

# We ♥ Kitsch!

## Bottle cap beauties

If you drink beer, soft drinks and other bottled beverages at the cabin, then you probably have a few bottle caps lying around. Rather than donating them to your local landfill, why not save them and recycle them into cabin décor? You can create great conversation pieces like these.

▶ **REFRIGERATOR ART** Slap a small magnet on the back of each cap, then encourage your resident cabin artists to personalize them with a little paint. This fun set (\$18, [www.kategrenier.com](http://www.kategrenier.com)) is made from recycled caps and pays homage to the cabin lifestyle.

▶ **MESSAGE BOARD** Flatten caps with a hammer, then nail or glue them to a piece of plywood. The caps attract magnets, so they make a perfect center for cabin packing lists and the weekend dinner menu.



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## Lake Association Spotlight

### Enhancing cabin living on the water

**Name:** Lake of the Oaks Homeowners Association (LOTO)

**Area served:** Lake of the Oaks, Clark County, Mo.

**Membership:** 118 lake property owners

**Projects:**

- Stock lake with appropriate game fish.
- Maintain beach area and other member amenities.
- Organize monthly member volunteer workdays to help develop and maintain the facilities.
- Update a state-of-the-art volunteer website that serves as a communication resource as well as a promotional venue for current and prospective property owners.



LAKE OF THE OAKS, MO.

- Maintain six miles of privately owned roads.
- Host annual social events for members and guests, including holiday festivals, a fishing derby and October Chilifest.

**Success story:** LOTO is a non-profit corporation formed in 1985 primarily to provide organized social activities

for Lake of the Oaks property owners. Since 2008, when LOTO bought out long-term private developers, there has been a tremendous amount of growth, improvement and renewed enthusiasm in the area.

The association's greatest accomplishment to date was the planning, funding and construction of a community clubhouse in 2009. The clubhouse serves as the association's meeting and business site as well as a gathering spot for the members' social activities.

**Website:** [www.lakeoftheoaks.net](http://www.lakeoftheoaks.net)



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