

The Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program

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This is a free program for youth, ages 5-16, where they can learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Then the kids get to apply those skills and knowledge at a local fishing site in the Lansing area with the assistance of trained volunteers. Three optional follow-up outings at different venues in June offer a chance for the kids to practice what they learned and to fillet and eat some of the fish they catch.

When and Where?

This program is offered annually in May. In 2025, youth may attend **one of three** options:

- **May 3, 2025 Hawk Island Lansing**
- **May 10, 2025 Hawk Island, Lansing**
- **May 17, 2025 Motz Park, St. Johns**

Check-in is at 8:30am and the program runs from 9:00am to Noon. A responsible adult must remain on-site with each youth participant.

What to bring?

Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Hats and sun(glasses) are suggested. Unless you wish to use your own tackle, you do not need to bring fishing rods, reels, tackle, or bait. This will all be provided. Bottled water and snacks will also be available. Bring a small cooler if you wish to keep fish.

Please bring your best smile and fishy thoughts!

Pre-Registration Required

Parents or guardians of youth who wish to participate in one of these events must fill out an online pre-registration form. Pre-registration opens March 1st, 2025 and space is limited. Vacancies are on a first-come, first-serve basis so please register early. To pre-register, please visit <https://bit.ly/25HesseEarl> For more information on pre-registering, call 517-676-7300.

Where can I get more information?

This program is offered by MSU Project FISH. More information about this initiative can be obtained from Mark Stephens, Project FISH Program Coordinator, by contacting him at (517) 614-4474 or steph143@msu.edu

This program is supported by Ingham County 4-H. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/> or email Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu

ProjectFISH Website and Video

www.projectfish.org
<https://youtu.be/EsHRzry6Y3I>

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