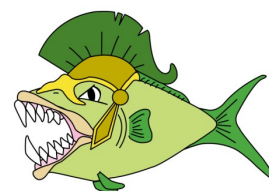




# Spartan Fishing Team



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

The best way to contact Coach Kuchyt is through email: [ckuchyt@olchs.org](mailto:ckuchyt@olchs.org)

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## Scholarships & Summer Fishing!

The Spartan Fishing Team has been very busy since last school year. At Spring Awards Night in May, senior **Matt Jensen** was awarded the teams MVP. Matt has been a member of the fishing team since its inception and has been an integral part of the design and development of the fishing newsletter. [Happy Hyundai of Oak Lawn](#) awarded Matt a \$250 scholarship. Matt also received a second \$250 fishing scholarship from the team. Matt is now a student at Dominican University where he is studying business. **Ben Masek** won the team's Sportsmanship award for organizing fishing trips and helping teammates be-



**Matt Jensen (MVP), Coach Kuchyt, Ben Masek (Sportsmanship)**

come better fishermen.

Over the summer months, the team fished Heidecke, Shabbona, and the Illinois River. Please be sure to read the articles written by Omar Abdulla and Matt Jaroczyk

about our trips.

The fishing team has more exciting news in the upcoming months, so be sure not to miss an issue! A new newsletter is posted on the first Friday of each month!

## Tip of the Month

When a fish follows a lure but does not strike, try stopping your retrieve. The fish might just swim into your lure with its mouth open!



The Spartan Fishing Newsletter serves as a fundraising publication for the team. Thanks to the generous businesses that advertise with us, the team is able to raise funds and provide a \$250 scholarship to its participants. A special thanks to our title sponsor [Happy Hyundai](#) for providing a \$250 scholarship in its name to a junior or senior angler on this

## About the Spartan Fishing Newsletter...

years team. The best way to support this team is by supporting its business partners. Please print the ad's and coupons in the newsletter and use them often!

The articles in the newsletter are written by students about their experiences in the outdoors. Students have researched **fish facts, videos of the months, and fishing**

**quotes**, which can all be found on **page five** of this publication.

The newsletter is released on the first Friday of each month via the Oak Leaflet (our high school's weekly e-correspondence with parents), the teams [website](#), or by searching "Spartan Fishing Team" on the internet. Please join us every month to see what we are up to!

# Join the Spartan Fishing Team!

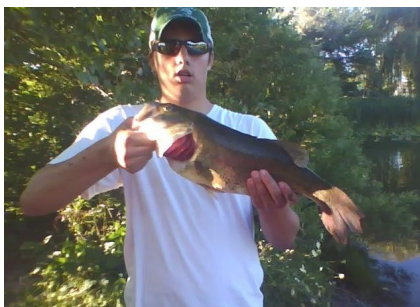
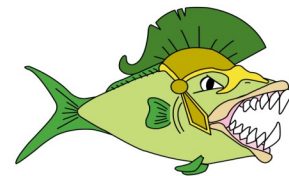
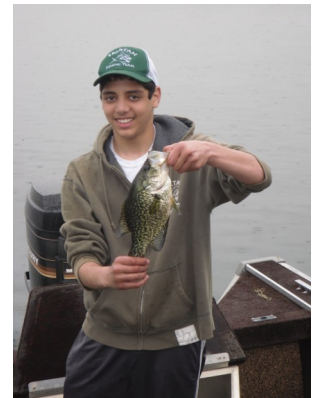
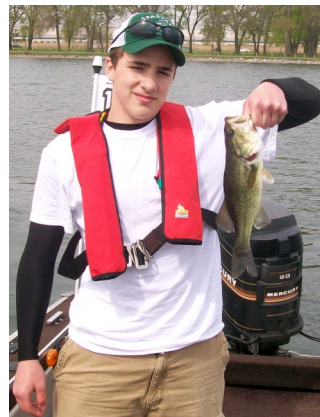
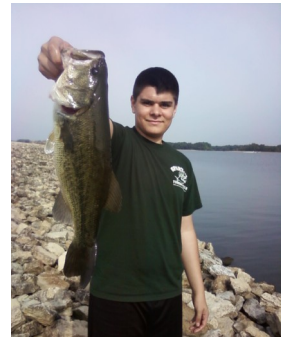
The opportunity to join the Spartan Fishing Team is available all year long. For students who cannot join us this fall because they are involved in fall sports or activities, you have the opportunity to join us once your season is over or you can fish with us on your days off. Participants of all levels, even if you have never fished before or have no fishing equipment, are encouraged to join. The team consists of both male and female participants so grab a friend and a family

member and let's go fishing!

The team has meetings all year long after school on Wednesdays. During the winter months, we learn different fishing techniques and attend fishing related events such as the Tinley Park Fishing Show. During the spring, summer, and fall we will try to get out and fish anywhere the fish are biting. Our team is also focused on preserving the outdoors so we take part in conservation efforts

throughout the year.

Please pay attention to the student announcements that are read each day or stop by Coach Kuchyt's room (room 372) to find out what we are up to. This year's fishing season is looking to be a great one so don't miss out on the fun! Check out the pictures on this page of the fun we had last school year!





## Heidecke, Millikan, and Shabbona By Omar Abdulla

**Heidecke Lake:** On Friday, June 11, 2010, the Spartans visited [Heidecke Lake](#). A guy caught the new Illinois record striped bass on a fly rod earlier this year from this lake and we wanted to try our luck. We got to the school around 5:30am and arrived to the lake around 7am. The weather was sunny and it was a hot 90 degrees. It was a tough day of fishing because it was so extremely hot. Fish-



Luis Garcia with a Heidecke Lake Bass

ing was hard under these conditions but we still managed to catch some fish. **Luis Garcia** caught the biggest fish which was a large-mouth bass that was about two pounds. The

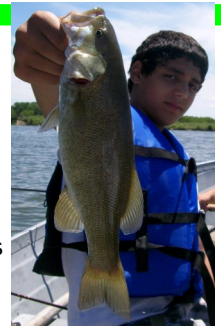
team also managed to catch about 50 bluegill that were caught with worms right next to the rip-rap.

**Milliken Lake:** After lunch at Heidecke, we decided to stop at Milliken Lake, which is part of the [Des Plaines Conservation Area](#). We fished there for about one hour and had a few bass hit our surface baits, but they spit the hook before we could bring them in. We had to leave Milliken Lake because of an approaching thunder storm. It was a challenging day to be out fishing in the extreme summer heat and humidity.

**Shabbona Lake:** [Lake Shabbona](#) was a better trip because of the better weather. We went there on Friday, July 9, 2010. Just about everyone on the team caught something and we had a great time because the conditions were great. We arrived at Shabbona around 7:30am. Almost everyone started out fishing the lily pads. We did some research and we

knew from last years experience on this lake that the bass liked to hit scum frogs in the lily pads. There were boat rentals and Coach Kuchyt took everyone out fishing on the boat. We were so focused on fishing that we didn't want to stop to have lunch! We decided to eat lunch while we fished.

The fishing was consistent all day long, but we did not catch any "big ones." There were some nice catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass caught that day. The lake was really nice and the fishing was fun. Lake Shabbona is considered by many the musky capital of Illinois, although we did not catch any. At the end of the day, no one wanted to leave because we were having so much fun but eventually, we left at around 4:30pm.

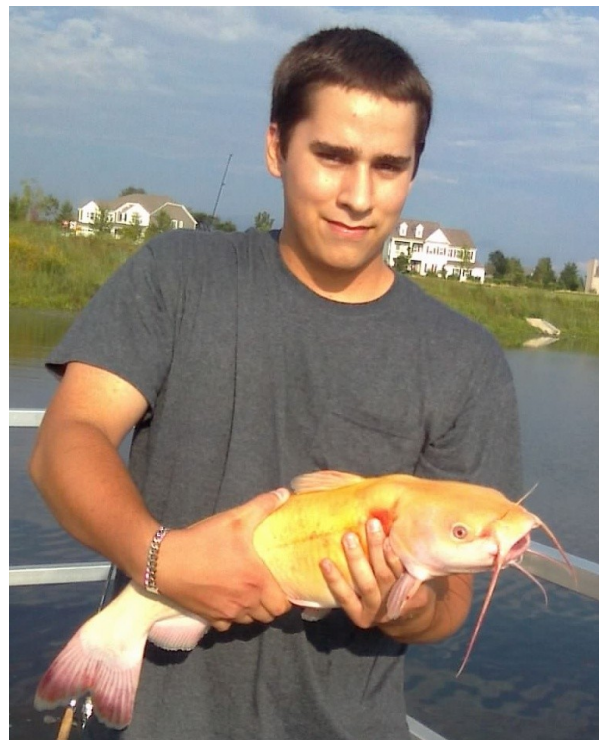


Omar Abdulla with a Shabbona Smallmouth

## Interesting Summer Fish Story...

While fishing a subdivision pond at his sisters house in early August, **Michael "Catfish Hunter" Hentgen** caught this albino catfish. Mike caught the fish using his secret bait. The fish weighed around two pounds and was released back into the pond. Albino fish are rarely caught because their coloring makes them easy prey. This is truly a unique catch and one that will be remembered for a very long time.

Great job Mike!



## Illinois River at Starved Rock By Mateusz Jaronczyk

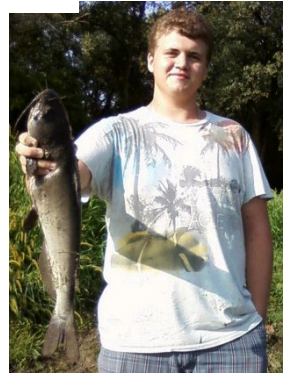
The Spartan Fishing Team took a trip to [Starved Rock](#) on August 6 to fish the Illinois River. The weather was really nice and we were fortunate enough to see the sun shine all day. The river conditions, however, were challenging. We had a strong storm hit the area a few days before and because of that the river was a bit high, the current was strong, and the water was muddy.

Because of the river conditions and the warm weather we had been experiencing this summer, we decided to fish for catfish and carp. Since the river was high and muddy, fishing in these conditions was a little challenging because everyone was getting snagged. We used many different baits, some used stink bait, corn, chicken liver, worms, and even

hotdogs. We did experience a number of bites and I managed to catch a nice four pound catfish on chicken liver. The river was not as productive as we had hoped because not many fish were caught. The fish that were caught helped motivate team members to catch the big one. My teammate Ben Masek managed to catch a few white bass near the boat ramp. Besides the fishing, we saw some very cool things.

After lunch, we saw a barge pass. As it passed, it cranked up its engines and we saw bunch of Asian Carp jumping out of the water. It was amazing to see how high they jumped and how many there were. That was one of the highlights of everyone's day. We also had the opportunity to see a wild turkey near

the edge of the woods which everyone thought was really interesting. We even saw a deer later on in the day which was surprising because you usually don't see them that late in the afternoon. All in all everyone had a good time and the team is looking forward to our next trip.



**Mateusz Jaronczyk**  
Illinois River catfish

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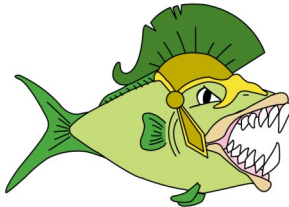


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### About our logo...



The Spartan Fishing Team logo was created and designed by **Matt Jensen**. Matt graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 2010. Matt currently attend Dominican University where he plans to develop his artistic talent and study business.

### Fish Fact

The smallest fish is the Philippine goby. It is less than 1/3 of an inch when fully grown.

## 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](#)

Click here to see the  
**Spartan Fishing Team**  
 Newsletter Archives!

## Spartan Fishing Team Offers Scholarship

The **Spartan Fishing Team**, through the generous contributions of its sponsors, is proud to announce that it will award a **\$250 scholarship** to a junior or senior member of the 2011 fishing team. [Happy Hyundai of Oak Lawn](#) has generously offered an additional \$250 scholarship. Qualifications for these scholarships 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 who advertise with us and partnering fishing clubs for their help in this endeavor.

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