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ABSTRACT

This list of organizations, resources, and services is designed to help those interested in establishing a fishing recreation or education program. It contains 43 entries, each including the program title and mailing address. Entries include conservation programs, mapping companies, gear manufacturers, and distributors, as well as fishing foundations, institutes, and associations around the country. Most entries include a telephone number and some include descriptions of the programs, resources, or services offered. The available resources include fishing equipment, publications, videos, and instructional services. Twelve of the listings are noted as sources of fishing equipment for people with disabilities. (TES)

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## Is There A Fishing Program in Your Future?

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## **Resources for Fishing and Aquatics Education**

*compiled by Bruce E. Matthews*

The following compendium of ideas and resources may be helpful in establishing a fishing recreation or education program.

**Cornell University Department of Natural Resources  
Cooperative Extension 4-H Natural Resources Program  
122A Fernow Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
607-255-2114**

**Dr. Marianne Krasny, Program Leader  
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The SAREP program is designed to teach youth about stewardship of aquatic resources through their interest in fishing. An extensive leaders and members manual is available, instructor training workshops are held periodically, and a newsletter for volunteer instructors is published. The SAREP manual contains information on setting up community fishing derbies as well as establishing a fishing tackle lending program through a community library.

Other Extension publications on fishing are available at nominal cost through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Three excellent booklets are: *Let's Go Fishing*, by Decker, Howard and Kelley; *Let's Go Ice Fishing*, by Howard and Greene; and *Basic Fly Tying*, by Howard. A catalog of publications available from Extension can be obtained from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service, Distribution Center C, 7 Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850. Some of these publications are available locally through Cooperative Extension offices located in each county. Their phone numbers are usually listed under county government.

### **Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program**

**12 Fernow Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
607-255-2832**

**Dr. Michael Volland, Program Leader**

Sea Grant supports research and education into issues that affect the nation's marine and coastal resources, including recreational fishing. Publications, contacts and program support are available from the Sea Grant office at Cornell as well as the 11 Sea Grant Extension offices located near New York's marine and coastal resources.

### **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

**50 Wolf Rd.  
Albany, NY 12233  
Bruce Shupp, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries, 518-457-5420  
Robert Budliger, Director, Environmental Education Services, 518-457-3720**

There are 9 DEC regions in New York, with five additional sub-regional offices. Phone numbers and addresses are listed in DEC fishing guides and under state government in the phone book.

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The DEC offers publications, films and videos, and the support of the professional staff, which includes biologists, managers, and conservation law officers. Program ideas which involve the DEC include:

1. Visiting fish hatchery.
2. Assisting with stocking fish.
3. Observing electro-shocking or other sampling activity.
4. DEC speakers.
5. Films or videos.

The DEC also coordinates New York's **Project WILD** and **Aquatic WILD** programs through their environmental education office. The training and materials offered by this program are recommended.

### **National Wildlife Federation Conservation Directory**

National Wildlife Federation  
1412 16th St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
703-790-4402

The **Directory** is a one-stop source for information on government, public agencies and conservation groups dealing with natural resources, conservation and outdoor recreation issues on a national, statewide and regional basis. It contains names of officials as well as addresses and phone numbers. A very valuable reference, it is updated annually and available at the first of each year. The 1990 edition costs \$18.00, with a \$3.50 mailing charge. Well worth it!

### **American Fishing Tackle Manufacturer's Association**

AFTMA Center  
1250 Grove Ave.  
Barrington, IL 60010  
Nancy Lem, Communications Manager  
312-381-9490

The **AFTMA** is the national trade association for all fishing tackle manufacturers. Through **AFTMA** a directory of exhibitors at the annual trade show can be obtained, which lists names and addresses of most of the fishing tackle manufacturers. With the right approach, and especially with local manufacturers, support for fishing programs can be obtained.

The **AFTMA** also offers educational materials, including the highly acclaimed **AFTMA Fishing Education Curriculum**, fishing films and pamphlets.

The **AFTMA** supports the non-profit **Sport Fishing Educational Foundation**. This program offers financial support for educational research and the development of youth and participant oriented programs.

### **American Fishing Institute**

Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, IN 47809  
Louis Jensen, Ass't Dean, Instructional Services  
800-551-1639, 812-237-2336

The **AFI** conducts 2 day **Bass Fishing Institutes** around the country. Institute faculty are well-known anglers, and the programs are well-run and popular. Getting an Institute scheduled would be a good way to bring in a high caliber program to an area.

### **Berkley and Co.**

One Berkley Dr.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
800-237-5539

**Berkley** is very supportive of fishing education activity.

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**Cortland Line Co.**  
 POB 5588  
 Cortland, NY 13045  
 800-847-6787, 607-756-2851  
 Mr. Leon Chandler, Vice President

Cortland is very supportive of fishing education activity, and offers a number of free or low-cost brochures on fly fishing.

**Mustad Fish Hooks**  
 POB 838  
 Auburn, NY 13021  
 Mr. Ed Galka

Mustad offers leaders of fishing education programs the opportunity to request hooks to be used in their programs. Leaders wishing to request hooks should contact Mr. Galka in writing with the specifics of the activity.

**3M Leisure Time Products**  
 Building 224-2S-27 3M Center  
 St. Paul, MN 55144  
 612-733-4751  
 Peggy Broman

3M Leisure Time Products offers a high quality line of fishing instructional videos, featuring some of the best-known names in the business. These videos are available for purchase at 35% off list price to schools and clubs. Write to Peggy Broman on letterhead for a catalog of titles.

**Delorme Mapping Co.**  
 POB 298  
 Freeport, ME 04032  
 207-865-4171

Mr. Charles Conley, Communications Director

Delorme publishes the state "Atlas and Gazetteer" series, showing each state section by section, with back roads and natural features.

#### **Other Map Sources**

Each county highway department publishes a map to the roads in the county. The U.S. Geological Survey publishes topographic maps for each area of the state. The topo maps are usually available from area sporting goods stores, backpacking supply outlets, book stores or office supply retailers. Each county clerk can find the county plat maps. The plat map indicates the location of each parcel on the tax roles, and who owns the land. This may help in securing permission to fish on private property.

**Outdoor Sports Expo Group**  
 568 Columbia Tnpk.  
 E. Greenbush, NY 12061  
 518-479-3588

Promotes sportsman's and outdoor trade shows.

**Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Expo**  
 POB 364  
 Portsmouth, NH 03801  
 603-431-4315

Sponsors major consumer sport shows in the eastern U.S..

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**International Sportsmen's Expositions**

POB 2569

Vancouver, WA 98668

206-693-3700

Produces sportfishing and outdoor shows.

**FishAmerica Foundation**

1010 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Suite 100

Washington, DC 20001

202-898-0869

Richard T. Christian, Managing Director

The FishAmerica Foundation provides financial assistance for grass-roots, action-oriented projects designed to restore and enhance sport fish populations in North America.

**Future Fisherman Foundation**

Hwy 9 &amp; 71

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

712-336-1520

Sharon R. Coe, Executive Director

Promotes participation in and education about fishing. May financially support local programs and projects.

**Hooked on Fishing International**

Box 691200

Tulsa, OK 74169

918-622-1601

Gordon Holland, contact

A service organization devoted to supporting and facilitating the operation of youth fishing derbies through clubs, parks and recreation departments, etc.

**RodCrafters**

Rte 2, Box 860

Wascosville, PA 18106

Rodcrafters is an organization of folks who enjoy building fishing rods. A quarterly publication and national rod-building workshops are offered.

**International Game Fish Association**

3000 E. Las Olas Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

305-467-0161

Maintains world line class and fly rod records in salt and fresh water. Annually publishes **World Record Game Fishes**.

**National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame**

Box 33

Hall of Fame Dr.

Hayward, WI 54843

715-634-4440

Maintains world freshwater fishing records in line classes.

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**Izaak Walton League of America**

1701 N. Ft. Myer Dr.  
Suite 1100  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-528-1818

Conservation organization with focus on enhancement of habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities. Spearheaded national outdoor ethics focus. Sponsors the S.O.S.(Save Our Streams) program for stream monitoring and improvement. Local chapters (6 in NY) offer opportunities for cooperation on projects and sponsorship of activities. Contact NY Division president Stephen Castner, 315-536-3036 for names of local contacts.

**L.L. Bean Fishing Hotline**

800-341-4341

Call for information on fishing problems or equipment questions. A staff of experts will respond.

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

18th and C Streets  
Room 2725  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
202-343-1040

Information on fish and wildlife issues.

**Sport Fishing Institute**

1010 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Suite 100  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
202-898-0770

Sportfishing educational materials and services.

**Wildlife Legislative Fund of America**

50 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-221-2684

Rick Story, Vice President for Programs

The WLFA is very active in protecting the rights of sportsmen and women. Offers educational materials and assistance for public displays.

**Outdoor Writers Association of America**

2017 Cato Ave.  
Suite 101  
State College, PA 16801  
814-234-1011

The OWAA offers a speakers listing to obtain a speaker in the area of expertise desired. A traveling photo exhibit is available, offering about 50 award-winning color and black and white photos taken by America's outdoor communicators. An annual youth outdoor writing contest is held. Members of OWAA offer a valuable resource to any local organization seeking contacts or expertise in the field.

**New York State Outdoor Writers Association**

c/o Dave Henderson  
202 Prospect St.  
Endicott, NY 13760

Members of NYSOWA offer valuable expertise and resource contacts.

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**Trout Unlimited**  
 4260 E. Evans Ave.  
 Denver, CO 80222

TU is an international organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of coldwater fisheries. Local chapters can assist any organization wishing to establish a fishing program. Contact the national office for the names of local chapters.

**Lake Ontario Charter Boat Association**  
 POB 23291  
 Rochester, NY 14692

The LOCBA is an association of charter fishing skippers. It offers a directory of captains, listed by port. Some of these captains offer special programs for youth or special adult groups.

**New York State Outdoor Guides Association**  
 POB 916  
 Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Publishes annual directory to licensed NYS guides. Directory lists guides by region and specialty. Offers a good resource of fishing experts.

### Other Ideas

#### **Phone numbers**

Contact the phone company to obtain a **Directory of 800 numbers**. The book lists numbers by categories, like the yellow pages, and can assist in identifying fishing resources and tackle manufacturers.

#### **Local Tackle Shops and Sporting Goods Retailers**

May offer assistance in sponsoring events, providing equipment for prizes or activities, fishing expertise, meeting space.

#### **Local Colleges**

May offer meeting space, library resources or technical expertise.

#### **Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP, AARP, Seniors Helping Others)**

May offer volunteer assistance or provide a source for program participants.

#### **Local Libraries and Library Systems**

Offer the opportunity to set up a fishing tackle loan system.

#### **Sportsman's Associations, Rod and Gun Clubs, Port Captain's Groups**

Offer expertise, resource assistance, volunteers, may offer meeting sites.

#### **Nature Centers, Parks Facilities, Environmental Education Center**

Offer expertise, meeting sites.

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## Sources of Fishing Equipment for Persons with Disabilities

### **IDEA (Innovator of Disability Equipment and Adaptations, Inc.**

1393 Meadowcreek Dr.

Suite 2

Pewaukee, WI 53072

Brian Johnson, pres.

Brian is a spinal-injury quadriplegic who hunts, fishes and competes in wheelchair sports. His company offers a catalog full of products designed to enable persons with disabilities to adapt and participate in outdoor recreation activities, as well as live independently. IDEA lists electric fishing reels, rod holders and sound bobbers among its products. Brian is also available for workshops or seminars on recreation and independent living.

### **Products to Assist the Disabled Sportsman**

33012 Lighthouse Ct.

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Judy Pachner

Thirty four pages of fishing (including fly fishing), fishing accessories, hunting, camping and boating assist products for persons with disabilities! A terrific source of equipment and ideas.

### **H.B.S. News Co.**

POB 173

Lyons, Il. 60534

312-749-4368

Publishes **Disabled Boaters and Campers News** 6 times a year (\$3 per yr.). Sponsors clinics and seminars in camping, backpacking and survival for persons with disabilities.

### **Disabled Outdoors Foundation**

5223 South Lorel

Chicago, IL 60638

312-284-2206, 312-366-8526

A non-profit foundation for enabling persons with disabilities to access the outdoors.

### **Disabled Outdoors Magazine**

5223 South Lorel

Chicago, IL 60638

312-284-2206. 312-366-8256

Quarterly publication covering all aspects of outdoor recreation for persons with disabilities. (\$8 per yr.)

### **Recreational Challenges for the Disadvantaged**

Box 442

Pierce, ID 83546

208-464-2118

Jim and Mary Ann McManus

Guide service for persons with disabilities. Fishing, camping, big game hunting and winter sports in Idaho.

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**Loon Feather Charter and Guide Service**

466 Gathouse Rd.

Tully, NY 13159

315-696-6115

Capt. Bruce E. Matthews

Charter boat fishing for salmon and trout in Lake Ontario and New York's Finger Lakes. Specializes in developmentally disabled adults and children, persons with disabilities.

**Access to Recreation, Inc.**

2509 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Suite 430

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

805-498-7535

Donald Krebs, pres.

Hobby and recreation equipment for physically challenged.

**Information Center for Individuals with Disabilities**

20 Park Plaza

Room 303

Boston, MA 02116

617-727-5540

Resources source.

**Cabela's, Inc.**

812-13th Ave,

Sidney, NE 69160

1-800-237-4444

Source for the Royal Bee electric fishing reel.

**Lifeboat Press**

POB 11782

Marina Del Ray, CA 90295

Publishes International Directory of Recreation-Oriented Assistive Device Sources. Includes small section on fishing.

**Miya Epoch, USA**

1635 Crenshaw Blvd.

Torrance, CA 90501

213-320-1172

Distributor for the Miya Epoch electric fishing reel.