

To be considered for participation in "Fishin' for a Good Story," you must submit answers to the following questions with your completed registration form. Use only the space provided.

What was your last outdoor experience or adventure?

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What did you like best about it?

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What did you like least about it?

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If you could have any outdoor experience, anywhere on earth, what would it be?

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## Official 2005 Registration Form



### Outdoor Adventure and Personal Exploration for Tri-County Youth Ages 9—15

#### Important Dates:

Registration Deadline ..... June 3  
 Participants Selected ..... June 8  
 Hands-On Clinics ..... June 18  
 Contest Entries Due ..... June 27  
 Contest Winners Announced ..... June 29

#### Sponsored by:



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County  
 Boys & Girls Club of Saginaw County



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## Outdoor Adventure and Personal Exploration

"Fishin' for a Good Story" is about connecting young people with the sport of fishing, encouraging their creative expression, and introducing them to opportunities that can be found in both. The program is offered in conjunction with the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail tournament, which will return to Bay City for the first time in 11 years June 29—July 1, 2005.

### This is how it works:

200 youth between the ages of 9 and 15 will be selected to participate in the 2005 program. They will be divided into two age groups: 9—12 and 13—15.

Participants will spend a full day at the Bay City State Recreation Area learning about fishing, photography and writing from experts in the field. Presenters include: DNR staff and volunteers; Kent Miller, Professor of Photography at CMU; and Tim Smith, author of the popular Buck Wilder outdoor adventure children's books.

Snacks and lunch will be provided and participants will receive all the equipment they'll need to have an outdoor adventure of their own.

Participants will then go out and document their own outdoor experience and create an original "book" that will become their contest entry complete with original story and photos.

Professional outdoor journalists will review submissions and select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize recipient in each of the two age divisions. Winners will be announced from the weigh-in stage during the In-Fisherman tournament on Wednesday, June 29th, and will receive prize packages with a minimum value of \$100.

### Sponsors and Support:

Major sponsors include: The Dow Chemical Company, Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County, Boys & Girls Club of Saginaw County, Michigan DNR/Bay City State Recreation Area, The Bay City Times and Meijer, Inc. As of this printing, additional support has been received from Barnes & Noble, Bay Regional Medical Center, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Freeland Lion's Club, In-Fisherman, Michigan Outdoor News, Pure Fishing and the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network.

**Contact the Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau  
at 989-893-1222 for more information**

## Official 2005 Registration Form\* (Please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (As of August '05) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

If selected to participate in "Fishin' for a Good Story," my child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to attend a day-long session of clinics at the Bay City State Recreation Area on Saturday, June 18, 2005, from approximately 8am—6pm. I acknowledge that organizers have the right to use the name, likeness and contest entry of my child in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law.

In the event of unforeseen emergencies, you have my permission to have the closest hospital provide emergency medical treatment for my child. These are the special medical problems and/or allergies you may need to be aware of pertaining to my child: \_\_\_\_\_

I release the Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County, Boys & Girls Club of Saginaw County, Bay City State Recreation Area, their sponsors, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, licensees and successors from any liability or claimed liability in connection with the "Fishin' for a Good Story" program. I acknowledge that I have read this release prior to signing it and that I understand its contents.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that this Registration Form is two-sided. Those submitting incomplete Registration Forms will not be considered for participation.

**Submit completed Registration Form to one of the following  
Boys & Girls Clubs no later than June 3, 2005:**

**Bay County**  
300 West Lafayette Avenue  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-892-6723

**Saginaw County**  
907 East Remington Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-399-4681