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Free Fishing Days June 5-8 Features Special Events

Illinoisans can give fishing a try – No license needed during Free Fishing Days

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The 2009 observance of Illinois Free Fishing Days on June 5-8 will feature special events throughout the state promoting fishing and encouraging would-be anglers to give fishing a try. Parks and recreation districts, youth and civic organizations, fishing clubs, and other groups have scheduled fishing derbies, clinics, and other events during Free Fishing Days.

Free Fishing Days allows anyone to fish without the need for a fishing license, inland trout stamp, or salmon stamp during the four-day event each June.

"Fishing is a great opportunity for families to get together and enjoy the outdoors, and it is one of the most relaxing ways to spend time outside in Illinois," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Director Marc Miller. "Free Fishing Days provides everyone a chance to go fishing and experience the fun. We hope that when people give fishing a try, they'll be hooked."

A number of organizations throughout the state plan special events during the annual Free Fishing Days weekend and at other times during the spring and summer. While anyone can fish without a license during the four days of Free Fishing Days, anglers fishing in fishing derbies, fishing tournaments, and other special events held prior to or after Free Fishing Days are required to have a fishing license, unless they are otherwise exempted.

For more information on Free Fishing Days events in Illinois, contact Terry Beard at the IDNR at 217/785-5822.

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A list of 2009 Illinois Free Fishing Days events and contact information is below.
 Special group fishing permits may be issued for events held on dates other than June 5-8.

Illinois Free Fishing Days – 2009 Events

Location	Contact	Date	Est. Attendance
Beall Woods State Park	Jacque Hallam 618-298-2441	June 6, 2009	75
Beardstown Park District	Steve MegGinson 217-323-2555	June 6, 2009	50
Boy Scouts	Len Sklaney 630-627-5967	June 5, 2009	50
C.J. Smith Resort	Melonnie Hartl 847-395-2753	June 5-8, 2009	100
Carbon Cliff Barta Tackle Inc.	Margaret Pankey 309-792-3460	6am - 6pm during FFD	125-150
Carlinville Park District	Bernard Dzafic 217-854-9231	June 6, 2009	300
Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Savannah Hampson 217-896-2455	June 20, 2009 July 25, 2009	200
Champaign Park District	Gene Morgan 217-352-0936	June 6, 2009	75-100
Cicero Youth Association	Alan Gilbert 708-547-0970	June 6, 2009	20
City of Christopher	Del Rea 618-724-9533	June 6, 2009	50
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge	Neil Vincent 618-997-3344	June 13, 2009	350-kids 250-adults
Cub Scout Pack 302	Mike Mudra	July 13, 2009	30
Friends of Argyle Lake State Park	Bridget Napolitano 309-776-3422	June 6, 2009	30-50
Friends of the Upper Mississippi River	Frank Brabender 815-441-5511	Sept 12, 2009	30

Harrisburg Township Park District	Connie Moorman 618-252-2111	June 6, 2009	150
Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce	Cheri Sisson 847-781-9100	June 6, 2009	800
IDNR Conservation World	Terry Beard 217-785-5822	June 6, 2009	100-200
Better Fishing Association, IDNR (Lock 14, La Salle)	815-223-2382	June 6, 2009	300-350
Kingsbury Park District	Jerry Saverwein 618-664-4969	June 6, 2009	150
McHenry Parks and Recreation District	Pete Merkel 815-363-2160	June 6, 2009	200-225
Oakbrook Terrace Park District	Tim Peinbold 630-627-6100	June 6, 2009	300
Oblong Children's Christian Home	Fran Moden 618-592-3633	June 4, 5 & 6, 2009	12
Pere Marquette State Park	Scott Isringhausen 618-786-3324	June 6, 2009	4000
Pollwog's Association, Inc.	Philip Johnson 217-354-4620	June 7, 2009	120
Quincy Park Dist.	Dave Maas 217-223-7703	June 6, 2009	50-100
St Domittila Church	Allen Gilbert 708-547-0970	June 6, 2009	20
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Jody Harris 618-594-2484	TBA	50
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Kim Hammel 618-594- 2484	June 6, 2009	60
Vandalia Sport Fishing and Conservation	John Blythe 618-283-2475	June 6, 2009	120
Villa Park Sportsman's Club	Joseph Kubica Jr. 847-985-4057	June 6, 2009 August 8, 2009	180-200

Village of Riverton	Max Shekelton 217-629-9122	June 5 & 6, 2009	100
Waukegan Park Dist	Travis Bakken 847-782-3623	June 6, 2009	500
William Powers Cons. Area	D. Saki Villalobo 773-646-3270	June 6, 2009	150
Windsor Road Christian Church	Randy Tschetter 217-367-6162	June 6, 2009	20-30