



Fishing 1

Dates: July 7-11, July 14-18, and August 4-8

Times: Please drop your child off no earlier than 8:20 am. Fishing 1 starts at 8:30 am and pick-up is at 11:30 am.

Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion. Visit <https://www.lcfpd.org/IG/> for more information about this site.

What to Wear: Sturdy closed toed shoes that can get wet/muddy, hat, and sunglasses. Sunscreen and bug spray are optional. Please apply before entering the Pavilion.

What to Bring: Water Bottle. It's preferred that your child **not** bring their own poles, tackle, etc.

The daily list below does not include everything that will be discussed and demonstrated. Each day will include 1.5 hours of fishing.

Monday: The week begins with introductions, local fish ecology, gear & tackle introduction, fish location, casting practice, and an overview of spin cast and spinning reels.

Tuesday: Today we will learn to rig a worm pole set-up, make a barbless hook, tie a clinch knot, and learn techniques for hook removal.

Wednesday: We start the day with casting a spinning rod, a demonstration of how to place line on a spool, another demonstration of largemouth bass lures, how to bait a hook with a minnow, and building a slip bobber rig for crappies and bass.

Thursday: We kick off the day with crafting a Texas Rig, Ned Rig and Wacky Rig, introduction to trailer hooks and discuss lead head, floating jigs, and how to tie a Snell Knot.

Friday: Our day begins with a casting game, how to tie a Palomar Knot, make a drop shot rig, followed by a wrap up of the week's events.

Program Cancellation: In the event of storms, I will inform you of a cancellation early in the morning by a text message or a phone call. On rare occasions, when storms pop up, persist, or lighting is in the area for over 40 minutes, we will have to end the session. **Please** be near your cell phone during inclement weather days for possible child pick up. If you have questions or concerns, you can call me as early as 6:30 am.

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Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions.

**Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

**Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather. In the event of prolonged inclement weather (excessive heat or thunderstorms and lightning) the day's session will be canceled.*

