



Project F.I.S.H. Instructor and Volunteer Training



Wittenbach Wege Center
Agriscience & Environmental Education
11715 Vergennes SE
Lowell, Michigan

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

December 4th 12th and 14th, 2017
5:30-9:00pm each day

Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife invites teachers, educators and volunteers to 3 evenings of:

“Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education”

This workshop is open to anyone, even those who may want to learn a bit more about fishing to be able to volunteer for local fishing events, or even teach you own family!

Coordinated through Michigan State University’s Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, This workshop is a partnership with MSU Extension, MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, Wittenbach/Wege Agiscience Center, schools, and community service organizations and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

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. 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 in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through the **BOSCH Community Fund**, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H.

Cost for the Workshop is only \$75.00

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, steph143@msu.edu, or Early registration will insure your participation, space is limited. Registration info at <http://www.projectfish.org/lowell2017.pdf>

Registration deadline: December 1st, 2017

Project F.I.S.H. Workshop Registration

Lowell Michigan

The workshop will begin at 5:30 pm each of the days, and will conclude at 9:00 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be received on or before December 1st, 2017

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) _____ (\$15 ea.)
Hat - stone with black trim _____ (\$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 December 1st , 2017 will receive no refund.

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

RETURN this form by December 1st ,2017 with a check or money order payable to MSU Project FISH.

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PROJECT FISH COMES TO LOWELL (WEST CENTRAL), MICHIGAN

There is a lot to be learned in a weekend training session. Project FISH (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) will be in the west central Michigan (Lowell) on December 4th, 12th and 14th, 2017 to educate interested teachers and volunteers on the fine art of fishing and the importance of caring for Michigan's vital aquatic resources. Each training session will have the same theme "Let's get kids to care for our aquatic resources by learning to fish".

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!

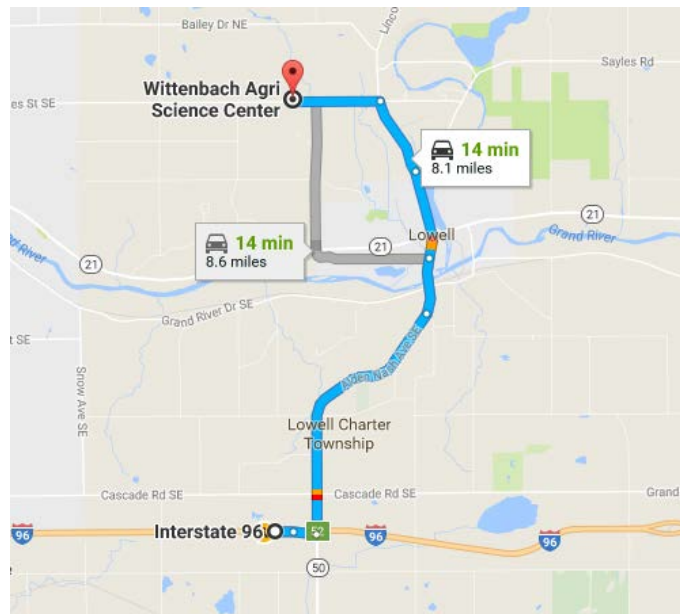
Tackle Crafting: This session will get you making the equipment you can use to catch fish. You will use what you learned in aquatic ecology to reproduce an artificial tool for your attempt at catching fish. Fly tying, jig making, snelling hooks and creating worm/crawler harnesses are only a few ingredients 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!***

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From I-96 (Eastbound)
Take exit 52 toward Lowell
0.3 mi
Turn left onto M-50 W/Alden Nash Ave SE
Continue to follow Alden Nash Ave SE
3.6 mi
Continue onto Segwun Ave SE
0.7 mi
Continue onto S Hudson St SE
1.1 mi
Continue onto Lincoln Lake Ave SE
1.0 mi
Turn left onto Vergennes St SE
Destination will be on the right