Dates: July 18 - July 22, 2022  
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve, meet at North Bay Pavilion  
What to wear: Sturdy closed toe shoes that can get wet or muddy; Clothing that is appropriate for the weather, movement, and exploration; optional- hat and sunglasses  
What to bring: Water bottle, snack, sunscreen, bug spray. Please leave your own poles and tackle at home.

Itinerary

Monday, July 18
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, July 19
Today we 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, July 20
Our day begins with a demonstration of largemouth bass lures, how to craft a Texas Rig and Carolina Rig, techniques for hook removal, introduction to trailer hooks and how to tie a Palomar Knot.

Thursday, July 21
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, July 22
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 complete and return all forms prior to the start of the program.  
*Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather. Cancellations of this program will be sent to the email(s) listed on the form*