



2010 ANNUAL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

TO ALL KIDS UNLIMITED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
Our biggest event of the year is coming soon.... the **first 40 “kid” members to contact DEBBIE WILBURN at 1-800-219-0522 to make your reservation** will get to participate... (all others will be placed on a waiting list).

WHEN: SATURDAY - OCTOBER 23, 2010

WHERE: FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE – Oak Thicket Park
located between Fayetteville and LaGrange – see attached directions

Please leave a recorded message indicating your child’s name, the no. of family members who will attend (and the siblings names who are interested in fishing if there is room), and your phone number(s) so that Debbie can call you back to confirm your participation - and please let her know if you will be making a hotel reservation (see hotel info. below).

Note: Please understand that it is very important that if you make a reservation to be a participant, but find out later you won’t be able to attend, you must call Debbie to cancel your reservation as soon as possible. We certainly understand that circumstances may arise to prevent you from attending, but please be considerate and cancel your reservation in advance - as there will be an adult fisherman that has made arrangements to fish with you.

DETAILS:

Kids and their fishing partners will fish out on the lake in boats from Sunrise to Noon.
If you know an “adult” fisherman with a boat that would like to participate in the Tournament by fishing with a child, please ask this volunteer to call Carolyn Howren at 713/782-1311 x11.
BBQ Dinner & Awards Ceremony immediately following tournament.
There will be extra boats going out on the lake for parents to see their Kids fish.
Other activities offered onshore during the Tournament for siblings remaining onshore.
If you are arriving Fri., Oct. 22nd, you are invited to come out to the tournament grounds for supper; but please RSVP to Debbie Wilburn for Friday night’s supper also.

OVERNITE INFORMATION.....

If you would like to stay in a motel on Friday night at the **River Valley Inn in LaGrange, one hotel room per family (standard room – 2 beds) will be paid for by the Foundation** for the kid participants that have made a prior tournament reservation with Debbie Wilburn. Each family must make their own motel reservation by calling the **River Valley Inn at 979/968-8314** (be sure to tell them you are with the Kids Unlimited group) – but please make sure you have talked with Debbie confirming your child’s participation in the tournament in order to be on the list for a complimentary room when you arrive. Or... If you are more adventurous and would like to **campout “free of charge”** at the lake on Friday night or stay in a screen shelter, please make your **campsite reservation NOW** by calling **Carolyn Howren at 713/782-1311 x11** to reserve your camping spot – only a limited number of campsites and screen shelters are available – so those are first come-first serve!

Note: Entry admission to Oak Thicket Park will be paid by the foundation for the kid participants and their family members who have made reservations (there will be a list at the Guard Station).

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE FUN!!



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ITINERARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

Friday evening (approx. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) – All families and volunteers arriving Friday are welcome to come to the tournament grounds for supper (no activities – just mingling and relaxing).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

6:15 a.m. **Brief Meeting for Adult Fishermen Only (not kids)** at the Lake under the Pavilion.

6:00 – 6:30 a.m. **Registration for All Participants** at the Lake under the Pavilion.

- ◆ Donuts, Coffee & Juice will be provided.
- ◆ Participants need to check-in under the pavilion.
- ◆ Teams will be paired up, receive a tally sheet, walkie talkie, etc.
- ◆ Once paired, teams may go get in their boats and may proceed only up to the “no wake” markers, and wait....
- ◆ Tournament will not officially begin until all participants have been paired and given efficient time to get their boats in the water. **Please make sure to turn your walkie talkies on and listen for the official “tournament will now begin” announcement!**

Sunrise to Noon **Fishing Tournament in progress!**

- ◆ Family members and other guests are invited to remain on the park grounds to visit, relax, fish from the pier, play games (volleyball, horseshoes, large playground, etc.). There will also be several ongoing craft projects available near the pavilion for the children’s entertainment, as well as the adults.
- ◆ Volunteers will be needed to help set-up the tables, chairs, and decorations for the awards ceremony and/or to help with dinner preparations.

NOON **Fishing ends** and all boats are to come back to the dock.

- ◆ Each team should immediately turn-in their tally sheet and walkie talkie to the designated persons at the pavilion.
- ◆ Due to limited boat slips, most of the boats will need to be pulled from the water back onto their trailers.

Barbecue Dinner

- ◆ A delicious barbecue dinner will be offered beginning at Noon under the pavilion.

@ 1:00 p.m. **Awards Ceremony**

- ◆ After most everyone has gone thru the dinner line, and the tournament sheets have been tallied and finalized, the Awards Ceremony will begin.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Admission/Parking Fee at Oak Thicket Park - \$4.00 per person (12 & under Free)

Kid Participants and their immediate families – no fee required (waived by the Park).

Fishermen and Other Volunteers - will need to pay the normal fee, but only once (if you arrive on Friday, the fee will also cover Saturday). Be sure to tell them you are with the Kids Unlimited tournament so they will place a special code on your parking pass.

Fayette County Lake Bass Fishing Rule: Catch & Release 14” to 24”

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND FUN-FILLED DAY!



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DIRECTIONS

From HOUSTON to FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE:

- Take Interstate 10 West past Columbus (approx. 90 mi.)
- Exit 695 (Texas 71 West to LaGrange & Austin)
- Travel approx. 15 miles to Farm Road 955 and turn Right.
- Travel approx. 4 ½ miles on Farm Road 955 and it will dead end into Texas 159 – turn Left.
- Travel approx. 3 miles and look for the “Kids Unlimited” sign – turn Left.
This will lead you straight to park grounds (every car must stop at Guard Station).

Note: Oak Thicket Park entry sign is not easily visible off Hwy. 159 at nighttime.

From HOUSTON to HOTEL (River Valley Inn, LaGrange, Texas):

- Take Interstate 10 West past Columbus (approx. 90 mi.)
- Exit 695 (Texas 71 West to LaGrange & Austin)
- Pass Ellinger and travel to LaGrange, taking the By-Pass –Business 71
- Exit 609 (Business 71) and take left under freeway – u-turn left around the McDonalds Restaurant onto Texas Hwy. 71.
- Travel approx. 1½ miles and the River Valley Inn will be on the right.

From LAKE to HOTEL (River Valley Inn in LaGrange):

- Going out of park to the entrance, turn Left (going North) on Texas Hwy. 159.
- Travel approx. 4 miles to Hwy 159/Hwy 237 split.
- Turn Left (going west) continuing on Hwy. 159 (do not take Hwy. 237 to the right).
- Travel approx. 7 miles to Texas Hwy. 71. (Do not take bypass 71)
- Turn Right (going North) on Hwy. 71.
- On Hwy 71, thru town and across the bridge, the River Valley Inn will be on the Left.

From HOTEL to FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE (Oak Thicket Park):

- Turn right (going south) out of hotel parking lot onto Texas Hwy. 71.
- Go over bridge and thru town.
- Turn Left (going east) on Texas Hwy. 159.
- Travel approx. 7 miles to Hwy. 159/Hwy. 237 split.
- Turn Right (going south) continuing on Hwy. 159 (do not go straight to Hwy. 237).
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In case you get lost along the way or if an emergency:

Oak Thicket Park ‘Guard Station’ Phone Number - 979/249-3504