

Fishing Camp II



9 am-12 pm | June 17-21; July 15-19; July 22-26, 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.** 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 to your child. In most cases, bug spray is not needed.



Camp checklist

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- 16 oz. water or larger



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.
- understand why we catch and release.
- observe how to remove a hook from fish.
- identify criteria for choosing fishing spots.
- improve casting skills.

Tuesday

Campers will be able to:

- rig a closed-face reel and learn about common tackle.
- understand the behaviors and adaptations of the largemouth bass, and the best ways to catch them.
- learn how to tie a clinch knot.
- rig and understand how to use a slip bobber.

Read This, Too!

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.

Wednesday

Campers will be able to:

- rig and understand the Palomar knot and Carolina drop shot rig.
- bait their own hook with a minnow.
- understand how to rig and use a Texas rig.
- learn how to properly rig a rubber minnow/colored jig head.
- build on previous day's skillset.

Thursday (boat fishing day)

Campers will be able to:

- learn how to safely fish from a boat.
- use some of the lures and techniques they designed/learned during the week.

Friday (boat fishing rain date)

Campers will be able to:

- put line on a spool.
- tie a snell knot.
- learn how to fish for catfish with a bottom rig.
- learn the behavior of the northern pike and the best lures for catching them.

