

Fishing Camp



9 am–12 pm | June 10–14; June 24–28; July 8–12; July 29–August 2; August 5–9, 2019
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. We prefer you do not bring your own fishing poles and tackle.** 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 before camp begins. In most cases, bug spray is not needed.



Camp checklist

- 16 oz. water or larger
- Sunglasses
- Hat



Monday

Campers will be able to:

- name five fish in Independence Grove and the best methods for catching them.
- bait their own hook with a worm.
- 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:

- have a better understanding of how fish are predators and prey.
- identify five parts of rod and reel.
- rig a pole and learn about common tackle.
- learn how to tie a clinch knot.
- better understand a wetland food web.
- build on previous day's skillset.

Wednesday

Campers will be able to:

- rig and properly set a slip bobber.
- bait their own hook with a minnow.
- hone their casting skills.
- remove a hook from a fish's mouth.
- spool line onto a closed-face reel.

Thursday

Campers will be able to:

- rig and use a Texas-rigged rubber worm.
- observe proper way to use bass plugs and lures.
- improve casting skill through a casting game.
- learn how to properly rig a rubber minnow/colored jig head.

Friday

Campers will be able to:

- tie a snell knot.
- tie a palomar knot and make a drop shot rig.
- make a catfish rig.

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We start each day at the west end of North Bay Pavilion, then proceed to either side of the walking/biking lane that runs around the North Bay. Please note: activities may change in the event of time constraints and inclement weather. Cancellations or changes of this camp due to weather will be sent to the email(s) listed on the camp health form. Call camp director Mark Hurley after 7 am daily at **847-276-5375** with questions and concerns.

