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Contest Paper: Onondaga Lake

In the year 2015, when Onondaga Lake is going to be cleaned, I visualize it being an enormous tourist attraction. On the eastern and western sides of the lake there will be either a Marina or an Entertainment District. In each of these will be a family hotel. The hotels will be strategically placed in order to accommodate each type of tourist's needs. These ideas may cost a large amount of money, but after a short amount of time, they will boost our economy and make Onondaga Lake a national destination.

The Entertainment District, located on the eastern side of the lake, will consist of a large theme park and a series of local businesses to attract tourists. The ride portion of this district will be closed during the winter and for part of the autumn seasons, however, the shops will stay open throughout the year.

The Marina District, located on the western side of the lake, will be comprised of a marina offering boat tours and an underwater viewing area to observe aquatic life. There will also be a series of local businesses around the marina. This area will stay open throughout the year.

Family hotels will be located in each of these districts. These hotels will appeal to families in order to make the visiting parties feel comfortable there. Rooms will be equipped with cable televisions and movie access and possibly video games for children. A pool and arcade will be available to guests with an exercise room attached to it so that parents can watch their children. A family restaurant will be added for families to eat affordably without having to leave the hotel. The hotels would be able to host well over 100 families in order to keep pricing affordable to guests.

These ideas would bring a lot of money into the area and would boost our economy because local businesses would be supported by tourist money, many new jobs would be created, and after enough profit has been made, more and more attractions could be constructed in the area. This could make Onondaga Lake a global destination.