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Kid's Fishing Derby A Hit

Tell City, IN – June 18, 2004. It was a day of fun and excitement when over 100 children and their parents and guardians participated in the Hoosier National Forest, Tell City District's 9th Annual Kid's Fishing Derby at the Rainbow Pay Lake in Derby, Indiana. It took the help of several staff and volunteers and weeks of preparation to make it happen, but according to Anne Timm, Hoosier National Forest Fisheries Biologist, it was worth it. "There's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that you have taught young people how to fish. Fishing is a skill that people can enjoy developing throughout their life while enjoying the outdoors," said Timm.

The event was both fun and educational. Participants rotated through educational booths where they learned about various casting techniques,

fish and aquatic life identification, and fishing tackle. At the coloring contest and craft booths they colored paddlefish and decorated flags with fish.

Following the catching of over 120 fish, lunch was served and several awards given, including prizes for the Most Fish Caught, Biggest Fish Caught, Casting Contest, and Coloring Contest.

Thanks to the contributions of many partners, a lot of kids had a fun and educational day. Contributors who donated food, money, bait, and door prizes included: Bass & More Tackle & Bait, Buehler's Buy Low, Camping World, Cave Country Adventures, Holiday World / Splashin' Safari, Jerry Hoagland, C.P.A., Lincoln Amphitheatre, Pepsi Cola, Sav-A-Lot, Tell City Coke, Wal-Mart, and Waupaca Foundry.

Special thanks to Warren and Terry Alexander of Rainbow Pay Lake who provided the lake and fish.

Names of winners by age groups:

0-4 year olds

Most Caught: Ty Cronin, 9 fish

Biggest Fish: Elizabeth Taylor – 8 lb. 6 oz. channel catfish tie

Coloring Contest: Kailynn Hawlee

5-8 year olds

Most Caught: Bailey Maffia, 10 fish

Biggest fish: Philip Taylor – 7 lb. 10 oz. channel catfish

Coloring Contest: Bryce Ridener

9-12 year olds

Most Caught: Logan Harding, 4 fish

Biggest fish: Hayli Scotts – 8 lb. 9 oz. channel catfish

Coloring Contest: Tabitha Little

13-15 year olds

Most Caught: Corey Collignon, 12 fish

Biggest fish: Logan Leclere – 3 lb. 10 oz. channel catfish

Coloring Contest: Cody Howell

Casting Contest: Chelsea Hauser, age 10





