

# Fishing Instructor Workshop

## April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

Presented by MSU Project FISH



Attendees will receive curriculum for activities, equipment, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with youth.

### LOVE FISHING?

**Become a volunteer instructor for kids!**

The project F.I.S.H. training helps adults of all ages learn the essentials of how to teach youth about fishing. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join the two-day, hands-on course, where participants will learn:

- Angling Skills
- People and Fish Management
- Aquatic ecology
- Tackle Crafting

This is a workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. The workshop is partially funded through the BOSCH Community Fund, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H. (lunch will be provided) Class on Friday begins at 5:30 – 8:30 PM and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm

## Cost for the Workshop is only \$75

Registration info at <http://www.projectfish.org/curtis2024.pdf>

You can register online at [https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3804?&itemcode=3804-CURT24](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3804?&itemcode=3804-CURT24)

Registration deadline: April 19th, 2024 (No Refund for Cancellations)

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-614-4474, [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu), or Early registration will ensure your participation, space is limited.

**Project F.I.S.H. Workshop Registration**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Erickson Center for the Arts, Curtis MI**

The workshop will begin at 5:30pm on Friday thru 8:30, and Saturday from 9:00 am conclude at 4:00 pm

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be received on or before April 19th, 2024**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 ea.)

Hat -Project FISH Logo \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 ea.)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This total includes the registration fee of \$75 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 April 19th, 2024 will receive no refund.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700 or [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu)**

**RETURN this form by April 19th, 2024 with a check or money order payable to MSU Project FISH.**

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**MSU OFFERS 2 DAYS OF PROJECT F.I.S.H. TRAINING**  
**FRIDAY 4/26 BEGINS AT 5:30 – 8:30 PM AND SATURDAY 4/27 FROM 9:00AM – 4:00PM**



There is a lot to be learned in a couple of days of training. The MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will hold a Project F.I.S.H. Workshop at Erickson Center for the Arts in Curtis MI on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to educate interested teachers and volunteers, extension and 4-H agents and associates, and even personally, 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 through this Sportfishing Education Workshop."

Project F.I.S.H., leading the instruction, 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 based youth development program housed in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and the BOSCH Community Fund, 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 this fishy experience!

**Great Lakes 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 in the Michigan's Watersheds:** "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 harnesses are only a few ingredients of this part of this workshop. 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 rod? 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 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 517-614-4474

# Project F.I.S.H. Workshop

Erickson Center for the Arts  
Saw-Wa-Quato St, Curtis, MI 49820

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