



Fishing 1 Itinerary

Dates: Session 1 - June 9-11, 2026; Session 2 - June 23-25, 2025; Session 3 - July 7-9, 2026.

Times: Please drop your child off no earlier than 7:50am. Camp starts at 8am and pick-up is at 11am.

Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion. Visit <https://www.lcfpd.org/IG/> for more information about this site.

What to Wear: Sturdy closed toed shoes that can get wet/muddy, hat, and sunglasses. Sunscreen and bug spray are optional. (Please apply before entering the Pavilion).

What to Bring: Water Bottle (Please do not bring your child's fishing poles, tackle, etc.).

The list below does not include everything that will be discussed and demonstrated. Each day will include 1.5 hours of fishing.

Tuesday: The week begins with introductions, local fish ecology, fish mount adaptations, gear & tackle introduction, fish location, spin cast rod casting practice, and an overview of spin cast and spinning reels. We will also learn techniques for hook removal.

Wednesday: We start the day with building a slip bobber rig for crappies and bass, learn how to rig a worm pole, spinning rod casting practice, how to bait a hook with a minnow and how to tie a clinch knot.

Thursday: We kick off the day with a demonstration of various bass lures followed by crafting a Texas Rig, Ned Rig, and Wacky Rig, lead jig/trailer (all for take home), and how to tie a Snell Knot and a Palomar Knot for drop shot rigs.

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Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions.

**Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

Program Cancellation: In the event of storms, I will inform you of a cancellation early in the morning by text message or a phone call. On rare occasions, when storms pop up, persist, or lighting is in the area for over 40 minutes, we will have to end the session. **Please** be near your cell phone during inclement weather days for possible child pick up. If you have questions or concerns, you can call me or one of my co-workers as early as 6:30 am.

