

Google - Free Host Server for your Lake Association's Web Site!

A screenshot of the Google Sites homepage. At the top left is the Google Sites logo. To its right is a light blue header bar with the text "Welcome to Google Sites". Below the header, the main heading reads "Thinking of creating a website?". Underneath is a paragraph: "Google Sites is a free and easy way to create and share webpages. [Learn more.](#)". To the left of the central illustration are three bullet points: "Create rich web pages easily", "Collect all your info in one place", and "Control who can view and edit". The central illustration shows a computer monitor displaying a webpage layout, with dashed lines connecting it to three floating icons: a tree, a document with lines, and a paperclip.

To start, all your Association needs
is one tech-savy member willing to act as
your “web site manager.”

Step One: Open a "Free" Google Email Account

Visit <https://www.google.com/accounts/ManageAccount>

Click on the **Create an Account** link. Submit your current email address and a password of choice.


Sign in with your
Google Account

Email:

Password:

Remember me on this computer.

[I cannot access my account](#)

 Don't have a Google Account?
[Create an account now](#)

Google Accounts Create a Google Account - Google Sites

Create an Account

Your Google Account gives you access to Google Sites and [other Google services](#). If you already have a Google Account, you can [sign in here](#).

Required information for Google account

Your current email address:
e.g. myname@example.com. This will be used to sign-in to your account.

Choose a password: [Password strength:](#) _____
Minimum of 8 characters in length.

Re-enter password:

Remember me on this computer.

Creating a Google Account will enable Web History. Web History is a feature that will provide you with a more personalized experience on Google that includes more relevant search results and recommendations. [Learn More](#)

Enable Web History.



Step Two: Accessing Google's "How to" Guidelines

First, you will be able to access your personal Profile Page. Locate the Try Something New area and click on the "More" option. Look for the "Sites" link. Click here.

A screenshot of a Google interface. At the top is a white box labeled "My products - Edit" with a search icon and a link to "Web History". Below this is a section titled "Try something new" containing links for "Gmail", "Alerts", "AdSense", "Groups", "AdWords", and "iGoogle". A "More »" link is at the bottom of this section. A yellow starburst is next to "Try something new" and another yellow starburst is next to "More »". A blue arrow points from "More »" to a separate white box below. This box contains a "Sites" link with a document icon and the text "Create websites and secure group wikis".

Step Three: Take Google's "How to" Tour

Google Sites Welcome to Google Sites

Thinking of creating a website?

Google Sites is a free and easy way to create and share webpages. [Learn more.](#)

Create
rich web pages easily

Collect
all your info in one place

Control
who can view and edit

Locate the “**Learn More**” link. Click to view the **Get Started** page. Watch the video and view sample sites.

Google Sites Welcome to Google Sites

Home
Overview
Blog

Google Sites makes creating and sharing a group website easy

Get Started

- ✓ Single-click page creation
- ✓ No HTML required
- ✓ Customizable look and feel
- ✓ Settings for accessing and sharing information
- ✓ **And it's free!**

Example sites - Google Sites is powerful enough for a company intranet, yet simple enough for a family website.

[Ski club](#) [Team project](#) [Company intranet](#)

Step Four: Create your Web Site!

1. Click on the “Get Started” button.

2. Sign in with your new Google account information.

3. Click on “Create site.”



Get Started

Sign in to Google Sites with your

Google Account

Email:

Password:

Remember me on this computer.

[I cannot access my account](#)

[Sign up for Sites](#)

[Sign in with a Google Apps Account](#)



Create site

Use Google Sites to:

Plan club meetings and activities

Share info on a secure company intranet

Collaborate on a team project

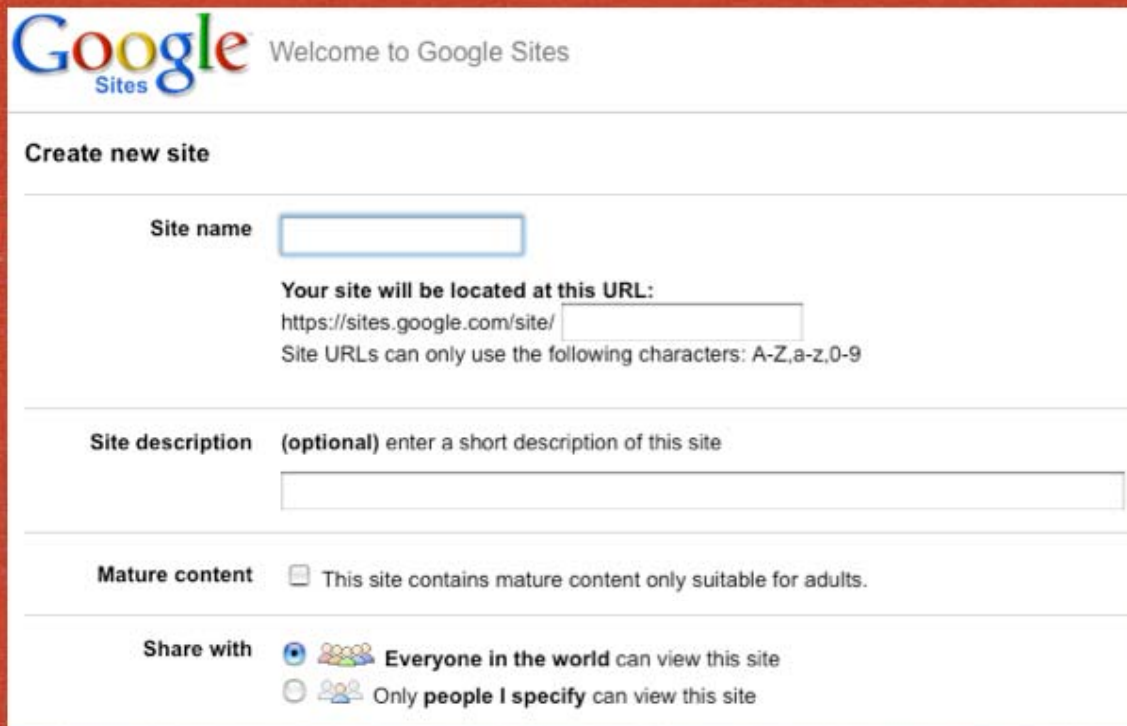
Stay connected with family members

Step Five: Create your Web Site!

1. Name your site: i.e. Anvil Lake.

Google will automatically generate your URL.

Keep it simple! Remember to record your URL for future reference for your Web Manager and your Association members.



The screenshot shows the Google Sites 'Create new site' interface. At the top left is the Google Sites logo and the text 'Welcome to Google Sites'. Below this is a section titled 'Create new site'. The first field is 'Site name' with an empty text box. Below it, the text reads 'Your site will be located at this URL:' followed by a URL template 'https://sites.google.com/site/' and another empty text box. A note below the URL field states 'Site URLs can only use the following characters: A-Z,a-z,0-9'. The second field is 'Site description (optional) enter a short description of this site' with an empty text box. The third field is 'Mature content' with a checkbox and the text 'This site contains mature content only suitable for adults.'. The final field is 'Share with' with two radio button options: 'Everyone in the world can view this site' (selected) and 'Only people I specify can view this site'.

2. Site description: i.e. Anvil Lake Association Eagle River, WI.

3. Determine site content and intended audience by clicking on choices.

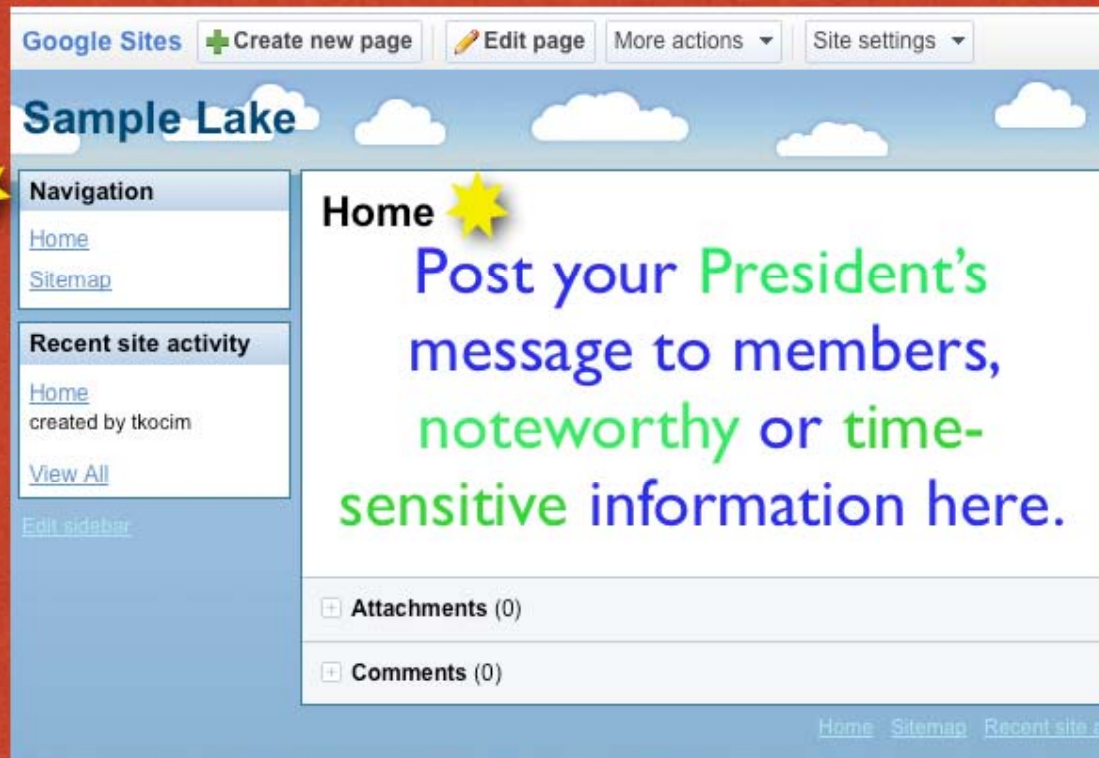
Step Six: Get to Know the Home Page

Navigation Bar:

your site's pages can be accessed here.

Examples:

Association
History,
Newsletters,
special
campaigns,
weather links,
or directories.



The screenshot shows a Google Sites interface for a site titled "Sample Lake". At the top, there are navigation options: "Google Sites", "+ Create new page", "Edit page", "More actions", and "Site settings". Below this is a blue header with the site name "Sample Lake" and decorative clouds. A sidebar on the left contains a "Navigation" section with links for "Home" and "Sitemap", a "Recent site activity" section showing "Home created by tkocim" with a "View All" link, and an "Edit sidebar" link. The main content area features the word "Home" with a yellow star icon, followed by the text "Post your President's message to members, noteworthy or time-sensitive information here." Below this are sections for "Attachments (0)" and "Comments (0)". A footer at the bottom right contains links for "Home", "Sitemap", and "Recent site a".

Step Seven: Create Your Home Page

1. Click on the “Edit Page” button to craft your Home Page.

Google Sites [+ Create new page](#) [Edit page](#) [More actions](#) [Site settings](#)

Home Page

“Insert” pull-down menu choices:

Save Cancel Insert Format Table Layout

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Home

2. Here you can type formatted text, insert images, web links, and more!

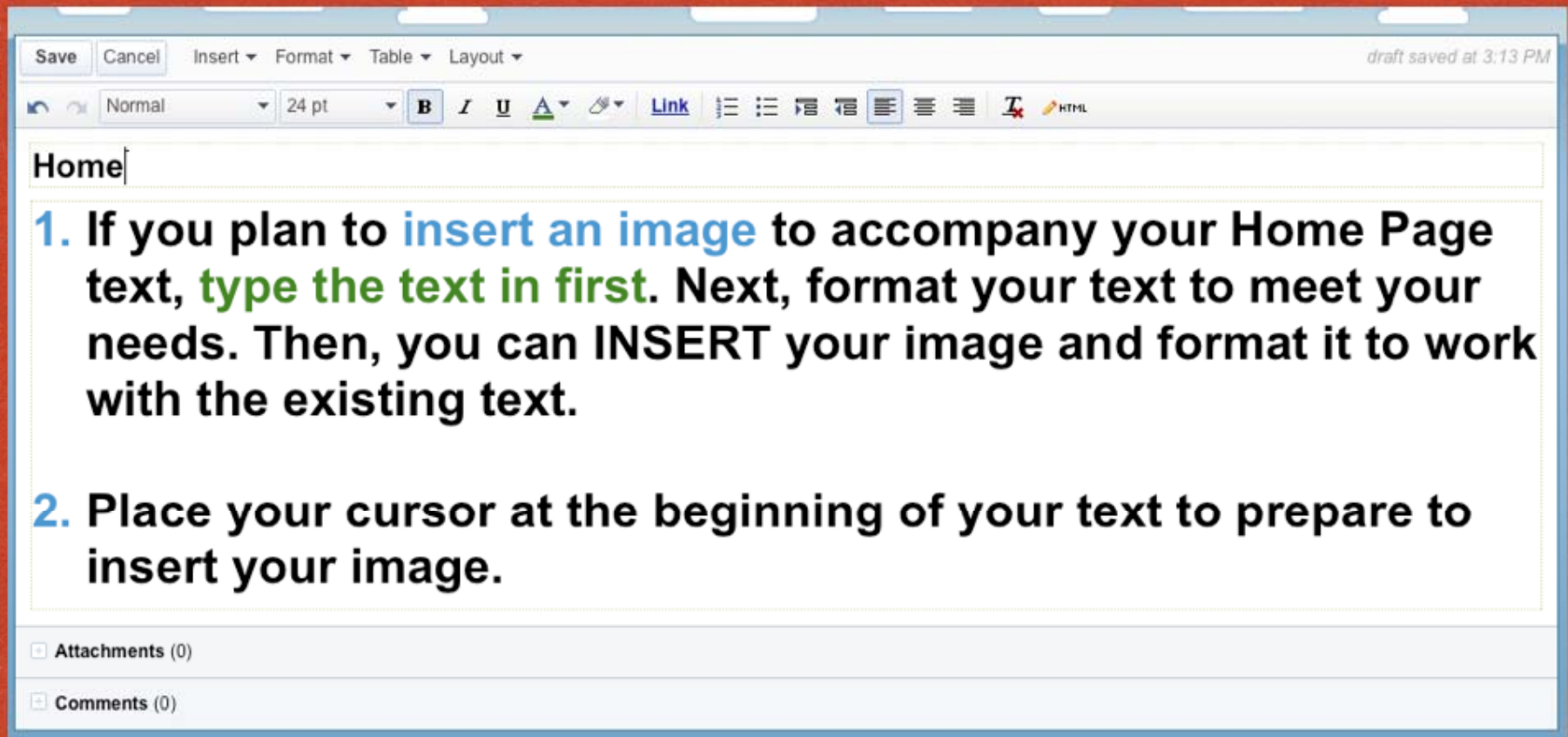
+ Attachments (0)

+ Comments (0)

Insert Format Table Layout

- Image
- Link
- Table of contents
- Horizontal Line
- Google...
- Calendar
- Document
- Picasa Web slideshow
- Presentation
- Spreadsheet
- Spreadsheet form
- Video
- Gadgets
 - Recent posts
 - Recently updated files
 - Recent list items
 - Text Box
 - More...

Step Eight: Adding Text and Images to Your Home Page



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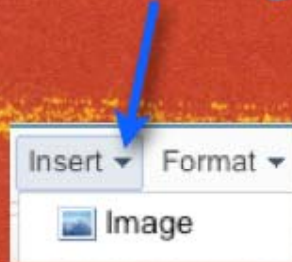
Home

- 1. If you plan to insert an image to accompany your Home Page text, type the text in first.** Next, format your text to meet your needs. Then, you can INSERT your image and format it to work with the existing text.
- 2. Place your cursor at the beginning of your text to prepare to insert your image.**

Attachments (0)

Comments (0)

1. Click on "Insert" pull-down menu and select Image.

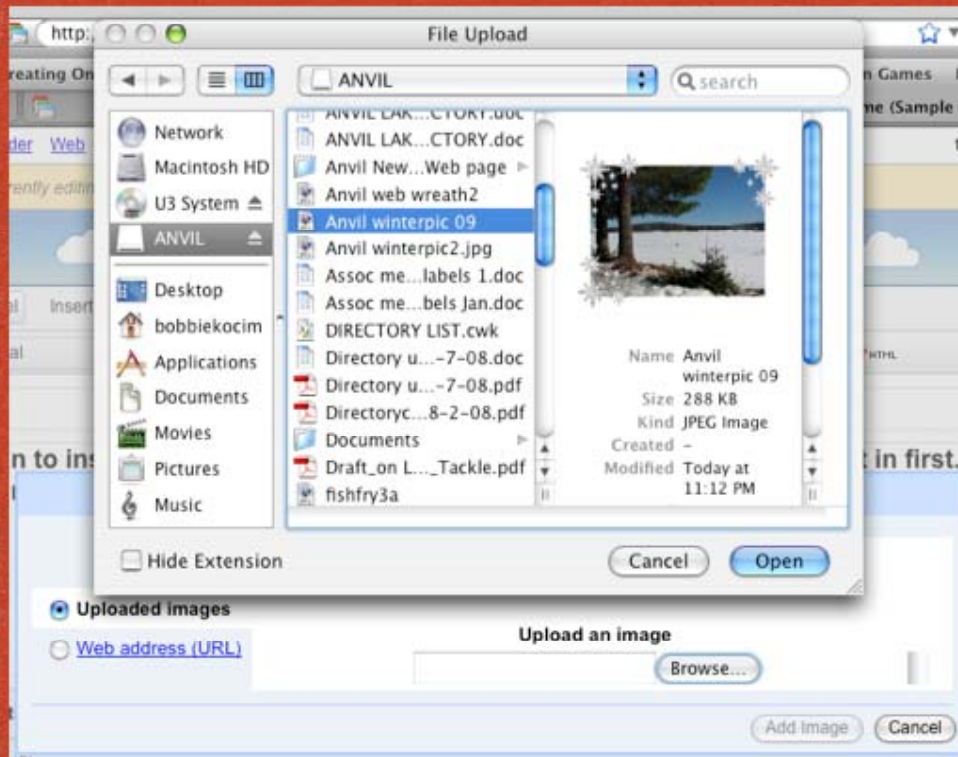


2. Click on "browse" to select your image from your hard drive or other source.



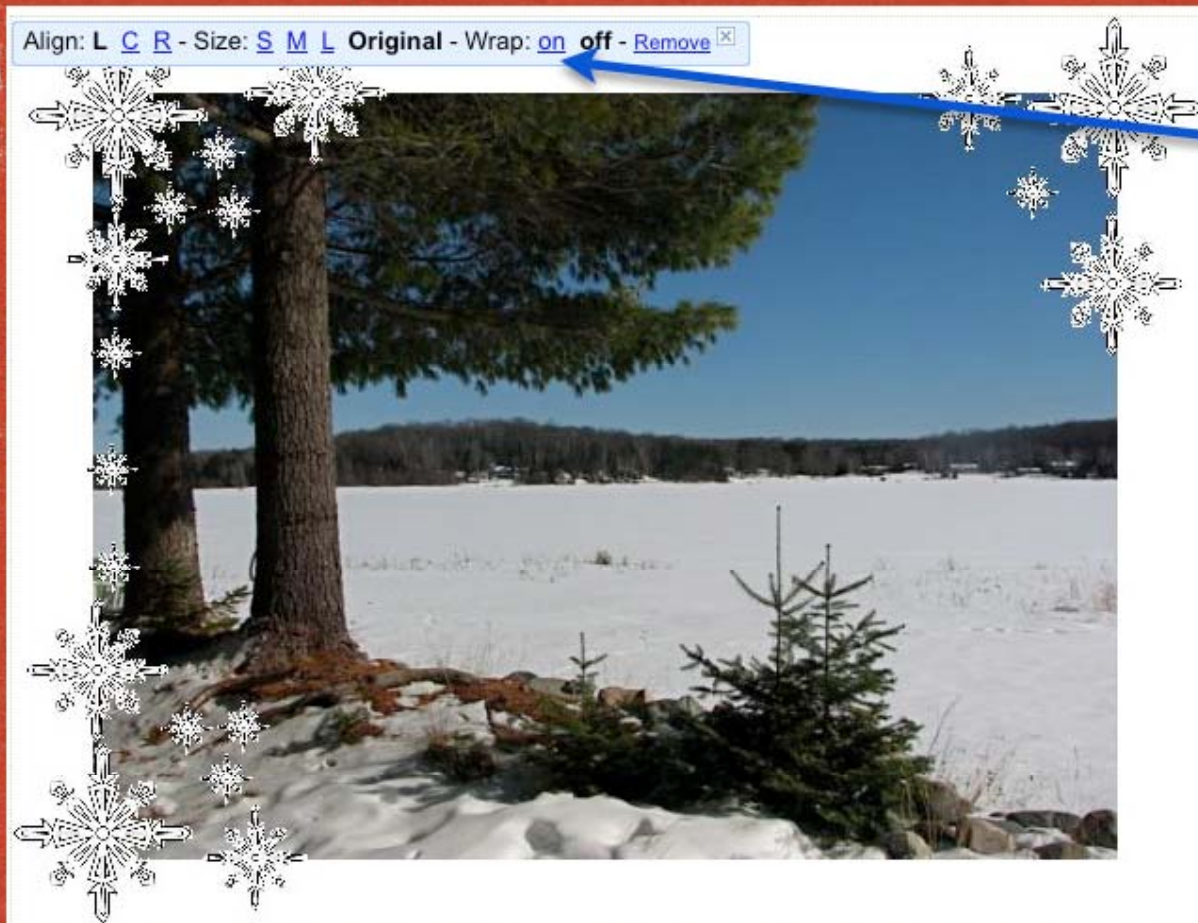
3. Highlight your image, click open.

4. When your image appears in the window, click the "Add Image" command.



1. Format your image using the **image toolbar**. If the toolbar is not visible, single click on the image to bring it up.

Image Toolbar



2. Next, turn on the **Text Wrap** feature to blend text and the image.

You can always remove the image and reformat it.

Step Nine: Adding Attachments

Home




Your message
to your members
can appear here.

You can continue to add additional text, images, or links to web sites of interest to your Lake Association on your Home Page just by moving your cursor below the image.

You can also attach a file, i.e. a pdf of a quarterly newsletter, by clicking on the "Attachments" command below. Click on the "Browse" button to select your document. Your pdf will appear in the Attachment window. You always have the opportunity to "remove" an attachment at any time.

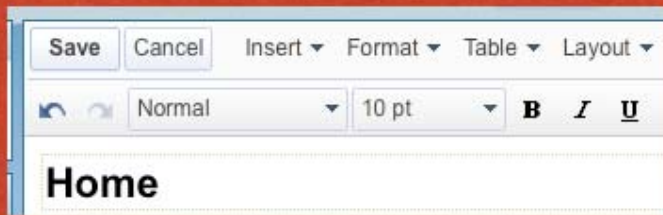
Attachments (1)

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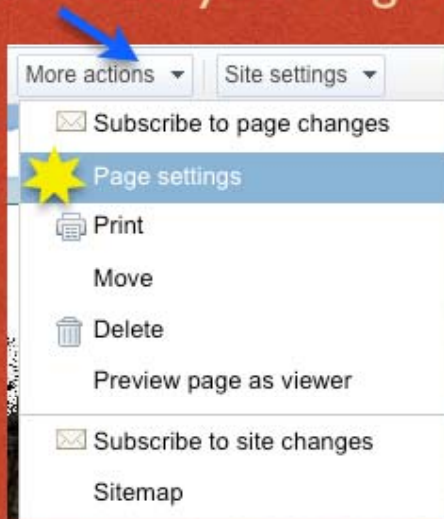
Attach a file:

Step Ten: Saving Your Page and Controlling Page Settings

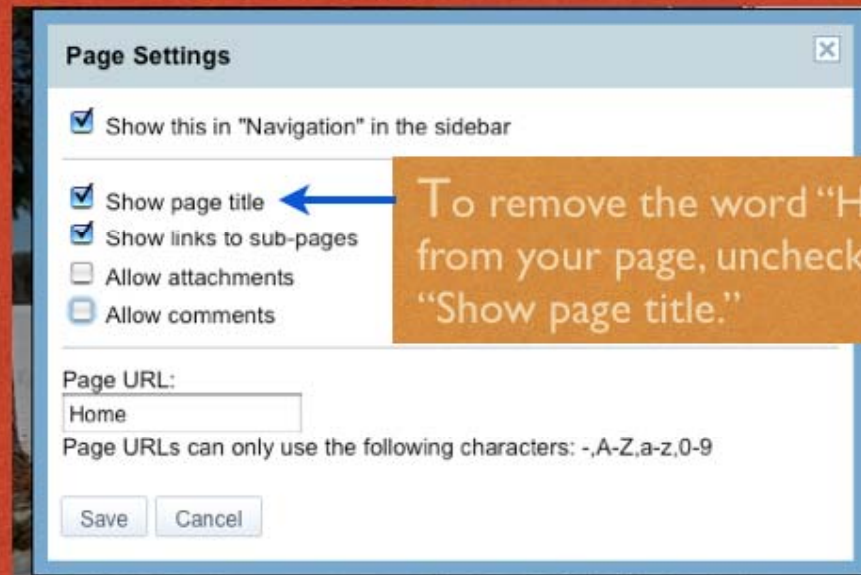
1. Click on the **Save** button to protect your work!



2. Click on “More actions” button to access your Page Settings.



3. You can remove access to attachments and comments here. If this page will be located in the Navigation Bar, make sure you check it. Save!



Step Eleven: Creating a Page for the Navigation Bar






1. Locate the “Create New Page” button in the Google Sites’s menu bar. Click.



2. Select Web Page. Name your page. Place it under your Home Page. Click the “Create Page” button.

Create new page (in Site: Sample Lake)

Select a template to use

 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Web Page	 <input type="radio"/> Dashboard	 <input type="radio"/> Announcements	 <input type="radio"/> File Cabinet	 <input type="radio"/> List
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Name:

Your page will be located at: /site/samplelake/Home/clean-boats-clean-water-campaign [Change](#)

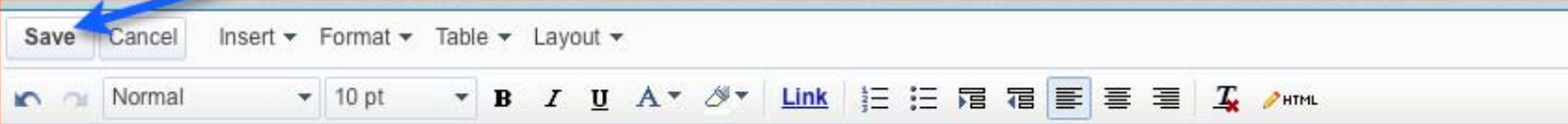
Put page at the top level

Put page under Home


Home > Clean Boats/Clean Water Campaign

[Choose a different location](#)

Add your formatted **text** and desired **images** to your page. Remember to “**Save**” your new page.



Clean Boats/Clean Water Campaign

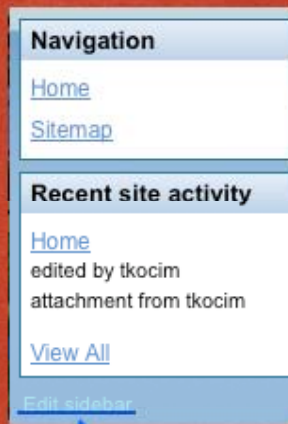


We are looking for someone or persons to step up and take over this important program. It is mostly time spent putting a schedule together of volunteers to staff the boat landing, handing out instructive literature, and checking boats for **AIS**.

Please, if you are able to donate a couple of hours of your time, contact our Association's Secretary.

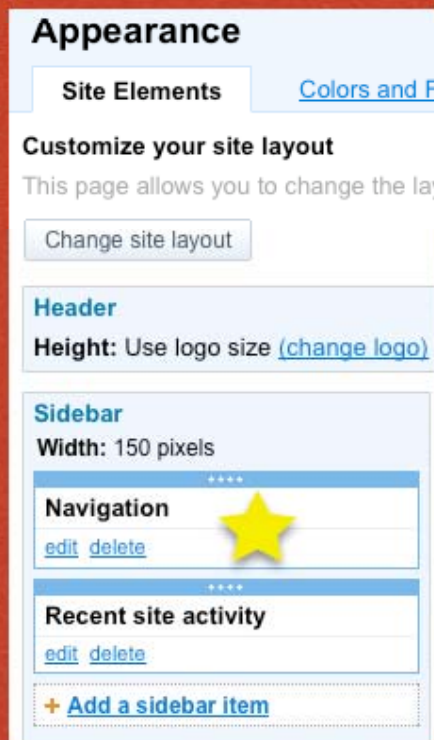
Our **Clean Boats/Clean Water Campaign** is critical to keeping our beautiful lake clean and free of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Step Twelve: Adding Your New Page to the Navigation Bar

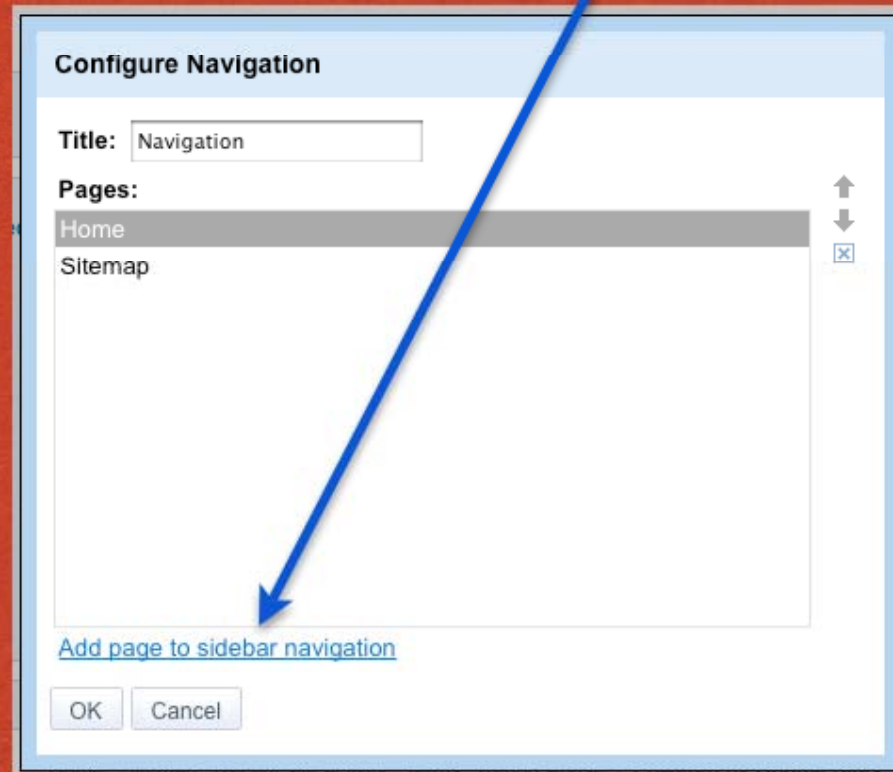


1. Click on the "Edit Sidebar" command located at the bottom of the Navigation Bar.

2. Go to the Navigation bar and select "edit."

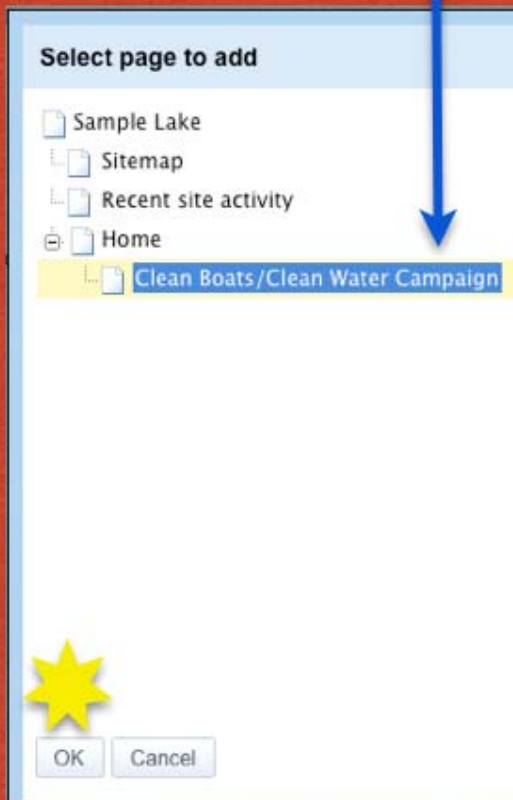


3. Click on the "Add page to sidebar" link and click "OK."

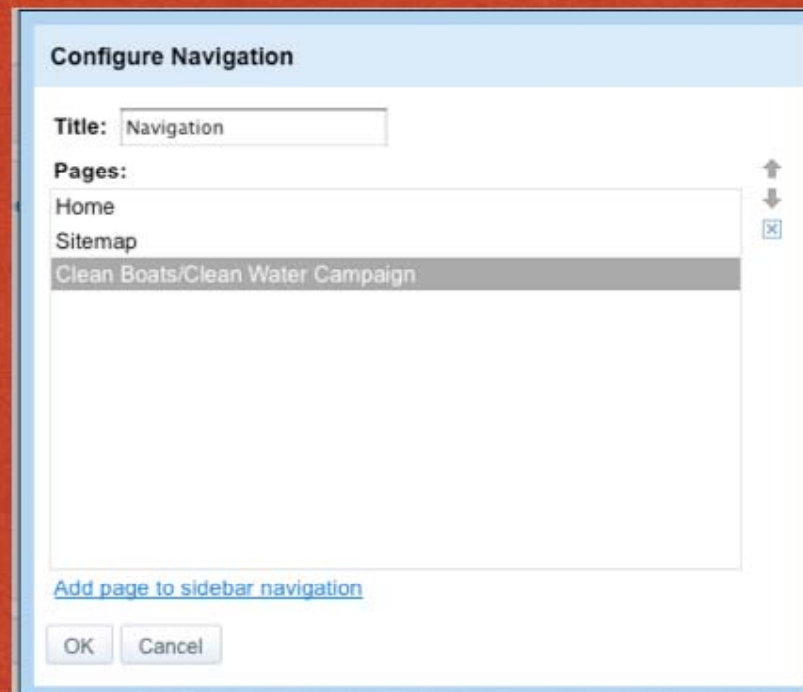


1. Highlight the page title you wish to add.

Click "OK."

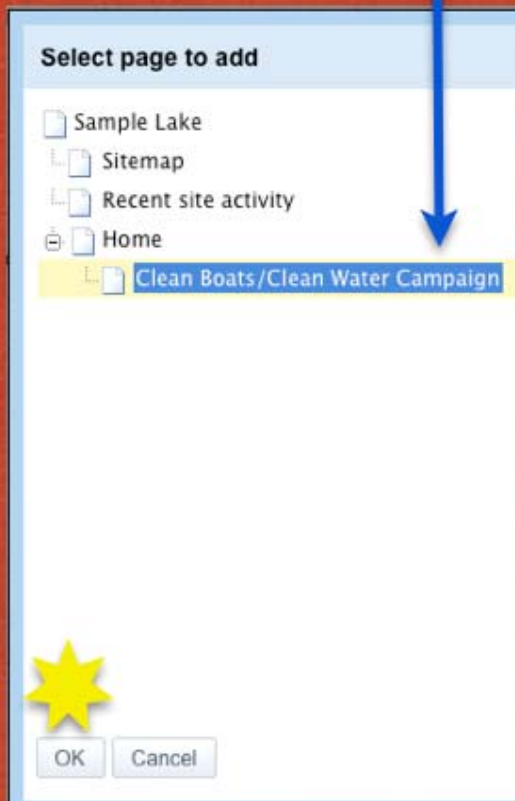


2. You should now see your page in the **Configure Navigation Box**. You can use the **arrow keys** on the right to move pages at any time to meet your needs.



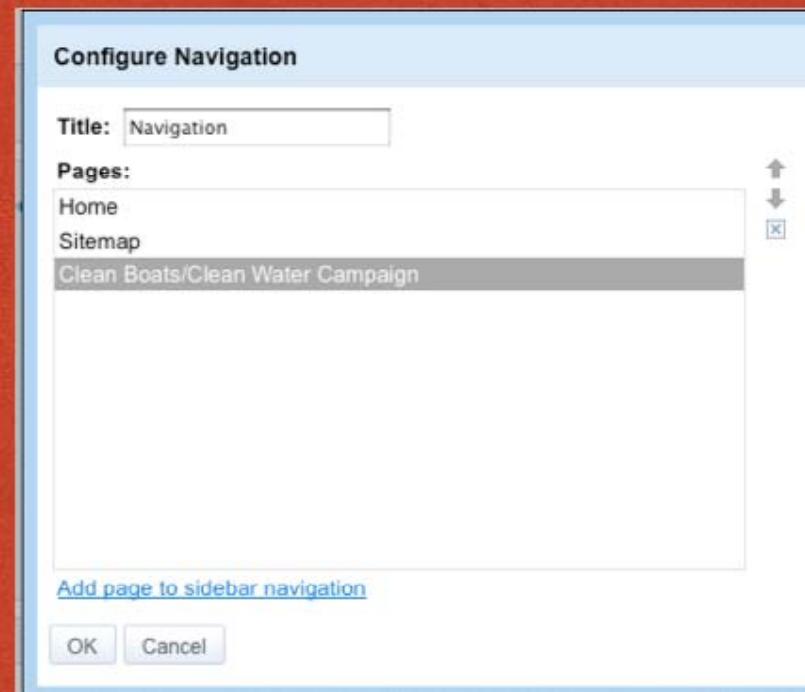
1. Highlight the page title you wish to add.

Click "OK."



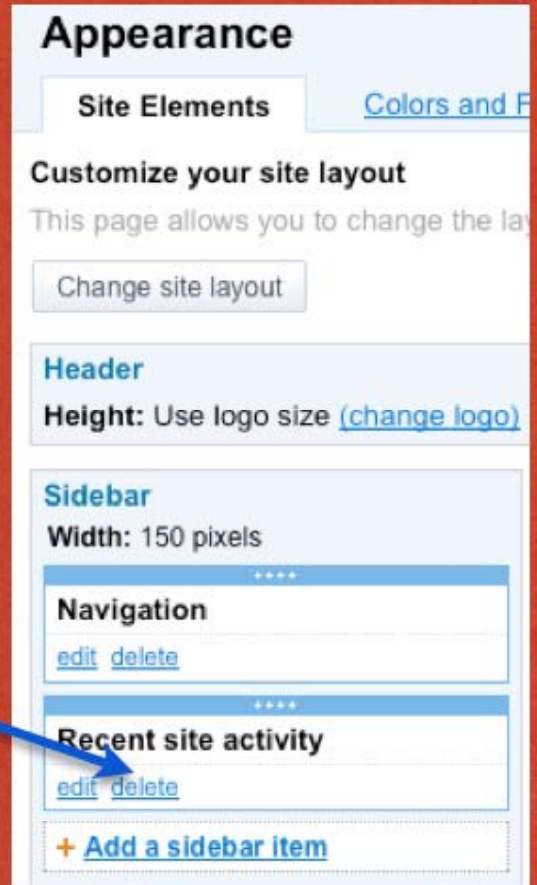
2. You should now see your page in the Configure Navigation Box.

You can use the arrow keys on the right to move pages at any time to meet your needs.



Additional Privacy Guarantee

Prior to saving your page addition, you may wish to “delete” the “Recent site activity” window from view for additional privacy. Viewers will be unable to see your management activity on the Home Page



Appearance

Site Elements [Colors and P...](#)

Customize your site layout
This page allows you to change the layout of your site.

[Change site layout](#)

Header
Height: Use logo size ([change logo](#))

Sidebar
Width: 150 pixels

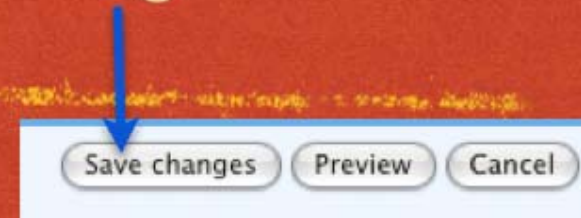
Navigation
[edit](#) [delete](#)

Recent site activity
[edit](#) [delete](#)

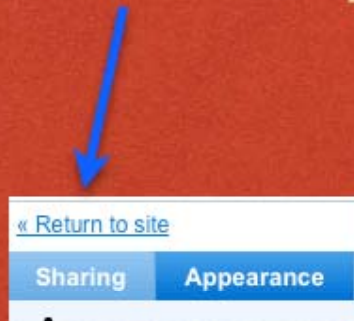
[+ Add a sidebar item](#)

A blue arrow points from the text 'delete' in the 'Recent site activity' section to the 'delete' link in the 'Recent site activity' section.

1. Click on “Save changes”
in the upper right-hand corner.



2. Click on the
“Return to site” link
in the upper left-hand corner
to return to your Home Page.



3. Check your
Navigation Bar
to make sure
your new page
is listed.



Navigation

[Home](#)

[Sitemap](#)

[Clean Boats/Clean Water Campaign](#)

[Exit website](#)

Home



Your Association Web Site now has a Home Page and its first Navigation Bar Page!

Congratulations!

You will need to provide members with the URL for access to your site. Google does not yet provide access via a "Google search."

In the upper right-hand corner you will find the Google site “Help” link. Here you will find additional information that will guide you as your web page continues to grow.



Google Sites Help

[Google Sites Home](#)

[Help Center](#)

[Google Sites Overview](#)

[For work or school](#)

[Google Help](#) > Google Sites Help

Search Google Sites Help

Search the Web

Search Google Sites Help articles, user discussions, and more.



To see Sites Program Policies, please visit: http://www.google.com/sites/help/intl/en/program_policy.html

Getting Started

- [Basics](#)
- [General Information](#)

Working with Sites

- [Changing How Your Site Looks](#)
- [Changing Your Site URL](#)
- [Controlling Access to a Site](#)

Working with Pages

- [Creating Pages](#)
- [Page Actions](#)
- [Formatting Pages](#)

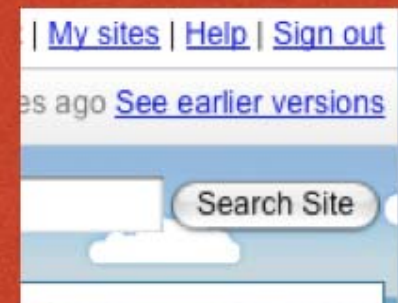
Learn More

- [Using Analytics with Google Sites](#)
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- [Using Google Webmaster Tools with Google Sites](#)
- [Additional Features](#)
- [Using Google Sites with Google Apps](#)

Your Site is Almost Ready!: Signing Out

In the upper right-hand corner, click on the “[Sign out](#)” link to leave your web site.

Type in your URL to view your finished web page. You will receive verification at your Google Email account verifying every change you make to your web site.



Helpful Hints!

1. Keep **copies** of all of your Web Site documents and images on a **Flash Drive** as an Archive Resource you can refer back to if needed.
2. Take a variety of **digital photographs** of your lake: landings, docks, points of interest, unique flora and fauna. You can use those photos on your web site without any worry of copyright issues!

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