

Hidden Valley Family Fishing Day

April 13th, 2024 - 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM



Make it a Family Fun Day,

Cub Scout programs feature 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.

Scouts BSA who need basic skills can participate in the basic fishing skills instruction while working on requirements for their Fishing, Fly Fishing and Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges. Counselors will be available throughout the afternoon, to provide instruction and guidance on the requirements, and to sign off “blue cards.”

Troops and Packs can make it a Weekend Adventure

by reserving a cabin or campsite for the weekend... April 12th – 14th

- Units with a cabin or campsite reservation get half off on Family Fishing Day Registration.

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

Registration

To register for Family Fishing Day go to: <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9308157>

- Youth Participants – \$15.00 ... (\$7.50 with a unit weekend reservation)
 - Includes event patch, passport certificate, 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/2024/02/06/upcoming-fishing-and-angling-trainings/>

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 always have adult supervision. It’s nice to know that adults won’t need a fishing license for this event. Loaner bait and tackle kits are available for adult leaders and instructors.

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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."

8AM – 12 Noon Check in. (Commissioners' Corner)

1. Pick up program information.
2. Set up a Family, Pack, or Troop picnic site down by the creek.
 - *Picnic tables and fire pits are 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)
 - *Bring Blue Cards*

9 AM – 12 Noon Passport to Fishing Stations. (Nature Lodge & Pavilions)

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
 - *Turn in 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. Be sure to pick up "Passport Certificates" and turn in all borrowed equipment before departing.
4. Scouts working on merit badges, please remember to pick up blue cards before departing.
5. Merit Badge Counselor(s) will be available for advice, and to sign off requirements.

***Pick up your "Passport Certificates" and event patches,
and turn in loaner equipment at "Commissioners Corner" before departing.***