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Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Youth Fishing Rodeo Program

Fishing rodeos have been held in Maryland for many years with the Maryland of Natural Resources' Fishing and Boating Services providing many forms of assistance for the rodeo events. Some events have been held for 20, 40 or even 60 plus years!. The program has changed over time and this year there are significant changes. Please review the [Youth Fishing Rodeo Policy](#); before completing this application.

The Youth Rodeo Program is funded via the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, which provides grant funds to states via taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties and interest. Rodeo events are sponsored by a wide variety of community and non-profit organizations, which submit annual requests for support.

Each spring, a list of upcoming youth rodeo events is posted on the department's [website](#) so parents and young anglers can find out about events in their area. Events are held throughout the state between March and November and are open to participants from 3 to 15 years of age.

Participation in events supported by Maryland's Youth Fishing Rodeo Program averages more than 7,000 children each year; with event organizers typically providing fishing gear and/or bait, fishing tips and assistance, food, and prizes to ensure that all the children have a fun and exciting time.

Because youth rodeos are very popular and the [Youth Fishing Rodeo Program](#) can only supply a limited number of fish, we are not able to provide fish for all the events for which we receive requests. However, even if the Youth Fishing Rodeo Program cannot provide fish, we can offer support and assistance in a variety of other ways, from locating alternative sources of fish or including your event on our web page, to technical advice and information.

If your organization is interested in hosting a youth rodeo event and would like to request support or assistance through the department's Youth Fishing Rodeo Program, please complete the enclosed Youth Fishing Rodeo Program Application or you can find the application [here](#). Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed to Michael Anderson at the address below.

Requests will be prioritized based on the information supplied on this form and the date they are received. If a coordinator does not submit a post –event report from a prior event, the organization will not be granted a rodeo permit or receive fish the next year. If you have any questions, please call Michael Anderson at 301-393-5940 ext 108 or by email at michael.anderson@maryland.gov.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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The Youth Fishing Rodeo Program Priorities are:

- 1. Provide fishing opportunities and experiences in a safe controlled, environment.*
- 2. Teach basic angling skills.*
- 3. Promote a stewardship ethic in children.*
- 4. Provide a positive fishing experience to foster future interest in fishing.*
- 5. Encourage fishing as an outdoor family activity.*

Please clearly print or type form.

Today's Date _____ Contact name _____

Organization's Name _____

Contact Address _____

Contact Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Rodeo _____ Time rodeo start & ends _____

Pond Name _____ County (Pond location) _____

Pond Size (acres) _____

Directions to pond: _____

Describe which DNR Youth Fishing Rodeo Program priorities (above) your event supports: _____

Is the rodeo event open to all children age 3-15? _____

If the event restricts participation to a specific community or group of anglers, please provide description:

Does the event have a special purpose, for example emphasize a particular type of fishing? If so, please provide a description: _____

What is the maximum number of attendees (children)? _____

How many do you expect to attend? _____

Is the pond open for public fishing for at least 14 days after the event? Yes or No If yes, what are the hours of access (min. 8 hrs/day. same hours each day) _____

How old are participants (must be under 16 years)? _____

List what will be provided for participants _____

Is there a participant fee? Yes or No If yes, how will fees be used? _____

Are you requesting fish for your event? _____

Do you register event participants in writing (please list information collected)? _____

Any time, parking (or other) restrictions? _____

Any additional comments about your rodeo event? _____

If you have any questions call me at 301-393-5940 ext 108 or email at michaelr.anderson@maryland.gov