

Rules and Information for Kids' Fishing Day

Important Changes from last year: Only trophies will be awarded to the boys and girls who catch the biggest fish and stringer of the day. Two free taxidermy mounts will be given away by a drawing to children catching fish weighing over three pounds. Cassville Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Jennifer Logan will take pictures of kids' and their catch, and to fill out first fish award applications, a 4"x 6" photo will be available free of charge on Sunday at the Cassville store.

1. Kids' Fishing Day is intended to help children learn more about fishing and for them to have a good time. We would also like for the children to be successful. Parents, volunteers, and others may help the child fish, however, **only one fishing pole may be used between the child and helper.** For smaller or very inexperienced children the helper may even hook the fish, but **the child has to be involved in reeling the fish in.**

2. Volunteers must register at the information table and sign a pledge form that states they will not use alcohol, tobacco, or bad language while working with the children. At that time they will be given a free "hooked on fishing at Roaring River - volunteer" cap. "Hooked on fishing at Roaring River – instructor" caps are also available for folks who are teaching a class.

3. Children must obtain and wear a free Kids' Fishing Day tag while fishing. Volunteers and helpers are not required to purchase a daily tag to help in the Kids' Fishing Area.

4. **Adults who are fishing by themselves in the reserved area may receive a citation and/or be instructed to leave.** Don't get carried away and forget that you are suppose to be helping a child learn to fish. **Kids's Fishing Day last the whole fishing day from 6:30 a.m. until 8:15 p.m. in May and 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in August. The special reserved area will be open only to children during these times.**

5. Adults are not allowed to possess fish in the area reserved for Kids' Fishing.

6. The taking and possessing of trout is allowed in accordance with normal regulations for Roaring River and in accordance with the Wildlife Code. The following is a summary of these regulations. Questions on regulations should be directed to a Conservation Agent or other MDC staff member.

- a) The daily limit on trout is 4.
- b) After a child places 4 fish on their stringer he/she must stop fishing.
- c) No child may place fish they have caught on a stringer that belongs to another person.

Fish taken by one child must be kept separate from the fish taken by another child (separate stringer/basket for each child).

d) Regulations for Zone 1 apply- only artificial lures, soft plastic eggs, worms, and grubs, or flies may be used.

e) No wading.

f) **No snagging**

g) No culling. After a fish is placed on the stringer or in a creel basket it may not

be thrown back and replaced with a bigger or different fish.

7. Hotdogs, chips, and coke fountain drinks, sponsored by Jim Rogers will be available in the small yellow tent beginning at 11:00 a.m. These are meant primarily for the children and their family.

8. If a child catches his/her first fish ever we would encourage you to get a "first fish application form". Volunteers will be on hand at the photography booth to help fill these out. A photo will also be taken of the catch to be mailed in for a certificate suitable for framing which would be a nice keepsake to remember a first fish. If a child catches a trout over 7 lbs. applications for a Master Angler Certificate will be available. This is also a certificate suitable for framing from the Department of Conservation.

9. Children can weigh and record their catch at the weigh in table located on the stream. Trophies will be awarded for the largest fish and the heaviest stringer caught by a boy and by a girl. This contest will end at 5:00 p.m. and trophies will be awarded soon after.

10. Children who catch a fish over three pounds will be entered into a drawing for one of two taxidermy mounts. These are donated by Mark Jones of "A Vision Taxidermy" in Garfield Ar., and Russ Pendergraft of "Visions of Wildlife Taxidermy" in Cassville, Mo. Cassville Wal-Mart staff will also be on hand to take pictures of children's fish. A 4"x 6" photo will be available free of charge at Cassville Wal-Mart on the Sunday after Kids' Day.

11. Thirty 30 to 40 minute classes will be held through out the day at various locations in the area. Please see posted class schedules for locations or ask at the information table for directions.

12. Class instructors will mark the child's kid's daily tag for attending a class. If a child has attended **two classes** they will get to choose from a variety of prizes and they will be placed on a list for a free daily tag on their next fishing trip to Roaring River. If a child attends **three classes** they will be eligible to enter a drawing for larger prizes.

13. Kids attending fly casting classes will be allowed to enter a drawing for a complete fly fishing outfit donated by Charlie Stock from Mid-West Flies in Lebanon. MAKO Fly Fishing Club and Roaring River Concession will also be donating fly rods and reels. Kid's who attend an archery class will be entered into a drawing for a free bow.

14. All drawings will be held at the large tent near the information table at 5:00 p.m. Children must be present to win.

15. In order to get their next tag free- when the child returns to Roaring River inform the clerk at the lodge that he/she was awarded a free tag on kids' day. The clerk will then

scratch the child's name off a list we have provided them, and give the child a special kids' tag for his/her fishing trip that day. Free tags awarded at the spring Kids' Fishing Day must be used before the Fall Kids' Fishing Day. Those awarded at the Fall Kids' Day must be used before the end of the season.