



2017

Minnetonka Fishing Team Mission:

1. Teach anglers boater safety and fishing techniques that they can use to succeed on the water.
2. Improve angling skills to all anglers on the team.
3. Enjoy the sport of fishing.
4. Create a lifelong angler.
5. Help kids to become stewards of the sport of fishing and of our natural resources.

Expectations:

1. Attend registration meeting and complete registration form and pay registration fee.
2. Attend as many meetings as possible.
3. Try to attend 1 tournament per year.
4. Volunteer for a minimum of 1 fundraising or community service event per year.
5. Respond to email communication as needed.
6. Represent the Minnetonka Fishing Team in a positive manner.
7. Learn and use boater safety skills.
8. Be respectful to other people and their property.
9. Be prepared for all types of weather at an event. We are in an area where the weather can change from one extreme to the next in a very short period of time.

Meetings:

1. Regular meetings and clinics will be scheduled throughout the year.
2. Arrive to meetings prepared and on time.
3. Listen to the speakers and participate in any hands on activities.

Communication:

1. The most effective way of communication is going to be via email. Therefore, please respond as needed and as quickly as possible so we can coordinate events, etc.
2. We will be setting up a team Facebook page in the near future.
3. Visit the Minnetonka Fishing Team website at www.tonkafishing.org for schedules and other information.

Team Conduct:

1. We are a team! Help each other, encourage each other, and practice good sportsmanship.
2. Conduct yourself in a mature, orderly, and respectful manner at all times. You are representing not only our team but our sponsors when you are wearing your jersey.
3. Thank your Boat Captains, other volunteers, and parents. If it weren't for them we wouldn't have a team.

Fundraising & Volunteering:

1. As a team, we will be participating in fundraising and community volunteering events throughout the year. These will be announced with as much advanced notice as possible. Watch your email and check the website for these announcements. These events are not only to raise money for our team but to give back to the community and businesses that have supported us.
2. We are partnering with a local non profit called Fishing For Life. This organization helps kids of wounded and killed service men and women and disadvantaged children to get out and experience the sport of fishing. They facilitate numerous charity events all year, including the Ron Schara crappie contest on Lake Minnetonka.

Contests:

1. We will have ongoing fishing contests and challenges during the year. Details will be made available before each contest.

Tournaments:

1. **All of our** tournaments require advanced notice for participation. Please respond timely to emails regarding registration for individual tournaments.
2. You can choose your own partner for tournaments and or event **if you find your own Boat Captain and notify us in a timely manner.**
3. If you do not have a partner **and Boat Captain** you will be paired up with a partner and a Boat Captain as we are able. Finding boats and Boat Captains to take student anglers out from fishing is a big challenge. We can't guarantee that we will be able to provide a boat or Boat Captain for every angler, but we will make every effort possible.
4. We will provide you with as much advance notice of tournament times, regulations, and locations as possible. Note that sometimes we are not notified until only a few days before an event. **This will be communicated via email.**

Boats, Boat Captains and Team Partners:

1. It is not necessary that you or your family have a boat. We will do our best to pair every angler with a boat and Boat Captain to take anglers out fishing or participate in tournaments.
2. You can choose your own partner for tournaments and or events **if you find your own Boat Captain and notify us in a timely manner.**
3. If you do not have a partner and Boat Captain you will be paired up with a partner and a Boat Captain if we have one available.
4. We are looking for Boat Captains that are willing to volunteer their time and use their boats to bring angler's fishing. If you know of someone who is willing to volunteer please have them contact us or give us their name and number and we will contact them. They can also go to our website and fill out a Boat Captain registration form to be added to our email list for Boat Captains.
5. Boat Captains must be out of high school and a minimum of 19 years of age.
6. All Boat Captains will need to pass a criminal background check screening.

Discounts:

1. Our team anglers get discounts at many different companies. It is very important that you do NOT share the discount codes or login information to anyone other than team members. If we abuse this privilege it will be taken away. Discounts and codes will be provided after the roster is finalized.
2. Some of the discounts are as follows:
 - a. DH Custom Rod and Tackle: Pro Staff pricing
 - b. Onyx: 50% off
 - c. Shimano 45% off
 - d. Big Bite Baits: 50% off
 - e. G.Loomis Rods: 45%
 - f. St. Croix Rods: 40%
 - g. HUK: 50% off
 - h. Rapala-Pro Staff pricing

Tournaments and Events:

- 4/8/17 - Registration meeting. Chanhassen library "Wilder Room" 10:30a-11:30a.
- 5/6/17- ****VOLUNTEER EVENT**** Ron Schara Crappie Contest-Lake Minnetonka. High School anglers are needed as "Junior Guides" to help out Fishing For Life in boats. Junior anglers can help with dock fishing and weigh in. You can volunteer to help and still participate in the tournament. Contact Chris at 651-238-5555 asap if you want to help out at this event.
- 5/6/17 - Iowa/Wisconsin FLW/TBF High School open tournament-Lacrosse, WI. Mississippi River. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 5/13/17 - MN Fishing opener
- 6/3/17 - MN Muskie opener
- 6/3/17 - MN FLW/TBF High School open tournament-Wabasha, Mn. Mississippi River. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 6/4/17 - ****VOLUNTEER EVENT**** FLW Ambassador program at Eden Prairie Walmart. Spend two hours showing kids how to cast and helping customers with fishing questions and earn a \$30 Walmart gift card and an FLW hat and lanyard while giving back to the sport of fishing.
- 6/9/17 - State High School Muskie Tournament-Lake Independence. 5:30a-1:00p. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****

- 6/27/17-7/1/17 TBF/FLW High School Fishing World Finals-Pickwick Lake, AL. Open to any anglers from our team who want to compete in this tournament. There will be scholarship money and prizes available. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 6/30/17 - MN BASS State High School regional qualifier tournament on Lake Minnetonka. More details to come. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 7/20/17 - MN Bass Jr. Tournament Of Champions on Trout Lake, Grand Rapids, Mn. ****JR TOURNAMENT****
- 7/22/17 - ****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**** Our main supporter and sponsor DH Custom Rods and Tackle is hosting a tournament on Lake Minnetonka. We need volunteers to help with set up, weigh in and tear down.
- 7/31/17 - MN BASS State High School tournament on Lake Waconia. More details to come. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 8/1/17 - MN BASS State Jr. tournament on Serpent Lake, Crosby, MN. More details to come. ****JR TOURNAMENT****
- 8/19/17 - TBF State High School Tournament Rules meeting at Mac's Twin Bay in Isle, MN. Registration from 4 - 6pm followed by the rules meeting. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- 8/20/17 -TBF State High School OPEN on Mille Lacs lake, Mac's Twin Bay in Isle, MN. Take off for first flight is at 7am and first flight is due back at 3pm. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****
- SEPTEMBER. Bassmasters Mn High School State Tournament. Leech Lake. More details to come. Must qualify for this tournament. ****HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT****

There will be many other tournaments/events that will be available for both junior and high school anglers. We will update the calendar and send an email with updates as new information becomes available.

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