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See live fish and other native wildlife, get info, and explore Kids' Discovery Room.**

SEDALIA, Mo. -- Discover nature with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Aug. 10-20.

Visit MDC's Conservation Building from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to see live fish and other native animals such as snakes, turtles, and amphibians. Learn about and see displays of native plants that help butterflies and other important pollinators. Ask conservation questions of MDC staff, get educational materials, and have fun.

Don't miss MDC's air-conditioned Conservation Kids' Discovery Room between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for hands-on fun discovering nature through crafts and other activities.

Enjoy these free conservation-related programs at MDC's outdoor pavilion:

WATCH RAPTORS: See a live eagle and other birds of prey up close at the Raptors of Missouri presentation Aug. 10 and Aug. 19 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.

LEARN TO CLEAN AND COOK FISH: Learn how to prepare a fresh catch at the Fish Cooking and Cleaning demonstration Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

BE BEAR AWARE: Learn about black bears in Missouri and how to Be Bear Aware Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: Visit with conservation agents and see the MDC OGT travelling display trailer all day Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

FIELD TO FORK: Learn how to clean and cook harvested game at the Field to Fork demonstration Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

HISTORIC SAWMILL: See a working model sawmill in operation at Forest Products: The Circular Sawmill Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss the special program on **ALIEN INVADERS** Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next door to the MDC outdoor pavilion at the Missouri Department of Transportation gardens. It will include displays and activities on invasive plants and animals, how they harm native species and habitats, and what people can do to help eliminate th

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Conservation agents will lead archery activities and offer boat rides while families fish together.**

KENNETT, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium (MBRC) Inc. will host the 19th annual Take a Kid Fishing Clinic at Jerry P. Combs Lake, Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the largest annual fishing event in the Bootheel.

“This event typically pulls in 500 or more people and we’re glad it’s popular,” said Conservation Agent Eric Heuring.

The purpose of the event, which is part of MBRC’s Fathers First Initiative, is to engage fathers and children in outdoor activities together. In addition to fishing, MDC will lead archery activities and offer boat rides on the lake, The Missouri National Guard will be present, free lunch and breakfast refreshments will be provided by MBRC, and a limited number of t-shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Cynthia Dean, CEO of MBRC, said the Fatherhood First program was initiated in 1998 in order to assist fathers in maintaining positive relationships with their children and families. She said the fishing clinic helps support local interventions and services to assist fathers in overcoming barriers to responsible fatherhood.

“MBRC is committed to continuing this important community event to emphasize the importance of male involvement in the lives of their children and families,” Dean said.

Adults and children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles and equipment. A limited number of loaner fishing poles will be available, with identification required for use of loaner poles. All children must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

“Fishing and other outdoor activities provide a perfect opportunity for families to bond as they learn about and enjoy the outdoors,” Heuring said. “MDC is proud to be a part of this event because of the strong tie to maintaining that tradition of families enjoying nature together.”

Heuring has coordinated MDC's portion of the event for well over a decade. He said watching children experience nature, sometimes for the first time, never gets old.

"The highlight of this event is always witnessing the children have a great time catching fish, getting a bull's-eye and going on the boat rides. For many, this is a first time experience with these activities," he said.

Heuring said for MDC, this event is part of a mission to help people discover nature. He said the hope is that after experiencing these outdoor activities for the first time at an event, parents and children will incorporate things like fishing, archery and general outdoor time into their regular routines.

"Fishing, like anything else, is only improved when enjoyed with your family," Heuring added.

To learn more about the MBRC Fishing Clinic, go online to mbrcinc.org/2017-fishing. For more information on places to fish in Missouri, go online to mdc.mo.gov/fish. For information on MDC nature programs occurring throughout Missouri, go to mdc.mo.gov/events.

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Registration Open for DPR Youth Sports

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Dexter, Missouri - Registration forms for fall sports at the Dexter Parks & Rec are now available.

Youth Soccer has two age groups. Division 1 accommodates children in kindergarten and first grade for the 2017-2018 school year and Division 2 is for children in second and third grades this upcoming school year. Deadline is August 17, 2017. Shorts, shoes, and shinguards are required. Uniforms will be provided by Dexter Park and Rec.

Youth Volleyball also has two age groups. Division 1 includes children in 4th and 5th grade and Division 2 are for children in sixth and seventh grades. Deadline is also August 17, 2017.

The Little League Tackle Football program is for youth in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Deadline is August 17. Practices are usually Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games are on Saturday mornings.

Contact the Parks and Rec office at (573) 624-8244 for more information. **Registration forms are available by clicking [HERE](#).**

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2017 Advance Junior High Cross Country Schedule Released

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Advance, Missouri - The Advance Junior High School Cross Country Team Schedule has been released for the 2017 season.

2017 Advance JH Hornets Cross Country Schedule:

Tue 09/05/17 Jackson JH CC Meet Away 4:00 p.m.

Sat 09/09/17 Arcadia Valley CC Meet Away 11:00 am

Sat 09/16/17 Cape Central CC Invitational Away 10:00 am

Tue 09/19/17 Oak Ridge CC Invitational Away 4:00 pm

Sat 09/30/17 Notre Dame CC Invitational Away 10:00 am

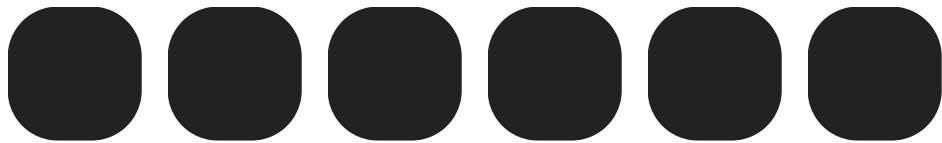
Thu 10/05/17 Saxony/Chaffee CC Invitational Away 4:00 pm

Sat 10/14/17 Farmington CC Invitational Away 12:00 pm

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Bernie, Missouri - The 2017 Bernie Basketball Camp will begin Monday, July 24th and end on Wednesday, July 26th.

You do not have to be a Bernie student to attend. Anyone that is going into the third through eight grade is eligible to attend. the camp will be held in the air conditioned Bernie High School Gym.

The camp will be from 10:30 a.m. - noon and the cost is \$25 per athlete.

Participants should wear clean tennis shoes, shorts, and a t-shirt every day to camp.

Points that will be covered are ball handling, shooting, defense, rebounding, and passing. in addition to those fundamentals, there will be daily scrimmages within each age group.

T-shirts will be given to all campers. Parents are also encouraged to come the last day of camp to watch the finals of the contests.

For more information or if for some reason you can not afford the camp please contact Brad Botsch (573) 293-5334, ext 232 or (573) 276-8305.

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