



Fishing 1 Itinerary

Dates: July 17–21; July 31–August 4; August 7–11

Times: 9am–12 pm

Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion.

What to wear: Sturdy, closed toed shoes that can get wet & muddy, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, bug spray is optional. Please apply sunscreen and bug spray before entering the Pavilion.

What to bring: Water Bottle. It is preferred that your child not bring their own poles, tackle, etc.

The list below does not include everything that we will discuss and demonstrate. Each day will include 1.5 hours of fishing.

Monday

The week begins with introductions, local fish ecology, must have gear and tackle, fish location and lure presentation, overview of spin cast and spinning reels and how to rig a worm set up.

Tuesday

Participants will learn will how to place line on a spool, rig a slip bobber with minnow for bass and crappies, make a barbless hook, tie a clinch knot and practice casting a spinning rod.

Wednesday

Our day begins with a demonstration of largemouth bass lures, how to craft a Texas & Carolina Rig, techniques for hook removal, introduction to trailer hooks and how to tie a Palomar Knot.

Thursday

We'll focus on how to catch deep-water bass, crappies and walleyes, make a Ned Rig, discuss lead head and floating jigs, how to tie a Snell Knot, make a barbless hook and touch on fly fishing and the gear for that activity.

Friday

The week will conclude focusing on bottom-feeding fish like carp and catfish. Techniques for catching them, holding a catfish properly and design a bottom rig for catfish using a "y" stick. We will end the week discussing ice fishing and its desired equipment followed by a wrap up of the week's events.

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Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions and an immediate response.

Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, camper interests, or inclement weather. Cancellations of this program will be sent to the email(s) listed on the form

