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Get Hooked on Fishing Kids Fishing Day, September 6th

Local area youth, ages 5-12, are encouraged to pre-register now for Kids Fishing Day at the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. A youth fishing clinic will be held at Frog Pond on September 6, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Hillary Johnson, with the Corps of Engineers, will have a fun and interactive program on water safety along with other instructional activities. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the day. The Service will provide poles (for those that do not have their own), bait, lessons and some good 'ol fishing fun. Following an exciting day of fishing will be a "shore lunch", hot dog cookout. Contact the District Office at (815) 273-2732, to register your child or volunteer to help. Registration ends September 5 at 4 pm. Please bring your own fishing pole if you have one.

The Office is located at 7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson Illinois. Participants will meet at the Frog Pond parking lot, which is located 1.5 miles south of Savanna on Rt. 84. Look for the banners along the road. Listen to WCCI FM 100.3 for cancellation notice.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.
