



Friends of Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

Friends of Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge Host 10th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on June 2nd

McBee, S.C. ... Dust off that tackle box and grab a rod and reel! Hosted by the refuge Friends Group, the 10th Annual Youth Fishing Derby will take place at Oxpen Lake on Saturday, June 2, 2018. The derby will begin at 8:30 am and is open to youth under 16 years of age. The derby is free, however, **on-line pre-registration for this event is required. Registration will open on April 16, 2018.**

Participants are encouraged to bring their own rod, reel, and bucket or stringer, but a limited number will be available for those that do not have equipment. Bait will be provided by the Friends, and volunteers will be on hand to demonstrate casting techniques, bait hooks, and assist the participants. Parents are encouraged to help their children, but will not be allowed to fish.

Following the Derby, the participants and their families are invited to a celebratory cookout, where each youth will receive a goody bag, compliments of the refuge and event sponsors. There will also be a drawing for prizes such as bream busters, tackle boxes, and a variety of other items provided by the sponsors. This year, to celebrate 10 great years of fishing, the Friends will give each attending youth participant a commemorative T-shirt!

Space is limited and will fill-up quickly. To register, please visit <https://youthfishingday.eventbrite.com>. There is a waiting list once registration is full, so if your plans change and you later decide not to attend the derby, please cancel your registration so that another lucky young angler will get the chance to fish!

Located in Chesterfield County, Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge is a 46,000-acre national wildlife refuge dominated by rolling sand hills and longleaf pine. This ecosystem supports more than 190 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 41 species of reptiles, 25 species of amphibians, and over 750 plant species. The Friends of Carolina Sandhills NWR is a group of citizens dedicated to supporting the role of the refuge in protecting and preserving the longleaf/wiregrass ecosystem, promoting public enjoyment and responsible use of the refuge, and educating the public concerning wise use of its resources. For more information about the Friends of Carolina Sandhills NWR, please email Ms. Kay McCutcheon at crosswordkay@aol.com.

Registration Instructions:

To register, visit: <https://Youthfishingday.eventbrite.com>

Click the green Register button

Use the drop down menu to select the number of youth you need to register – you may register up to five (5) youth

Click the green Checkout button

Type in your information

- first name
- last name
- e-mail address

Complete Registration information for each youth

- first name
- last name
- age
- check box for correct t-shirt size
- first and last name for adult who will bring the child to the derby (if different than person on phone)
- the number of adults attending in the group (only enter this information for the 1st youth you are registering)
- phone number of adult who will be bringing the youth to the derby

Read the waivers and click “yes” if you agree

- photo release
- liability waiver & release

Complete for each youth registering.

Click the Green “Complete Registration” button

You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

If you later find out that a youth is not able to attend, you are encouraged to cancel their registration since we have a cap on the number of youth we are able to accommodate.

We will have a wait list, so if registration is full and you cancel, youth on the waitlist will be invited to register for the derby.

You do NOT need to print your ticket to attend the Derby, however, you should keep a copy of the confirmation e-mail in case there are any problems at registration the day of the derby.