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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Kid's Fishing Derby A Hit**

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**Bedford, IN – June 10, 2004. It was a day of fun and excitement when over 70 children and their parents and guardians participated in the Hoosier National Forest's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Fishing Derby at Maumee Boy Scout Camp. It took the help of several staff and volunteers and weeks of preparation to make it happen, but according to Steve Harriss, the event coordinator, it was worth it. "There's nothing like watching a six year old catch her first fish and scream in delight," said Harriss.**

**The event was both fun and educational. Participants rotated through educational booths learning various techniques on catch and release fishing, bait identification, water safety and casting.**

**Following the catching of over 150 fish, lunch was served and several awards given, including the Most Fish Caught and Biggest Fish Caught.**

**“Thanks to the contributions of our partners, a lot of kids had a fun and educational day,” said Harriss. Wal-Mart donated \$800 which was used for food and prizes, and the Boy Scouts of America provided the lake and fish.**

**Names of winners by age groups:**

**5-7 year olds**

**Most Caught: William Boling, 7 years old, Bedford IN caught 20 fish**

**Biggest Fish: (tie) Ashley Kuhlman, 5 years old caught an 8 oz redear  
Isaac Walls, 7 years old, Bloomington caught an 8 oz bass**

**8-10 year olds**

**Most Caught: Hannah Yeary, Bedford, 8 years old caught 12 fish**

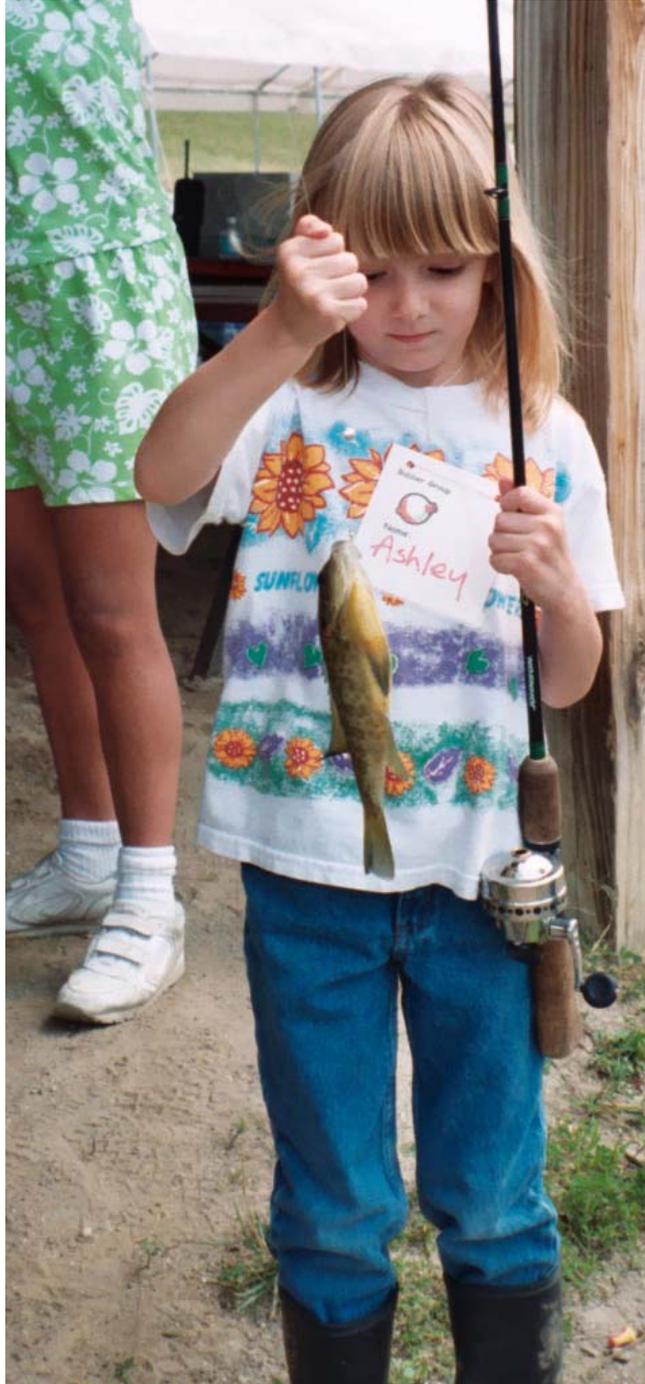
**Kiel Perez, Bloomington, 10 years old caught 12 fish**

**Biggest fish: Luke Haskett, 9 years old, Bedford, caught a 9 ounce fish**

**11-15 year olds**

**Most Caught: Artur Stefanczyk, 13 from Mt. Prospect, IL caught a total of 15.**

**Biggest fish: Nate Kimmel, 14, Springville, caught a 17 ounce bass**



Ashley Kuhlman with 8 oz Redear Sunfish



Nate Kimmel with 15 and 17 oz Bass



Kiel Perez and Hannah Yeary