



2010 BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

ATTENTION ALL “FISHERMEN” VOLUNTEERS OF THE KIDS UNLIMITED FOUNDATION...

Our “Biggest” Tournament of the year is approaching!
Make your reservations NOW and plan to join the kids,
their families and other volunteers and supporters
for some good fishing, good food and good fun!

Make your reservation by calling Carolyn Howren at
713-782-1311 x11 or email: chowren@sbcglobal.net

AND mail, fax or scan/email the attached “Fisherman Sign-up” sheet.

WHEN: SATURDAY - OCTOBER 23, 2010

WHERE: FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE – OAK THICKET PARK
(located between Fayetteville and LaGrange – see attached directions)

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- ❖ Kids and their fishing partners will fish out on the lake in boats from Sunrise to Noon.
- ❖ If you have access to a boat and would like to participate in the tournament by fishing with a child, or if you have a boat to volunteer as a “guest or camera boat”, please return the attached form ASAP.
- ❖ Awards Ceremony & BBQ Dinner immediately following tournament.
- ❖ If you are arriving Friday, Oct. 22nd, you are invited to come out to the tournament grounds for supper.

NOTE: PLEASE, NO PETS around the children at Friday night’s supper or Saturday’s events (the kids on treatment need to keep their distance from animals) – THANK YOU!!

OVERNITE INFORMATION:

If you would like to stay in a **motel overnight** on Friday night, the **River Valley Inn in LaGrange** offers us a discounted rate of **@\$48/night** (standard two beds) – you can make reservations by calling **979/968-8314** – be sure to tell them you are with the Kids Unlimited group to receive the discounted rate. Or you might prefer a newer hotel (no discounted rates offered) – the **Best Western (979-968-6800)**.

OR

If you would like to **campout** on Fri. and/or Sat. night(s); or **stay in one of the park’s screen shelters** on Fri. and Sat. nights (two-night minimum stay required by park)..... please make your reservation NOW by contacting **Carolyn Howren** at **713/782-1311 x11** or by email: **chowren@sbcglobal.net** to reserve your overnite spot or to receive more information. Remember...only 10 campsites are available and 4 screened shelters – they will go fast!

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE FUN!



**2010 ANNUAL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 23, 2010
FISHERMAN SIGN-UP SHEET**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A FISHERMAN, OR A GUEST/CAMERA BOAT, OR WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OTHER VOLUNTEER SERVICES, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND **RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP)

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION: _____

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT AND TX NUMBERS: _____

APPROX. NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED WITH US: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEM BELOW:

- FISHING BOAT (Team Participant) _____
- NON-FISHING BOAT (Camera Boat, Parent/Guest Boat) _____
- VOLUNTEER (no boat – helper on boat or onshore duties) _____
- UNABLE TO ATTEND _____

(SIGNATURE)

To make your reservation as a Fisherman, please **contact CAROLYN HOWREN by phone @ 713-782-1311 x11 or by email shown below, and if leaving a message, please give your name and phone number(s), indicating that you would like to be a “Volunteer” Fisherman for the Bass Tournament.** Then, please fax, mail or scan/email this form ASAP to:

FAX this form to Carolyn Howren at: **713/785-9415**
or, scan-to-email at: **chowren@sbcglobal.net**

or, you can MAIL this form to: **Carolyn Howren**
Kids Unlimited Foundation
17531 Tall Maple Court
Houston, TX 77095



2010 ANNUAL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT “FISHERMEN INSTRUCTIONS”

Tournament is for KIDS UNLIMITED MEMBERS ONLY and Families.

Tournament will be located at FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE between Fayetteville and LaGrange at OAK THICKET PARK.

Date of Tournament will be OCTOBER 23, 2010 from SUNRISE (approx. 6:30 A.M.) UNTIL NOON with Lunch and Awards Ceremony following.

This is a TEAM tournament with 40 BOATS competing. Each team will consist of (1) VOLUNTEER and (1) KIDS UNLIMITED MEMBER ONLY.

VOLUNTEER WILL PROVIDE ALL TACKLE, boat, and all proper safety equipment for both persons under the laws of the State of Texas.

SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. Boats must be capable of handling any adverse conditions such as bad weather and rough waters and horsepower to respond to this.

All fish caught (BLACK BASS ONLY) will be measured to the quarter inch and recorded. All fish will be recorded and released unless a fish over 24” is to be kept for mounting by the foundation’s taxidermist.

LIVE BAIT will be allowed, but must be FURNISHED BY THE BOAT OWNER.

FOOD and REFRESHMENTS: coffee & donuts available at morning check-in, goodie bag provided to the child for the boat, and BBQ dinner provided immediately following the tournament prior to the Awards Ceremony.

All of the Kids fishing will receive awards at the ceremony and “special prizes” will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place volunteers, and to the team with the “Biggest Bass”.

Anyone unable to fish but has a boat to volunteer, may sign-up to use their boat to take parents out on the lake to photograph and observe the competition of their children.

Let us show these special kids the excitement of bass fishing in a competitive atmosphere and help ease their pain just for a day! KIDS UNLIMITED was founded to focus on outdoor activities for children with cancer. With 16+ years of experience, this foundation is continuing to provide activities for these special kids. YOU, THE VOLUNTEERS, ARE THE ONES THAT HELP MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE!

NOTE: THE FIRST 40 VOLUNTEERS TO CALL and SEND-IN THEIR SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TOURNAMENT (as new Volunteers are constantly joining our foundation, being a Participant in past tournaments does not guarantee your spot – so please contact Carolyn ASAP). We will get back with you to confirm your participation. AFTER THE INITIAL 40, ALL OTHERS WILL BE PLACED ON A “WAITING LIST” IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARE RECEIVED.

Thank You!
Mike Lott - Tournament Director
Carolyn Howren – Tournament Coordinator



2010 ANNUAL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT FAYETTE COUNTY LAKE (OAK THICKET PARK)

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).
- Travel approx. 4 miles and look for “Kids Unlimited” sign – turn Right.
This will lead you straight to park grounds (every car must stop at the Guard Station).

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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