

Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Management Program



Results of the 13th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Remington Pond

Fort Drum's 13th Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program was held at Remington Park on Saturday, May 16. Despite the forecast and occasional showers, 59 youth participated in the event.

A total of 287 fish of 8 different species were caught and released in less than four hours. The largest fish of the derby was a largemouth bass 14.4 inches long caught by Connor Thorpe, age 4. Taylor Jones, age 14, caught the most fish during the derby with 32.



Connor Thorpe, age 4, with his father and the overall largest fish caught at the 13th Annual Fort Drum Fishing Derby, a largemouth bass 14.4 inches long.



Taylor Jones, age 14, and one of his 32 fish—the winner of the overall most fish caught at the 13th Annual Fort Drum Fishing Derby.

Prizes were awarded for overall largest and most fish caught, as well as the top three places in three age groups for largest and most fish. Each participant was eligible for only one prize. Prizes were also awarded for the longest cast in one of four age groups. Prizes were donated by AAFES, Maurice Sporting Goods, and Sierra Club.

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In the 6-year-old and under age group, winners of the largest fish category were Lia Lawson with a 12.3 inch largemouth bass followed by Mason Cobb with an 11.8 inch bullhead and Vanessa Berg with a 11.4 inch bullhead. Winners of the most fish category were Kimberly Gilmore, Josh Brown, and Suzanna Rainbolt with 11, 9 and 7 fish, respectively.



Lia Lawson, age 5, with her winning 12.3 inch largemouth bass.



William Gilmore, age 9, with his winning 11.9 inch bullhead.

In the age 7-11 category, first place went to William Gilmore with a 11.9 inch bullhead. William was the first place winner in this age category in 2008. Bullheads measuring 10.9 and 10.6 inches in length captured second and third place for Saviohn Stafford and Rebekah Wallington, respectively. Joseph Sabanal won for the most fish caught in this age group with 29 followed by Maithily Diaz and Logan Van Patten with 16 and 11 fish, respectively.

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In the age 12-18 group, bullheads also dominated the largest fish category. Winners included Joshua Jesmer, Vicente Cardenas, and Juan Lopez with fish measuring 12.2, 12.0, and 11.8 inches, respectively. Most fish in this age group was won by Mitchell Bievenour with 14 fish followed by Jake Peterson and Matt Draper.

Casting contest winners in the age 6 and under category was Jayden Cantrell with a cast of 54 ½ feet; in the age 7-10 category, William Gilmore was first place with a cast of 94 ½ feet; in the age 11-14 category, Justin Berg won with a cast of 93 feet; and in the age 15-18 category, Vicente Cardenas won with a cast of 100 feet.

Fishing at Remington Pond is a catch-and-release only fishery, and all fish were released back into Remington Pond.



Courtney Kaufmann, age 11, reeling in a pumpkinseed at the Fishing Derby.



Suzanna Rainbolt, age 6, showing off a rock bass, her first fish of the Fishing Derby.