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# PROJECT F.I.S.H. Workshop

Ag. & Natural Resources Week  
Michigan State University Campus  
Room 152 Natural Resources Bldg.



March 9 & 10, 2010  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm both days

Project F.I.S.H. (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) invites teachers, educators and volunteers to a couple of days of:

*“Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education And an Introduction to HOFNOD  
Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs”*

Coordinated through Michigan State University’s Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, Project F.I.S.H. is a partnership with MSU Extension ,MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, programs, schools and community service organizations and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

This workshop offers activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children. The workshop is partially funded through MSU Extension, grants, **and donors to Project F.I.S.H.**

**Cost for the Workshop is only \$55**

*A light meal is included as part of the workshop fee.*

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu), or Early registration will insure your participation, space is limited. \* Registration Form is available at [www.projectfish.org/anrweek.pdf](http://www.projectfish.org/anrweek.pdf)\*

**Registration deadline: March 5, 2010**



## Project F.I.S.H. Workshop Registration Michigan State University, Room 152 NR

March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> , 2010 The workshop will begin at 9:30 am and will conclude at 4:30 pm both days.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be received on or before March 5<sup>th</sup> , 2010**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MALE OR FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (HM) \_\_\_\_\_ (WK)

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Needs

If you require any special arrangements for the workshop please state those needs below:

I would like to purchase an embroidered:

100% Cotton Shirt (size) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12 ea.)

Hat - stone with black trim \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12 ea.)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This total includes the registration fee of \$55 and hat/shirt cost. Additional clothing will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Refund and Cancellation Policy: A \$20 registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances and cancellations after March 8, 2010 will receive no refund.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700 or steph143@msu.edu**

**RETURN THIS FORM BY March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO *Project F.I.S.H.* TO:**

Mark Stephens, Project F.I.S.H  
Room 131 Natural Resources Building \* East Lansing MI 48824  
517-432-2700 \* Fax 517-432-3597

## PROJECT F.I.S.H. OFFERS 2 DAY CAMPUS TRAINING

There is a lot to be learned in a short 2 days of training. Project F.I.S.H. (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) will hold a workshop on the MSU Campus, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to educate interested teachers and volunteers, extension and 4-H agents and associates, about the fine art of fishing and the importance of caring for Michigan's vital aquatic resources. Each day will have the same theme "Let's partner to get kids to care for our aquatic resources by learning to fish."

Project F.I.S.H. is a mentor-based, community-supported program that will involve many partners including 4-H, schools, sportfishing organizations and mentoring groups within the community. Project F.I.S.H. is a Michigan State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development program housed in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies in cooperation with the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and the Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation, and many donors to the Project FISH program.. Our goal in Michigan communities is to educate interested teachers and volunteers with our very exciting and hands-on activities and lessons and leave them with the materials and resources to get kids excited about fishing. Here are the main components of Project F.I.S.H.:

**Michigan Aquatic Ecology:** Learn about the things that make our aquatic ecosystems tick by using some very interesting activities involving our Great Lakes watersheds, invertebrates and neat sampling experiments designed to get you INVOLVED. Additional resources and contacts will be given to teachers for follow-up and continued support.

**People and Fish:** "How many fish are in that pond and what effect do I have on them?" These are the types of questions that will come up in this fish management and ethics session. What is the difference between an ethic and a regulation? You'll learn this as well as come up with your own code of ethics. You may learn more about a person by exploring his/her tackle box. Find out about Great Lakes issues and human involvement, like commercial vs. sportfishing, allocation and game laws. You may even say "hmm" a few times. Grab a fish, put it on your shirt, permanently!

**Tackle Crafting:** This session will get you making the equipment you can use to catch fish. You will use what you learned in aquatic ecology to reproduce an artificial tool for your attempt at catching fish. Fly tying, jig making, snelling hooks and creating worm/crawler harness are only a few ingredients of this part of Project F.I.S.H. Each participant will be given the materials for making harnesses and the knowledge to make these and other look-alikes. In addition, resources for expertise and partners will be given to all participants. This class is a lot of fun.

**Angling Skills:** This class is the bread and butter. How do I use this fishing pole? Pop can casting and basic skills will lead to proficiency with a variety of rod and reel types. Learn how to catch bass in your backyard and receive the game to teach you and your youth. You will also find the sources of materials to get kids actively involved with fishing, and they can do it in their own backyard. Take home a fishing rod for inspiration and a learning/teaching tool.

During your Project F.I.S.H. training, you will be introduced to a variety of individuals and organizations in your area to call on for assistance and expertise. Don't miss this chance to become involved in introducing this education style to your community. Our common theme will be ***IT'S FOR THE KIDS!***

Contact Mark Stephens for directions and any other information at 517-432-2700.

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East Lansing MI 48823



From I-96 get to US-127 toward East Lansing

Exit at Trowbridge Rd.

Continue on Trowbridge Rd. through the light at Harrison (now on Campus)

Make the first Right (before the parking structure)

The Natural Resources Building is on the left at the light (enter the parking lot before the light if the gate is open, park in the parking structure if not)

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