

# Fish Camp I



9 am-12 pm

Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion  
16400 Buckley Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

This summer, we'll start each day with a few group activities, which may include lure making, rigging poles, learning about fish behavior, and casting practice. **All equipment is provided.** Your child will fish for at least 1.5 hours each day with staff and volunteers. All volunteers who work with children are background-checked.

Expect your camper to get dirty and sometimes wet. We'll be in tall grass at times. Long pants and sturdy shoes are advised. Apply sunscreen to your child before camp begins.



## Camp checklist

- 16 oz. water or larger
- Hat
- Sunglasses



## Monday

Campers will be able to:

- name five fish in Independence Grove and the best methods for catching them.
- get acquainted and comfortable with equipment, fishing, and each other.
- define why we catch and release.
- practice casting skills.
- observe how to remove a hook from fish.
- identify criteria for choosing good fishing spots.

## Tuesday

Campers will be able to:

- identify five parts of rod and reel.
- rig a pole and learn about common tackle.
- better understand a wetland food web.
- improve fishing skills, including baiting their own hook with worm or minnow.

## Wednesday

Campers will be able to:

- play a casting game to improve skill.
- tie a Snell knot.
- hone their casting skills.
- spool line onto a closed-face reel.

## Thursday

Campers will be able to:

- rig and use a Texas-rigged rubber worm.
- make drop-shot rigs.
- observe proper way to use bass plugs and lures.

## Friday

Campers will be able to:

- make a catfish rig.
- tie a fisherman's knot.
- take a hook out of at least one fish's mouth.

## Read This, Too!

We start each day near the North Bay Pavilion and then proceed to either side of the walking/biking lane that runs in a circle around the north bay. Please note: activities may change in the event of time constraints and inclement weather. Cancellations or changes to this camp due to weather will be emailed to the address listed on the camp health form. Call camp director Mark Hurley after 7 am daily at 847-276-5375 with questions and concerns.

