting you know we have our Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser set for Saturday November the 5th. Please check in with the Merchants that are helping us sell the tickets and you can also call, text or email me to make arrangements to get tickets ahead of time. My phone is [515-229-7418](tel:515-229-7418) and email is president@warrenikes.com. Your help with our fundraiser is appreciated as well. We will need pies and desserts, help in the kitchen serving during the meal and some help with meal prep and setup earlier on Saturday the 5th. We will be cooking the turkeys on Friday the 4th starting by 9AM.

The 4H chapter comes in to clean on Tuesday the 25th as one of their meeting nights for service to our chapter. As you can see our chapter is a very busy one yet with all the trap shooting going on around with the college and our turkey shoot on the 29th of October. With another trap shoot on the 19th of November that will have lunch served that Saturday and games on our trap range and black powder shooting as well if we get that worked into it. So, check out the Ikes website at <http://www.warrenikes.com/> and see our calendar of events. Check out our sage Izaak on facebook from time to time for what is going on too. He might even show up at that turkey shoot just to show us how it was done with his old blunderbuss from bygone days!

I will see you out and around our chapter grounds if I am lucky. Have a great fall!

With warm regards,

Craig McIntyre, President
Warren County Ikes