



MSU's PROJECT F.I.S.H. & HOFNOD Workshop

Oakwoods Nature Center
Huron Clinton Metroparks
32901 Willow Road, New Boston MI

September 25 & 26, 2007
Each Day 9:00 - 4:30 pm

Project FISH (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) and Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD) invites teachers, educators and volunteers to two days of:

“Sportfishing and aquatic resource education in conjunction with the national program; Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs”

Project FISH is a statewide educational program targeting youth and families sponsored locally by schools, fishing conservation organizations and benefactors interested in fishing and outdoor activities. Coordinated by Michigan State University's Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies (CARRS), 4-H Youth Development and MSU Extension, this Project FISH event is a partnership with Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, a part of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, the Future Fisherman Foundation, the Department of Natural Resources, M.U.C.C. affiliates, local businesses and service organizations. The goal is for young people, families, mentors and educators to develop skills *together* so they can explore Michigan's abundant natural resources through FISHING and aquatic resource activities and pass it on to others.

This workshop offers activities in *Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, the Citizen's Role in Fish Management* as well as training in actual *Angling Skills*. Participants leave with a curricula guides, tackle, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel. Each will have direct access to low cost supplies and resources so they can train others or even start a successful fishing program/club in their community. This workshop is partially funded through **donors to the Project FISH program.**

Cost for the Workshop is only \$55

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, steph143@msu.edu or
Roni Hutchinson, 734-782-3956, roni.hutchinson@metroparks.com

Registration deadline: Sept 17, 2007

Early registration will insure your participation, as space is limited.

*** Registration material can be downloaded at www.projectfish.org/oakwoods.pdf ***





Project FISH Workshop Registration Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center September 25 & 26, 2007

The workshop will begin at 9:00 am and will conclude at 4:30 pm each day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be received on or before Sept. 17, 2007

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 - Embroidered Stone/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 Sept. 20, 2007 will receive no refund.

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

RETURN THIS FORM BY Sept. 17, 2007 WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO *Project F.I.S.H*

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PROJECT F.I.S.H./HOFNOD COMES TO SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

There is a lot to be learned in a short 2 days of training **September 25 and 26, 2007**. MSU's Project F.I.S.H. (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) will be in New Boston, Michigan in partnership with Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, The Future Fisherman Foundation, MSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development, the Department of Natural Resources, M.U.C.C. Affiliates, , local businesses and service organizations, to educate interested teachers and volunteers about the fine art of fishing and the importance getting kids and their parents/mentors involved with our natural resources. Each day will have the same theme "Let's partner to get kids to care for our aquatic resources by learning to fish and staying out of trouble."

Project F.I.S.H. is a mentor-based, community-supported program that will involve many partners including schools, 4-H, sportfishing organizations and mentoring groups within the community. Project F.I.S.H. is a Michigan State University, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies (CARRS) MSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development, education program in cooperation with the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and the Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation. 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. and the Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs Program.

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 rod and reel? 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!***

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Written Directions

From I-275, exit at Exit 13 and head toward New Boston.

Turn Left on to Sibley Rd.

Turn Right on to Vining Rd, continue on Huron River Dr.

Bear Right on to Willow Rd.

Follow to Nature Center

