

Fishing Information

Make sure you have a current Michigan fishing license. All participants, 17 years and older must have their own license. Michigan law requires that each angler use only 3 poles with a maximum of 2 hooks per pole.

Tournament fees are \$80 for the team captain and \$50 for each additional team member. Team members under age 12 are \$30 each. Fees include all meals, housing, awards and all other cost associated with this event.

Though boat fishing works best, wading or fishing off the bank is also good. You may want to bring hip boots, waders or a lawn chair.

BOATERS: If you bring a boat, make sure it has a current registration is legally equipped with proper flotation equipment for the number of occupants. Launch facilities are located on West Sebewaing Street, 1/2 mile west of the US Post Office in Sebewaing's original downtown area. (Directions provided at registration.) Boat docking available at Sebewaing Marina for a fee. **Please note the water may be shallow in places.**

Fish cleaning facilities will be available. You'll need a knife for filleting and pliers for skinning. If you want to take fish home, bring your own cooler. Ice will be available at camp.

A live tank will be available.

Miscellaneous

Fishing Teams must return to the weigh-in station by 11pm Friday and 3pm Saturday to be eligible for awards. From 1-2:30pm, our archery range and mini golf, will be open for your enjoyment. All additional activities are subject to change. (Some activities may require nominal material fees) Families, please stay together.

Tournament Rules

Competition entries for participants 12 years and older are limited to Catfish ONLY. Participants 11 and younger may enter any catch. Flathead Catfish smaller than 15 inches are not legal; please release them. Limit 5 per day.



Flathead Catfish

Channel Catfish smaller than 12" are not legal; please release them. Limit 10 per day.

Channel Catfish



Teams competing for awards must bring all qualifying Catfish to the weigh-in station.

Team captain is responsible to ensure fish are not wasted. Keep fish alive unless you plan to clean. After weigh-in, the fish can be released if the team so desires. To participate in this Tournament, all team members must take part in the entire schedule including devotions.

Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Capacity is limited.

AWARDS DISTRIBUTION

LARGEST CATFISH

****HEAVIEST STRINGER** (Up to 6 catfish.)
(New category for 2024)

YOUNG FISHERMAN'S AWARDS (11 and under)

DRAWINGS (every team wins!)

Each child age 11 and under will get a prize, and every team will receive at least one gift.

****New!**

New in 2024, we are replacing the "MOST CATFISH" Award Category with the "HEAVIEST STRINGER" Award Category. Teams will continue to compete in two areas; from Boat or from Shore. Each will be able to present up to six catfish at each weigh-in. The total of the two will determine the winners in each area.

What to Bring

(Personal Items)

- Pillow and sleeping bag (bedding for twin)
- Towel, washcloth and toothbrush
- Warm clothing and a change of clothes
- Fishing boots for those who want to wade

Suggested Fishing Equipment

- Medium to heavy spincast rods and reels (with 10# or heavier test line)
- Hooks, #2, #4 or #6 "snelled" -style
- Heavy lead sinkers
- Landing net
- Needle-nose pliers
- A hanging fish scale
- Cooler (s) or heavy-duty stringer
- A boat (optional)-public launch nearby

Boaters- Saginaw Bay weather can change very quickly. Be sure to bring a compass or GPS and a cell phone.

Accommodations

Your family will be sleeping in the duplex cabins on the grounds at Bay Shore Camp. Shower and bathroom facilities are available in each cabin. Also, RV sites are available. Saturday's breakfast will be served in the camp Dining Hall. Everyone gets a Super Sack Lunch to go. Devotions/awards presentation will be held in the Youth Center.

We Want Your Photos!

Share your best photos with our Social Media Coordinator!

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