



## Project F.I.S.H. Instructor Training



**Gobles Middle School Gymnasium  
409 N. State Street, Gobles, MI 49055**

**March 9, 2019  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Lunch Provided**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** | Extension

***Limited Time Only, Cost = \$50\****

Van Buren Voyagers 4-H Club is hosting this workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sport fishing and aquatic resource education. Activities will be offered in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club. Michigan State University Extension invites educators, leaders, and volunteers to an Introduction to HOFNOD – “Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs”.

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or Denise Noble at 269-303-5407, [nobledenise@rocketmail.com](mailto:nobledenise@rocketmail.com)

Early registration will insure your participation, space is limited.

*\*Audit is available, but auditing participants will not receive materials or be allowed to participate in hands-on activities.*

**Registration deadline: February 28, 2019**

The workshop is partially funded through MSU Extension, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H. 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, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Mid-Michigan area schools, and community service organizations to educate young people about natural resources through FISHING.

# VAN BUREN VOYAGERS WELCOMES PROJECT F.I.S.H.



Join the Van Buren Voyagers on Saturday, March 9, 2019, to educate about the fine art of fishing and the importance of caring for Michigan's vital aquatic resources. This is a two day workshop combined into a one-day training – be prepared to learn!

Project F.I.S.H. is a mentor-based, community-supported program that involves many partners including 4-H, schools, sport fishing 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 BOSCH Community Foundation. The goal is to educate interested teachers, leaders, and volunteers with exciting hands-on activities and lessons, leaving them with 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 interesting activities involving our Great Lakes watersheds, invertebrates and sampling experiments designed to get you involved. Additional resources and contacts will be given 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. sport fishing, allocation and game laws. You may even say "hmm" a few times. Bring a blank t-shirt - grab a fish, put it on your shirt, permanently!

**Tackle Crafting:** This session will get you making 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.

**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. 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 program to your community.

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**Project F.I.S.H. Workshop Registration**  
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be received on or before February 28, 2019.**

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

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

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

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase an embroidered:

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

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

Additional clothing will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This total includes the registration fee of \$50 and hat/shirt cost.

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

**Refund and Cancellation Policy: A \$20 registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances and cancellations after February 28, 2019, will receive no refund.**

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

**RETURN THIS FORM BY February 28, 2019, WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MSU.**

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