



Free Kids' Fishing Events Scheduled for Late May, Early June

Take a kid fishing and help instill a lifelong love of the sport at one of 40 free kids' fishing events held in celebration of National Fishing and Boating Week 2012.

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, in cooperation with [Neuse Sport Shop](#), [Trout Unlimited](#), [Bass Pro Shops](#) and the [U.S. Forest Service](#), is supporting these fishing events, which are scheduled from late May through early June throughout the state.

Young anglers registered at any fishing event are eligible to enter a statewide drawing for prizes. The grand prize is a lifetime sportsman license, which includes freshwater and saltwater fishing privileges, as well as hunting privileges, donated by Neuse Sport Shop, located in Kinston. The first prize is a lifetime freshwater fishing license, donated by the N.C. State Council of Trout Unlimited. Bass Pro Shops is donating 50 fishing-related prizes, such as tackle boxes, rod-and-reel combos and fishing line, while the Wildlife Commission is donating another 100 prizes — any of which would be a perfect addition to a young angler's tackle box. Local sponsors for many events will provide prizes and gifts to registered participants as well.

In addition to prizes, Commission staff is stocking fish into waters at many of these locations a few days prior to the events to increase the participants' chances of reeling in a nice-sized fish.

The Wildlife Commission will conduct the drawing for prizes at the end of June and will publish a list of winners on its website, www.newildlife.org, in early July.

For more information about National Fishing and Boating Week, visit the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's website, www.takemefishing.org. Visit the Commission's [website](#) for more information about fishing in public, inland waters, or call the Division of Inland Fisheries, 919-707-0220.

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COUNTY	LOCATION	NAME OF EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT INFO	CONTACT INFO
Alleghany	Brush Creek Road and Hwy. 21	Hunters Helping Kids Fishing Event	6/09	9 to 2	Pre-register by calling Billy Tompkins at (336) 657-8121; participants ages 16 and under. Rain or shine.	Billy Tompkins btompkins@blevinsbuilding.com 336-657-8121
Buncombe	Lake Powhatan	Special Pops Fishing Day	6/01	10 to 2	Event for children with disabilities	Lorie Stroup loriestroup@fs.fed.us 828-877-3265
Buncombe	Lake Powhatan	Kids' Fishing Day	6/02	9 to 2	Register on site the day of event	Lorie Stroup loriestroup@fs.fed.us 828-877-3265

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Burke	J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center	Catfish Round-Up for the Handicapped	5/19	9 to 2	Event for people with disabilities. Preregistration preferred by calling Tony or Kimberly; onsite registration as well. Free lunch and t-shirts; all bait and equipment provided.	Tony Robinson Kimberly Sigmon decoydoc@charter.net 828-874-1915 or 828-448-1495
Burke	J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center	Big Brother/Big Sister Fish for Fun Event	6/02	9 to 1	Event supports Big Brother/Big Sister of Morganton	Nancy Wood bucwood@hotmail.com 828-475-9644
Burke	McGalliard Falls Park	Fun Fishing at the Falls	6/09	9 to 1	Registration is on site at the start of the event; open to participants from 4 to 12 years old. Rain or shine.	Joey Lindsay jlindsay@ci.valdese.nc.us Doug Night dknight@ci.valdese.nc.us 828-879-2132
Caldwell	Boone Fork Pond	Boone Fork Special Populations Fishing Day	5/18	10 to 2	Event held for Special Population kids within the local school system.	Christopher Williams christopherwilliams@fs.fed.us 828-652-2144, ext.104
Caldwell	Boone Fork Pond	Boone Fork Kids' Fishing Day	5/19	9 to 2	Register on site day of event; for kids under 16 years old.	Christopher Williams christopherwilliams@fs.fed.us 828-652-2144, ext.104
Carteret	Cedar Swamp Pond	Kids' Fishing Day	6/09	8 to noon	Registration on site day of event; for kids ages 5 to 15.	Rachelle Powell rachellepowell@fs.fed.us 252-638-5628, ext. 4014
Cherokee	Cherokee Lake	Cherokee Lake Special Pops Fishing Derby	6/01	9 to noon	Mandatory pre-registration at Tusquitee Ranger District office 828-837-5152.	Todd Sharkey tasharkey@fs.fed.us Michael Williams michaelwilliams@fs.fed.us 828-837-5152
Cherokee	Cherokee Lake	Cherokee Lake Fishing Derby	6/02	7:30 to noon	Register on site or at the office (828-837-5152). Event is for kids 12 years old and younger.	Todd Sharkey tasharkey@fs.fed.us Michael Williams michaelwilliams@fs.fed.us 828-837-5152
Chowan	Bayside Marina & Grill	Pembroke Bass Club Fish for Fun Kids' Fishing Event	6/09	8 to noon	Registration on site at the start of event. For children 15 and under; parents are encouraged to fish with their child.	Brad Gosser b.gosser@yahoo.com 252-333-7559
Chowan	Edenton National Fish Hatchery	Edenton National Fish Hatchery Fish For Fun Event	6/09	7 to noon	Registration on site at start of event. For children 15 and under; parents are encouraged to fish with their child.	Sam Pollock sam_pollock@fws.gov 252-482-4118
Cumberland	John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center	Take A Kid Fishing	6/02	9 to 1	No age limit; Register on site the day of event.	Kristopher Smith kris.smith@ncwildlife.org 910-868-5003, ext. 14

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Cumberland	John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center	Basic Rod Building Class (1 class over a 3-night period)	6/06 6/07 6/08	6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Pre-registration is required; limited to 15 participants, 14 years and older.	Kristopher Smith kris.smith@ncwildlife.org 910-868-5003, ext. 14
Edgecombe	Pell's Pond	Pell's Pond Party	6/14	6 p.m.	Fishing in a private pond; hosted by Tarboro Association of Saltwater Sportsmen	Jimmy Dupree SKAangler@aol.com 252-883-9999
Graham	Santeetlah Creek	Kids' Fishing Day	6/02	9 to noon	Pre-registration at U.S. Forest Service office, Cheoah Ranger Dist., Robbinsville.	Gina Rogers grogers@fs.fed.us 828-837-5152, ext. 118
Guilford	Oak Hollow Lake	Oak Hollow Lake Youth Fishing Derby	6/02	8 to 10	Open to the first 125 participants 15 years old and younger	Vicki Fields vicky.fields@highpointnc.gov 336-883-3494
Guilford	Lake Higgins Pond	Children's Tournament	6/09	9:30 to 10:45	Pre-registration is required and a lottery for participants will be held on June 2; limited to 40 participants ages 4 to 13.	336-373-3739
Hertford	Hare's Millpond	Roanoke Chowan Wildlife Club CATCH Day	6/02	10 to 2	Pre-register by calling Lanny Cowan; limited to first 75 kids 15 years old and younger.	Lanny Cowan 252-332-2711
Jackson	Cullowhee Creek	Kids' Fishing Day	6/02	9 to 4	To register, call Jackson Co., Parks & Rec; limited to first 40 kids ages 7 to 12	Richard Conley poopaw3@yahoo.com Jackson Co. Parks & Rec 828-293-3053
Macon	Cliffside Lake	Kids' Fishing Day	6/02	9 to 1	Register on site day of event; for kids ages 15 and younger	Richard McClure rmclure02@fs.fed.us 828-524-6441, ext. 421
Madison	Max Patch Pond	Kids' Fishing Day	6/09	9 to noon	Register on site day of the event	Brandon Jones brandonjones@fs.fed.us 828-682-6146
McDowell	Mill Creek at Old Fort Elementary School	Boy's Fitness Club Fish for Fun event	6/04	10 to 1	Event is held for Old Fort Elementary School Boy's Fitness Club.	Glenda Glenn 828-442-6775
McDowell	West McDowell Jr. High School Pond	West McDowell Jr. High School Fish for Fun event	6/05	9 to 2	Event is for West McDowell Jr. High School students to promote outdoor activities.	Melanie Shaver melanie.shaver@mcdowell.k12.nc.us 828-652-3390
Mitchell	Bakersville Creek Walk Bakersville	Troutacular Fishing Event	6/02	7:30 to 3	Register on site day of event; for kids 15 and younger. Free food for kids at noon.	Patti Jensen pjensen@mitchell-county.com 828-765-9033

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Mitchell	Riverside Park Spruce Pine	Troutacular Fishing Event	6/02	7:30 to 1	Register on site day of event; for kids 15 and younger. Free food for kids at noon.	Patti Jensen pjensen@mitchell-county.com 828-765-9033
Montgomery	Kings Mtn. Point Recreation Area at Badin Lake	Kids' Fishing Day	6/09	9 to noon	Register on site day of the event.	Deborah Walker deborahwalker@fs.fed.us 910-576-6391, ext. 100
Nash	Tar River Reservoir	2012 Down East Youth and Adult Fishing Tournament	6/09	6 to 2 (weigh-in at 2 p.m.)	Tournament for inner city kids with experienced anglers	Rodney Birth Geno McCree de-fishingtournaments.org/ for more information 252-431-9117
Onslow	Orde Pond	National Youth Fishing Day	6/02	8 to noon	Register at 7:30 day of event. Bring all fishing gear needed. Pond will be stocked. Open to all authorized patrons 15 and under. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.	mccslejeune.com/outdoor 910-451-1440
Onslow	Jacksonville Training Academy	Jacksonville Training Academy Kids' Fishing Event	6/09	9 a.m.	Open to anglers 4 to 16 years old; participants under 12 should be accompanied by an adult; lunch provided.	Carol C. Trott 910-347-5332 carol_trott@onslowcountync.gov
Orange	Strayhorn Pond off I-40 near Hillsborough	Youth Fishing Rodeo	6/02	9 to 12:30	Register on site day of the event; no age limit. Rain Date: 6/03 from 2 to 4 p.m.	Julie Collins jcollins@ci.carrboro.nc.us 919-918-7392
Pasquotank	Mid-Atlantic Christian University Pond (formerly Roanoke Bible College)	Mid-Atlantic Christian University Fish For Fun Event	6/02	10 to noon	Pre-register by calling Jeremy McCargo or register on site day of event; limited to first 50 kids 15 and younger.	Jeremy McCargo jeremy.mccargo@ncwildlife.org 252-330-4063
Richmond	McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery	McKinney Lake Kids' Fish For Fun Day	6/09	8 to noon	Register on site day of event.	Rick Bradford rick.bradford@ncwildlife.org 910-895-5330
Rockingham	Lake Reidsville	Kids' Fishing Rodeo	6/02	8:30 to 11:30	Register on site day of event; for kids 12 and under. Lunch provided after event.	Nick Aceves naceves@ci.reidsville.nc.us 336-349-4738
Rockingham	Farris Memorial Park in Mayodan	Kids Fishing Derby	6/09	8 to 11	Registration on site day of event. Open to several age classes up to 18 years old.	Asa Neal an@mmrecdepartment.org 336-548-2789

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Stanly	City Lake Park	Albemarle Parks and Rec Fish for Fun Day	6/02	10 to 2	Register by calling 704-984-9567	Brian Hinson bhinson@ci.albemarle.nc.us 704-984-9567
Surry	Big Elkin Creek	Tri-County Ridge Runners Jakes Day	6/02	9 to 11	Rain or shine.	Lee Freeman tcridgerunner@yahoo.com 336-244-4430
Surry	Pilot Mtn. State Park (Yadkin River section)	Kids' Fishing Derby	6/09	10 to 2	Pre-registration is preferred by calling the park; for participants 16 and younger. Rain or shine	Nick Bowman nick.bowman@ncdenr.gov 336-325-2355
Surry	Shelton Vineyards	Wheelin' Sportsmen Special Populations Fishing Day	6/09	9 to 3	Register morning of event. For special populations of any age. Rain or shine.	Scott Martin smartin@nwtf.net 336-244-0409
Transylvania	Lake Imaging	Fly Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners	6/02	10 to 3	Learn various casting techniques; equipment and materials are provide; participants should bring lunch; \$20 registration fee is fully refundable upon completion of course; open to participants 12 and over. Pre-registration required.	Lee Sherrill lee.sherrill@ncwildlife.org 828-877-4423
Transylvania	Lake Julia at DuPont State Forest (meet in High Falls parking lot)	Intro to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing	6/06	10 to 3	Learn basics of fly-fishing including equipment, knots and casting; limited to 6 participants 12 and older. Pre-registration required; \$20 fee is fully refundable upon completion of class.	Lee Sherrill lee.sherrill@ncwildlife.org 828-877-4423
Transylvania	Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education	Catch and Cook	6/07	9 to 2	Participants 12 and up will fish in the morning and prepare their catch using local recipes. Pre-registration required.	Lee Sherrill lee.sherrill@ncwildlife.org 828-877-4423
Wake	Simpkins Pond at Lake Wheeler	Lake Wheeler Fishing Derby	6/02	9 to 1	Register on site day of event.	Ben Coats ben.coats@ci.raleigh.nc.us
Yancey	Carolina Hemlocks Campground on South Toe River	Carolina Hemlocks Fish For Fun Event	6/02	9 to 1	Register on site day of event. Rain or shine.	Jerry Murphy jmurphy@fs.fed.us 828-682-6146