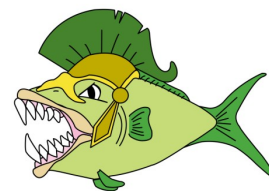




Spartan Fishing Team



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

The best way to contact Coach Kuchyt is through email: ckuchyt@olchs.org

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Fishing Scholarship Now Offered!

March was a great month for the Spartan Fishing Team! The ice melted off the lakes and team joined in a special new partnership with [Happy Hyundai of Oak Lawn](#). As you have read in the March issue of the Spartan Fishing Team Newsletter, the team is now offering a \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior angler. **Happy Hyundai has announced that it will MATCH the scholarship!** The Spartan Fishing Team will now offer \$500 to graduating team members! Scholarship applications can be obtained through Coach Kuchyt. The team would like to thank ALL of our sponsors for helping provide this opportunity to our members.

In other news, team t-shirts are now available for purchase. Order



Ben Masek, Matt Jensen (*designer of the shirt*), and Luis Garcia show off the t-shirts the team is selling to help raise money to buy bait. Order forms can be found on page 6 of this month's newsletter.

forms are on page six of this issue. Also in this issue is an article written by **Eddie Sweiss** about the eight pound coho he caught from Lake Michigan on March 24, 2010! This issue also features

Fish Tales Fishing Club, a club that has been helping high school fishing teams in the south suburbs get the program started at their schools. This is an exciting issue so be sure to read all about it!

Important News!

As of April 1st, you will need a 2010 Illinois fishing license. [Click here to buy a license online.](#)

Tip of the Month

If you're fishing 10 feet with a crankbait, select baits that hit every portion of the water column until you find the fish-holding zone. Drop your baits everywhere from six inches below the surface to touching mud at the lake bottom.

-Kevin VanDam

Please Support Our Sponsors By Using the Valuable Coupons Inside

The Spartan Fishing Team would like to thank [Fish Tales Fishing Club](#), [Grassano's Pizza](#), [Frankies Beef/Pasta & Catering](#), [Buffalo Wild Wings of Chicago Ridge](#), [Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort](#), Amerimex Mufflers & Brakes, [Don's Auto Rebuilders](#), and [Happy Hyundai of Oak Lawn](#) for supporting the team and being our partners.

If you know of a business or or-

ganization that would be interested in sponsoring or supporting the Spartan Fishing Team in any way, please contact Coach Kuchyt. Our team offers full page advertising space in our newsletter which is distributed to over 3,000 community members of Oak Lawn.

If you or your business would like to help, please contact Coach Kuchyt at: ckuchyt@olchs.org

Lake Michigan Coho Salmon Fishing By Eddie Sweiss (grade 9)

When I found out that the fishing team was going to Lake Michigan, I was excited. I love to fish for any kind of species. The team members were to meet at the school at 5:30am, but I was there with my friend Matt at 4:50am! We had a guest come on this trip and his name was Mr. Wagner. He teaches Health and Physical Education at school.

There were 13 students who went on this trip ready to try their luck in the great outdoors. Anyone who has not seen the sun rise over Lake Michigan like we did that morning does not know what they are missing because words cannot describe what we saw that day with our own eyes. We also saw the state of Indiana and maybe even a little bit of Michigan from where we were standing at the 95th Street Harbor.

The weather was partly cloudy, windy and cold (37 degrees in the morning). The lake at first was calm and looked like glass but

changed and got choppy as the morning went on.

When I started to fish, I threw a Carolina rig with [Gulp! Alive](#) smelt scented shad. For those who do not know what a [Carolina rig](#) is, I had a 1/8 oz. weight and a glass bead tied to a barrel swivel with an 8 pound test fluorocarbon leader tied to the other end with a 1/0 off set hook. The rod I used was an Abu Garcia 6ft Agenda one piece medium action with a Royal Express spinning reel with ten bearings. I did this because the water was clear and I did not know how deep the fish were or if they were suspended. I purchased this [Gulp! Alive](#) at BassPro Shops a month ago. I saw this bait being used on many fishing shows so I was anxious to see if it worked for me as well as it does for the people on TV. My teammates were using spoons, live bait, crank baits, and other artificial baits.

On my fifth or sixth cast I hooked into a fish. The fish was fighting like crazy! The coho salmon jumped three times before I was able

to reel it in. Coach Kuchyt had to run to the other side of the area we were fishing to get the net. I was nervous about losing the fish because I only had 8lb monofilament. When the fish was finally in the net, I was extremely happy. We then measured and weighed the fish. It was 27 inches and weighed 8 pounds!

I continued to fish the rest of the morning and had three more bites but missed them all. No one else had any bites. I had a great time on this trip. To me it was a great experience because it was my first time catching a coho salmon. My only wish was that we could have spent the entire day there and that my teammates could have caught something to experience what I did. From myself and all our team members we thank our sponsors and our school for making all of these trips possible for us.



Eddie Sweiss with his 8 pound, 27 inch coho salmon he caught from Lake Michigan.



Members of the Spartan Fishing Team enjoying a cold spring morning on Chicago's lakefront.

Fish Tales Fishing Club: A Club Worth Knowing About

On Friday, April 23, 2010, high school students from across the state of Illinois will have the unique opportunity to fish in an officially sanctioned high school bass tournament. The [Illinois High School Association](#) is the first high school association in America to recognize bass fishing as an official high school activity.

When the program began last year, high school fishing coaches began searching for support for their teams through various fishing clubs in their communities. As a fishing coach, I can attest to spending countless hours talking to various bass clubs and fishing clubs from the south suburbs of Chicago hoping to form a partnership in which young anglers can be mentored by adults who are familiar with the sport of fishing. The members of [Fish Tales Fishing Club](#) rose to the occasion and have volunteered to help young anglers from a number of area high schools get started in fishing.

Fish Tales is over 20 years old and includes 175 members whose passion is fishing. The men and women of this club meet on the third Thursday of each month in Oak Forest, IL. Each meeting features a

guest speaker who covers anything from salmon fishing to walleye and bass. Fish Tales is not a tournament club. Instead, members share fishing knowledge of all species and arrange trips together. This year, members are organizing trips to the Chippewa Flowage, Pelee Island, Wisconsin River, Lake Jacksonville, and Big Hooks Wilderness Camps.

Fish Tales members are perhaps most proud of their community based initiatives. Each Monday for nine straight weeks, members volunteer their time to work with special needs individuals at South Side Special Recreation Association (SSSRA). Club members donate bait, line, rods and reels, and they fish with disabled and special needs individuals at Centennial Park (Tinley Park, IL). Also sponsored by this club is the SSSRA Regional Fishing Derby in which members of all Chicagoland facilities fish in a one day fishing derby.

Each year, members of Fish Tales also make monetary and toy donations to the [Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest](#) and [Toys for Tots](#). Fish Tales has also helped with the Duke O'Malley Southtown Fishing Derby and they have helped a young man named Rich Deering in his ef-

fort to earn an Eagle Scout Badge by starting a special recreation fishing program at Lincoln-Way East. As you can see, this civic minded group is more than just a fishing club.










As the Spartan fishing coach, I have been blessed with the opportunity to associate myself and the team with Fish Tales. Charles Cook, President of Fish Tales Fishing Club, and the members of this wonderful club have donated their time, used fishing rods and reels, tackle, they have shared their knowledge, and they have invited Spartan anglers to their meetings to learn from both them and their guest speakers. They have served as judges for the *Ultimate Spartan Angler Challenge* (see the [January 2010 newsletter](#)) and Fish Tales has even formed a committee to help area fishing teams with their needs!

Last year, 199 Illinois high schools formed fishing teams. This year, there are 225 high school fishing teams! As more high schools create teams, my hope is that adult fishing and bass clubs from across the state partner with local high school fishing teams to help coaches provide the best fishing opportunities for their students.



Thank You
Fish Tales!

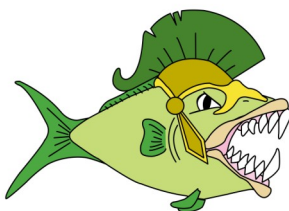
Angler Profile

What is your favorite:	<p>Omar Abdulla</p> 	<p>Kyle Kallenborn</p> 	<p>Ryan Glab</p> 
Fish to Catch	<p>Catfish</p> 	<p>Largemouth Bass</p> 	<p>Smallmouth Bass</p> 
Lure	<p>Hot Dogs</p> 	<p>Z9R Mini Swim bait</p> 	<p>Rubber Worms</p> 
Color	<p>Frog color</p>	<p>Bluegill</p>	<p>Dark Purple</p>
Fishing Spot	<p>Stony Creek</p>	<p>Stony Creek</p>	<p>Saddle Lake, Michigan</p>
Season to Fish	<p>Summer</p>	<p>Summer</p>	<p>Spring or Summer</p>
Time of Day	<p>Night</p>	<p>Morning</p>	<p>Morning or Night</p>
Fishing Style	<p>Live Bait</p>	<p>Live Bait</p>	<p>Jigging</p>
Dream Fishing Trip	<p>Lay Lake, Alabama</p>	<p>Hawaii</p>	<p>Canada</p>

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About our logo...



The Spartan Fishing Team logo was created and designed by **Matt Jensen**. Matt is a senior at Oak Lawn Community High School who will be graduating in May. Matt's goals are to attend college where he plans to develop his artistic talent and study business.

Fish Fact

Most species of fish have color vision to a degree and some are much sharper at color discrimination than others. Largemouth bass respond to red above all colors and can even see colors above the surface of the water.

Helpful Links

[Spartan Fishing Team](#)

[IHSA Bass](#)

[The Future Fishes Here](#)

[Illinois Fish Records](#)

[Fish Tales Fishing Club](#)

[Animated Fishing Knots](#)

[Cook County Forest Preserve](#)

[Fishing Booklet](#)

[Illinois Game & Fish Magazine](#)

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Spartan Fishing Team Offers Scholarship

The **Spartan Fishing Team**, through the generous sponsorships and contributions of Fish Tales Fishing Club, Grassano's Pizza, Frankies Beef/Pasta & Catering, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort, Amerimex Mufflers & Brakes, Don's Auto Rebuilders, and Happy Hyundai of Oak Lawn, is proud to announce that it will award **\$500 in scholarships** to a graduating member(s) of the 2010 fishing team. Qualifications for the scholarship as well as an application can be obtained directly from Coach Kuchyt. Please patronize the establishments of our supporters, because it is with their help that we are able to offer this scholarship. The team would like to thank these wonderful businesses and clubs for their partnership in this endeavor.

My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it.

~Koos Brandt

Join the Spartan Fishing Team!

Anyone is welcome to join the Spartan Fishing Team throughout the school year. If you are interested in being part of this team, stop by and see Coach Kuchyt in room 372 before or after school!

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Order Form

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This design was created by senior **Matt Jensen**.
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Fish Tales Fishing Club

Fish Tales Fishing Club consists of a group of individuals who love to fish. The goal of this family oriented group is to increase angler knowledge. Meetings with guest speakers to discuss fishing tips and techniques are held on the third Thursday of each month . The group meets at the Bremen Township Building located at 15350 South Oak Park Ave in Oak Forest.

For more information on *Fish Tales*, please visit their website at:

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