**Fish Camp I**

This summer we will start each day with a few group activities which could include lure making, rigging poles, learning about fish behavior and casting practice. Your child will fish for at least 1.5 hours each day with me and my volunteer staff comprised of retired guys that like to fish and work with kids. FYI - All volunteers that work with kids are background checked. Expect your camper to get dirty and sometimes, wet. We will be in tall grass at times too, so I would advise long pants and grubby shoes. Apply sunscreen to your child before camp begins and in most cases bug spray is not needed. PLEASE bring a bottle of water, hat and sunglasses. In the event of a thunderstorm, we will be calling you for pickup so have your cell phone on or nearby during inclement weather. We begin each day under/near the Northbay Pavilion and then proceed to either side of the walking/biking lane that runs in a circle around the north bay of the lake. At Nippersink, we begin under shelter A and fish along the majority of the north portion of the lake. Please note that activities can change in the event of time constraints and inclement weather. Thank you for signing your child up with us, Mark.

# **Monday**

Campers will be able to:

…name 5 fish in Indy Grove/Nippersink and the best methods for catching them

…get acquainted and comfortable with equipment, each other, and fishing.

…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 5 parts of rod/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

….how to tie Snell knot

…hone their casting skills.

…spool line onto closed face reel.

**Thursday**

Campers will be able to:

…understand how to rig and use a Texas-rigged rubber worm.

…understand how to make drop-shot rigs.

…observe the proper way to use bass plugs and lures.

**Friday**

Campers will be able to:

….make a cat fish rig.

…take a hook out of at least one fish’s mouth.

…understand the differences between dry/wet flies.

To find out if your child’s camp has been cancelled due to weather, call the Summer Camp Weather hotline at 847-968-3235(available 24 hours a day).

If you have any questions, call Mark Hurley, Fish Camp Director, at 847-276-5375. During the summer months, you can call me at this number beginning at 7am.