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Oak Lawn Community High School



Spartan Fishing Club



For all the latest news and information on the Spartan Fishing Club, be sure to check out our teams [website!](#)

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Spartan Fishing Club News...

Spring is almost here! With the weather changing quickly, it is important for Coach Kuchyt to have your **email** address as this will be the main method of communicating upcoming events. Also, please start talking to you parents and family members who own boats. During the month of March, **coho salmon and brown trout** begin making their way to the warm waters of **Lake Michigan harbors**. If you know where the fish are biting, be sure to let us know and we will arrange a trip with club members. As the ice begins to melt on the forest preserve lakes, get out and do some crappie fishing. Crappie fishing is hot on Tampier and Sedgewick



Taylor Nauseda fishing with Dad, Grandpa, sister, and Chrissy Lovecky at Tampier

at ice-out (both lakes are in Orland Park).

March will also be a time for **prefishing Tampier**, which is the sectional lake we have been assigned. Please see the article on page two to see who we are competing against. Be

sure that you are re-researching cold water and prespawn bass fishing techniques for the upcoming sectional tournament. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements about our next outing! Could be soon!

Tip of the Month

The next time you go out fishing, try dipping your lure into sardine oil before you cast. The oil will stick to you lure for more than one cast, but will need to be refreshed after a while.

Important News!

Fishing Club year-book pictures will be taken after school on **March 19!** You must wear your blue fishing shirt to be in the picture.

Tampier Sectional Bass Tournament

The Tampier Bass sectional is set! Teams competing at this sectional are: Reavis, Brother Rice, Marist, Simeon, Hinsdale South, Evergreen Park, Hinsdale Central, Lemont, **Oak Lawn**, Sandburg, Stagg, and Argo. The tourna-

ment is scheduled for Friday, April 24 with details (time, organization, etc.) to follow. Teams are limited to two boats per school. Top two finishers at each sectional will advance to the State Bass tournament on Carlyle Lake in southern

Illinois May 8-9. There is also a casting competition at the sectional meet. Two Spartans will have a chance to compete and advance to the state finals in this event.

Tinley Park Fishing Show

Important News!

If you are 16 years old or older, you will need to purchase an [Illinois fishing license](#) for this upcoming fishing season.

On Saturday, February 7, the Spartan Fishing Club attended the Tinley Park Fishing Show. Students who sold multiple boxes of fundraising candy were given cash to buy fishing tackle and other merchandise sold at the show. We attended a musky fishing clinic put on by Chae Dolsen. One tip given by Mr. Dolsen during his seminar was to use black surface baits when fishing for musky. A black bait will silhouette better against the

sky than a lighter colored bait which will make it easier for a musky to find. Mr. Dolsen also stressed that musky action is hot on

lakes for a few days after the ice on a lake melts in early spring. This is a time of year that you don't want to miss being out on the water!



The angler forgets most of the fish he catches, but he does not forget the streams and lakes in which they were caught.

-Charles K. Fox

Fish Tales Fishing Club Invites Spartan Fishing Club to a Meeting!

Fish Tales Fishing

Club has invited members of the Spartan Fishing Club to attend their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 19. Coach Kuchyt has reserved the Spartan mini-bus for that night. We will leave OLCHS at 6:15pm and return to OLCHS around 9:30. **Parents are welcome and en-**

couraged to attend!

The guest speaker for the night is **Frank Hyla**. Mr. Hyla hosts *Time on the Water*, which can be seen on Comcast Sports Channel every Saturday morning. He fishes many lakes within the Chicagoland area and you are sure to learn a great deal from him.

Please let Coach Kuchyt know if you and a family member will be attending as soon as possible in order to be placed on the guest list. We have the next day off of school, so you can get your homework done Friday! Please try to make the meeting.



Building fish cribs with Cook County Forest Preserve Fisheries Biologists.

Important News!

Please have your parents or family members email Mr. Kuchyt to be put on the Fishing Club newsletter email list.

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The Spartan Fishing Club would like to thank their sponsors for supporting our club.

If you know of a business or organization who would be interested in **sponsoring** the Spartan Fishing Club, we offer advertising space on the back of our t-shirts and company/organization information in the newsletter (which is distributed to

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parents and community members) in exchange for a sponsorship. **Donations** made to the program are tax deductible.

Please contact Coach Kuchyt for more information.

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Tinley Park, IL

Fishing for Catfish By Michael Hentgen

Did you ever think there are no good cat fishing spots around Oak Lawn? That is not true, there are many good places to go fishing for catfish near here. You just need to know the right baits and spots.

In Oak Lawn one place I fish a lot is a small pond by Stony Creek Golf course and Rocket Slide Park. I go fishing there because it is close to my house and there are a lot of catfish in the pond that average 2-3 pounds. There are also the forest preserve lakes to go to. One of the best lakes to fish in is Tampier Lake, where it is not uncommon to catch five pound catfish. Other

good spots are Maple Lake and Saganashkee Slough. If you want to catch giant catfish, you can go fishing in the Kankakee River, the Mississippi River, or the Ohio River.

Baits you can use when cat fishing include live bait, cut bait, and stink bait. Good stink baits are chicken liver and a selection of dough baits. Good live baits include night crawlers, minnows, crawfish, suckers, and bullheads. Cut baits are chopped up fish.

The best time to go fishing for catfish is the spring and early fall. Right after the ice melts, catfish are look-

ing for food and feed on dead shad that have died of suffocation over the winter. The best bait to use during that time is live or cut baits. Before winter sets, catfish eat more before going deep for the winter. Good baits to use during late fall are stink baits, like chicken liver. You can also catch a lot of catfish in the summer.

When fishing for catfish cast your line by drop offs and let your rod sit. The best time to fish for catfish is in the morning or night time. I prefer to go early in the morning to catch mine. Start your cat fishing now.



The true fisherman approaches the first day of fishing with all the sense of wonder and awe of a child approaching Christmas.

-Robert Traver
Trout Madness (1960)

Spring Bass Fishing By Matt Hentgen

Spring bass fishing is finally here! This is a time where the winter chills begin to come to a halt and the water temperatures rise. Also, this is the time of year when bass begin to spawn and start to eat vigorously. Some good lures to use around this time are flipping or casting a jig, jerk bait, a rattle trap, spinner

baits, and any other bait that imitate bait fish. Usually smaller lures are better because the bait fish that bass feed on are smaller this time of year.

Bass fishing also really depends on the weather. You have to be looking out for cold and warm fronts. Bass tend to bite better

when the weather has been warm and stable for a few days straight. Also, look for main rivers, creeks, and shallow water or bays with the warmest water. Also, large flats with wood are a good place to find bass in early spring months. Spring time can be a very rewarding if you can locate feeding fish.



Sign Up at These Sites for Free Fishing Newsletters

[ESPN BassMasters Newsletter](#)

[Gary Yamamoto's Ezine](#)

[Lurenet Newsletter](#)

[Field & Stream Newsletter:](#)
Scroll down and you will see the tab in the left hand column towards the bottom

[Illinois Game & Fish](#)
Middle column entitled "game and fish email"

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Spartan Fishing Club members at Tampier

Sponsor a Bass Tournament!

If you know of a Bass Club, Resort, or Tackle Store that would be interested in organizing a bass tournament for high school students, please pass along Coach Kuchyt's email address. A [successful tournament](#) was organized last fall on [Lake Shabbona](#) and we are looking to continue competitive bass fishing over the summer and fall but we need help! The format for the Shabbona tournament can be found [here](#). Please email Coach Kuchyt (ckuchyt@olchs.org) if you know of someone willing to help.

Don't worry about tomorrow! After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday!

Helpful Links

Spartan Fishing Club

http://www.olchs.org/athletics/view.asp?SPORT_ID=39&

High School Bass Fishing

<http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bsf/>

IHSA Sponsored Website

<http://www.thefuturefisheshere.org/>

Illinois Fish Records

<http://www.landbigfish.com/staterecords/records.cfm?state=Illinois>

Animated Knots

<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexfishing.php?Logol-mage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

Cook County Forest Preserve

Fishing Booklet

http://www.fpdcc.com/downloads/fpdcc_fishing_guide.pdf

Illinois Game & Fish Magazine

<http://www.illinoisgameandfish.com/>

Fish Tales Fishing Club

<http://www.fishtalesfishingclub.com/>

Oak Lawn Raiders Club

<http://raiderssac.com/>

ET Landscaping

<http://site.etlandscapingco.com/Home.html>