

## MUSKEGON OUTING REPORT, JULY 10-14, 2019



Muskegon Outing 2019, Gathering at the Hospitality Tent

The 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive Muskegon Outing took place at Fishermans' Landing on Muskegon Lake July 10-14, 2019. This year the campground management had instigated new strict campground rules that caused confusion for campers and some confrontations. As a result, we will be looking into a different Muskegon area campground for the 2020 Muskegon Outing. The attendance was down a little, but we still had around 40 people from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois at the Saturday meal. The weather was mostly hot and humid, but it seemed like the summer pattern had not started yet, as the fishing was the toughest that we can remember. Mostly largemouth bass to 21 inches and pike were caught, along with channel catfish, white bass, and many big drum up to 20 pounds. As usual, Spoonpluggers stepped up and used their knowledge to catch good numbers of fish. One boat reported catching 70 fish one day casting the weeds. Spring, Mona, White, Muskegon, Duck, and Hess Lakes were fished mostly.

Thanks to John Zaborny providing food and the Dordans' coordinating things, breakfast was served at the Hospitality Tent Thursday and Friday mornings with eggs, sausage, bacon, and toast. Also, Dinner was served those same days and included sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and hamburgers with trimmings. Many thanks are due to Spoonpluggers who helped at meals with preparation, cleanup, food and prize donations, and much more. At these Spoonplugging outings, including others like those at Leoni and Northern Indiana, we have developed many warm friendships over the years, and we look forward to getting together again. This all started with the first Chattanooga Jamboree with Mr. Perry in 1989 and grew to many outings and wonderful friends around the country. The highlight of this outing was the delicious Saturday evening meal coordinated by Mike and Nyann Dordan. They have been crucial in keeping the Muskegon outing going over many years and deserve special acknowledgement. At the dinner, Tom Moore presented a beautiful and extraordinary hand crafted fishing rod to Mike for all his efforts over the years. The warm feeling present was contagious.