

Family Fishing Day at Hidden Valley

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 - 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM



Units or Families can register for Family Fishing Day at:

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=12643775>

- Youth Participants – \$15.00 ... (\$7.50 with a unit weekend reservation)
 - Includes event patch, Individual passport, and the use of loaner rods with tackle.
- Adults – \$5.00 ... (2.50 with a unit weekend reservation)
 - Includes event patch and use of a bait and tackle kits.
- Fishing Instructors and counselors – **Free**
 - Leaders and Scouts with basic fishing and conservation training may register as instructors. To become an instructor, go to: <https://newbirthoffreedom.org/training/outdoor-academy/> register for the Certified Angling Instructor course or the Angling Educator course.

Troops and Packs can make it a Weekend Adventure, and save half the cost of registration, by reserving a cabin or campsite for the weekend... September 13th – 15th

To book your cabin or campsite reservation go to: <https://nbf.tentaroo.com/>

Cub Scout Programs (youth in grades K – 5):

Offers basic fishing skills instruction with special emphasis on safety.

Instructional stations focus on:

- “how-to” use fishing equipment
- “how-to” rig tackle, baits and lures

With an introduction to:

- conservation and stewardship
- and a basic understanding of fishing regulations and why they are important.

The stations provide activities needed for Cubs to complete the Fishing Adventures.

Scouts BSA Programs (youth from 10½ – 18 years of age):

Offers requirements for:

- Fishing Merit Badge
- Fly Fishing Merit Badge
- Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge

Scouts who need basic skills should participate in the instructional stations in the morning.

Counselors will be available throughout the afternoon, to assist with requirements, and to document “blue cards.”

Scouts can also earn credit toward their “Complete Angler Award” by helping to teach basic fishing skills to Cub Scouts or younger Scouts... This service can count as a “conservation” service project.

Leadership

All Scouts must attend the event with a parent or guardian, or with two registered leaders. BSA’s “Buddy System” will be enforced; scouts must be with a parent or guardian or with their buddy for safety.

They need to know where their buddies are, and how they are...safe!

Cub Scouts must have adult supervision while handling fishing equipment and tackle.

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Programs based on the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's "Family Fishing Program" and the International Game Fish Association's "Passport to Fishing Curriculum."

8 – 11 AM Check in will be open. Commissioners Corner (by the big red keystone)

1. Pick up program information.
2. Set up a Family, Pack, or Troop picnic site on the shore of Shermans Creek.
 - *Picnic tables and canopies will be available; post your sign or plant your flag and claim a site.*
3. Scouts working on Fishing, Fly Fishing, and/or Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges meet with Merit Badge Counselor(s) at the Commissioners Corner.
 - *Bring Blue Cards*

9 AM – 12 Noon Passport to Fishing Stations will be open. (At the Nature Lodge)

1. Basic Tackle Station
 - *How rods and reels work, and Terminal Tackle Choices (hooks, bobbers, sinkers, baits and lures)*
2. Knot Tying Station
 - *How & why, we use Fishing Knots*
3. Conservation Station
 - *How to measure your fish, and Size and Creel Limits (PA Fishing Summary Books)*
4. Stewardship Station
 - *Safe Handling of fish, and 10 Tips to protect the environment.*
5. Casting & Safety Station
 - *Hands-on Instruction & Practice*
6. Rods and Baits Station
 - *Show your Completed Passport to check out bait and tackle.*
7. Fishing
 - *Take pictures and record results.*

12 Noon – 8 PM

1. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch for your Family, Pack, or Troop.
2. Continue Fishing as long as the Scouts are having fun, and the fish are cooperating.
3. Merit Badge counselors will be available at Commissioners Corner and the Nature Lodge to provide advice and assistance as needed. Guided fishing experiences will be offered if time permits.
4. Please remember to pick up blue cards before departing.
5. Please turn in all the borrowed camp equipment before departing.