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We Love Our Lakes!

**Written and Illustrated by
the children of**

**(insert the name of the library story hour
or class here)**

(insert date here)

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We live in beautiful (insert county name here) County, Wisconsin. There are (insert # of lakes here) lakes and (insert # of streams and rivers here) streams and rivers here. We do love our lakes. Here is what we like to do at the lake.

(INSERT student drawings illustrating what they like to do at the lake)

We have learned that there are things we children can do to keep our lakes clean and free from plants and animals that do not belong (aquatic invasive species.)

(INSERT student drawings illustrating actions to take to keep our lakes free of aquatic invasive species)

Sing this song to everyone you know who has a boat. This is especially important if the boat is moved from lake to lake, or river or stream.

Clean Your Boat

(To the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”

Words by Judy Ruch

**Clean your boat before you put it in the lake. (Clap, clap.)
Clean your boat before you put it in the lake. (Clap, clap.)
Take the weeds off the boat. (Pull imaginary weeds.)
Wash it well before it floats. (Pretend to use a hose to wash.)
And the lakes will be beautiful for us. (Point to self.)**

Throw old bait in the trash and not the lake. NO, NO! (Shake index finger.)

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**If you put it in the lake,
Trouble you could make.**

We want the lakes to be beautiful for us. (Point to self.)

Tell everyone you know to clean their boat – HURRAH!

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**Tell your fathers and your mothers,
Uncles, aunts, sisters and brothers.**

And the lakes will be beautiful for us ALL! (Point to all.)

The children of
(insert name of library or class here)
on (insert date here)

(Insert group picture of kids)

