

Olive Help to the Lakes

By Molly

"I cannot wait to get to the lake and help clean up the milfoil!" exclaimed Olive.

"Seriously? It sounds gross to me!" said her little sister "Why In the world do you want to go get seaweed," shouted her sister.

"Hmmm, well you should come then. It seems like you have a lot to learn!" Olive said to her sister. "Milfoil is an invasive plant ruining the lake and it needs to be cleaned up!"

"No I don't have a lot to learn," she pouted.

Her parents agreed and drove Olive and her sister to the boat ramp to meet the people who help the lakes. But before we go we need to put on swimsuits. Once they were at the lake, they got on a boat and off they went. The sister got a little seasick! They got to a big boat that had huge orange tubes hanging all around it. It seemed like a science lab or something! It was part of an organization called Lakes Alive in Salisbury. They help keep the milfoil out of the lake.

There were two men on the boat. One was dressed like a seal! My sister and I learned he was a scuba diver and would go down below the surface when we got to a "hot spot" in the lake. An area full of evil milfoil and invasive species! The boat driver drove out to a post and told us we could jump in because it was so hot.

"Oh, come on!" begged Olive. "Stop being a baby and jump in!" So the sister finally gave in. Then she said this is how we cut the mlifol. First, you have to go and find the milfoil roots. Then you get the vacuum and suck up the

milfoil. After you go back and look for the remainder of the milfol so it doesn't grow back. After it is time for fun! They jumped in the water and swam for a long time. The sister even found some milfoil laying around. "Great find!" said Olive.

"I want to come back," said the sister. The next morning the sister at 2:00 said, "Get your swimsuit on!" They went swimming and noticed a lot less milfoil, they could almost see clearly. That is when they knew they had actually made a difference and so do all the people working with LAKES ALIVE at Lake Dunmore.

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