

2015 Edinburg Wildcat Bass Fishing Open

March 28, 2015

Edinburg High School would like to invite your bass fishing team to Sangchris Lake State Park to participate in the first annual Edinburg Wildcat Bass Fishing Open. Schools may enter an unlimited number of high school competitors. Up to four competitors can be assigned to a boat. Event details are as follows:

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015 (All entry forms need to be received by March 23rd to comply with IDNR event mandates)

Time schedule:

7:15am boat safety check (once your boat has been inspected you can proceed to launch)

7:45am rules meeting (all boat captains need to attend)

8:00am boat launch (Sangchris Lake has a 25hp motor limit)

3:00pm all boats off the water

3:15pm weigh-in begins

3:40pm award presentations

Where: **Sangchris Lake State Park, East boat ramp** (This is a public ramp with sufficient parking. There are no additional parking or ramp fees.)

Entry Fee: \$10 per high school competitor

Awards: First (total weight), Second, Third, Big Bass award

Tournament Director: Rod Smith (rodsmith14947@gmail.com)

To secure your school's entry in the event, please mail your entry fee, IDNR Release Of Liability form, and registration forms (checks made out to Edinburg Booster Club, with Wildcat Bass Fishing Open in the memo line) to Edinburg High School, Attn: Athletic Dir. , 100 Martin St., Edinburg, IL 62531.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please print this form and mail it and your entry fee to the Edinburg High School

School name _____

Head Coach name and phone contact _____

Total number of high school competitors _____ Total number of boats _____

Total Registration Fee (\$10 per high school competitor) _____

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- 1) Having read the official rules and regulations and completed the above entry form, we agree to abide by all the conditions stated therein.
- 2) We understand that we are responsible for our own student/athlete participants.
- 3) Edinburg High School and the Edinburg Booster Club assume no liability for accidents before, during, or after tournament hours.

Head Coach signature: _____ Date: _____

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned entrant/participant/contestant in the __ Wildcat Open High School Bass Fishing Tournament__ activities scheduled for date(s) of __March 28, 2015__ covenants that he/she shall assume all risk and liability arising in conjunction with the above activities and shall save, hold, and keep harmless at all times the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, its agents and employees against any loss, damage, penalty, cost and expense, judgments and decrees that may accrue or be incurred by reason of any accident, loss, wrong, injury or damage to person, life or property in or about the above referenced area(s) arising out of the above described activities.

Signed _____

(full name)

(street address)

(city, state, zip code)

Date _____

Boat Assignment form

Please complete this form and either mail in with registration form or present to the tournament director on the day of the event. Print as many copies as needed.

School name _____

Boat # _____

Boat Captain and phone number _____

Student-Athlete names (up to four per boat)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Boat # _____

Boat Captain and phone number _____

Student-Athlete names (up to four per boat)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Note: all participants and boat drivers must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eyewear and a hat are mandated for all participants in the boat.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Please note: the IL Dept of Natural Resources have mandated that a new Insurance Liability Form must be submitted 72 hours prior to the tournament. Please get your tourney forms in as quickly as possible.

- 1) The tournament director may cancel or shorten the time limit of the event due to poor weather or conditions. If the event is canceled, entry fees will be refunded.
- 2) All boats must be back in for weigh-in by 2pm.
- 3) Only largemouth bass may be weighed in for the bass tourney. **Fish must be at least 12 inches long.**
- 4) There will be a one pound deduction for every minuet a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for the day.
- 5) It is the participant's responsibility to notify the tournament director in advance of the 2pm closing time of any problems that may have occurred.
- 6) **There will be a five fish limit per boat.** Fish may be culled if a participant has five fish in the live well. No more than 5 fish in the live well at any time.
- 7) Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, in the following manner: First criteria will be the largest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish.
- 8) All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eyewear and a hat is mandated for all participants in the boat.
- 9) Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat. If participants "switch out" during the tournament, gear may be taken on and off the boat in a safe manner at the dock. Participants may use their gear or the gear of the boat captain (or coach).
- 10) Every boat must a have an adult captain for driving purposes and only that captain can drive when the outboard motor is in use.
- 11) All boats must have an anchor.
- 12) Boat captains may make suggestions but cannot fish in any respect or tie any lures on for the participants.
- 13) Anyone on the boat can operate the trolling motor and net the fish.
- 14) An aerated live well or some type of suitable aerated container is required and must be in proper working condition to insure that the fish are not harmed. No fish are to be put on a stringer. All fish that are put in the live well must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.

- 15) All fish will be released immediately after the weigh-in.
- 16) **Sangchris Lake has a 25HP motor limit.**
- 17) A team boat may have up to 4 participants assigned to the boat. Only two participants (plus the boat captain) can be in the boat at one time.
- 18) The Big Bass award will be given to the participant that weighs in the heaviest largemouth bass of the tournament.
- 19) No live bait or trolling is allowed for bass fishing.
- 20) Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are getting on or off the boat at the docks at the East ramp access area.
- 21) Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to equipment malfunction must be made in the presence of the tournament director or his designee.
- 22) Once competition is underway, participants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-tournament participants, follow a non-tournament participant's boat, or participate in the practice of 'hole sitting' (non-tournament boat sits on a fishing spot holding it for a particular tournament boat). Non-tournament participants may not place markers for tournament participants. These acts are prohibited and could result in tournament disqualification.
- 23) The boat captain and/or coach is allowed to talk to the participants and make recommendations but cannot fish or handle fishing tackle in any way. The boat captain and or coach can help use the landing net and operate the trolling motor.
- 24) Sportsmanship should guide your conduct. Tournament officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify a participant, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of any gross unsportsmanlike conduct. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a participant, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries, conservation, clean waters and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.
- 25) Please reference the IDNR website for more specific information about Sangchris Lake State Park (<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov>).