

Family Fishing Day at Hidden Valley

268 Hidden Valley Road, Loysville 17047

Saturday, April 18th 2026 - 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM



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

Offer basic fishing skills instruction with special emphasis on safety.

Instructional stations include:

- Basic Tackle and Knot Tying,
 - with a focus on how to rig a fishing outfit and select baits and lures.
- Conservation,
 - with a focus on fishing regulations and why they are important, including information on fish identification, and how to measure a fish.
- Stewardship,
 - with a focus on how to release a fish safely, and “Outdoor Ethics.”
- Casting & Safety,
 - with a focus on how to get your bait or lure to where the fish are, and how to carry your rod safely (without hooking yourself or others.)

The stations provide opportunities for Cubs to complete their “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.”

Units or Families can register for Family Fishing Day at:

[Upcoming Fishing and Angling Events - New Birth of Freedom Council](#)

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: [Upcoming Fishing and Angling Events - New Birth of Freedom Council](#) 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... April 17th – 19th

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

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. Commissioner Corner (by the big red keystone)

(Check in is available at your convenience; consider weather and your normal Saturday schedule.)

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 Nature Lodge.
 - *Bring Blue Cards*

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

1. Basic Tackle & Knot Tying Station
 - *How rods and reels work, and Terminal Tackle Choices (hooks, bobbers, sinkers, baits and lures)*
 - *How & why, we use Fishing Knots*
2. Conservation Station
 - *How to measure your fish, and Size and Creel Limits (PA Fishing Summary Books)*
3. Stewardship Station
 - *Safe Handling of fish, and 10 Tips to protect the environment.*
4. Casting & Safety Station
 - *Hands-on Instruction & Practice*
5. Rods and Baits Station
 - *Turn in Completed Passport to check-out bait and tackle.*
6. 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. Scouts working on merit badges, please remember to pick up blue cards before departing.
4. Merit Badge Counselor(s) will be available for advice, and to sign off requirements.
5. Please turn in all borrowed equipment before departing.