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## LGA ANNOUNCES WINNER OF FOURTH ANNUAL “LAKE GEORGE CAROLS” CONTEST

**Lake George, NY** – The Lake George Association, the nation’s first lake association and a pioneer in the conservation movement, held its fourth annual “Lake George Carols” contest for local elementary schools this year. Students took a traditional carol and adapted the words to include Lake George related topics. Wildlife, water quality, recreation – it was all fair game.

Congratulations go to this year’s winners: Rebecca Putorti and Lauren Baldwin, 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Whitehall Elementary who worked together to turn the tune ‘Jingle Bells’ into “Clean our Boat for Lake George!”

Melissa Clark, the music teacher at Whitehall, had a number of her 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders submit entries. “The LGA usually works with science teachers for most of our school programs, so we are excited to be able to get another discipline, like music, involved with our efforts to protect Lake George” said Walt Lender, LGA’s Executive Director.

“This is a great way to get the younger students thinking about Lake George and the environment in a fun way” said Kristen Rohne, the LGA’s Watershed Educator.

The LGA started the contest 3 years ago, as an effort to offer a program to the schools for younger students. “We mainly see 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on our Floating Classroom field trips, where students learn about the lake and water quality,” said Rohne.

“Hopefully, this contest helps students get interested in learning about the lake at a young age. We need stewards to take care of Lake George for the future, and singing about the lake is a good start for this age group.”

The prize for the contest is a party for the class of the student with a winning entry. The LGA’s Watershed Educator Kristen Rohne will visit the class in January, bringing pizza and some fun facts about Lake George to share with the students. The winning carol will also be posted on the LGA’s website.

The LGA is a not-for-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. Interested in becoming an LGA member? Contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or check out LGA on the web at [www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org).



Lake George Carol: **Clean our Boat for Lake George!**

*Sung to the tune of Jingle Bells*

**Riding in a boat, swimming in the lake, finding coloring stones, tubing through the waves. Splash, splash, splash**

**Mussels on my motor, getting caught in weeds, now its time to clean our boat  
So will you help us please!**

**Clean our boat, clean it well, clean it all the time!  
So then it will be clean in the summer time!**

**Before we move our boat make sure its clean, so when we put it in the lake we  
won't pollute the water!**

*By Rebecca Putorti and Lauren Baldwin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Whitehall Elementary, Music  
Teacher: Melissa Clark*

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