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COME OUT TO FAMILY FISHING DAY

1st 100 CHILDREN RECEIVE FREE ROD & TACKLE

FREE ICE CREAM FOR ALL CHILDREN!

Chicago, IL – This Saturday, September 6, **Friends of the Forest Preserves, Fishin' Buddies**, and other partners kick off a series of [free family events](#) with a **youth fishing derby** at Wolf Lake, for children ages 6-15. The first 100 children will receive a free rod and tackle to keep.

With nearly six miles of shore line, Wolf Lake is a great place to fish. You can catch largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, red ear sunfish, crappie, bullhead, walleye, or yellow perch. The derby is a great opportunity for children to enjoy an outdoor sport regardless of their athletic ability, and to enjoy quality time with their families. All children ages 6-15 are eligible but a parent or guardian must be willing to participate with them.

In addition, the **Chicago Wilderness** alliance has partnered with **National Geographic Kids** to arrange a visit by the [Ice Cream Expedition](#); three recent college graduates driving a biodiesel ice cream truck across the country, giving out free ice cream to children and encouraging them to take a conservation pledge. Caleb Kruse, Cameron Kruse and Jordan Fatke are in the middle of their cross-country journey and are also filming a documentary about how conservation is seen from a child's point of view.

So what are you waiting for? **Register today** at <http://ow.ly/B3uLZ>; sign in the day of the tournament begins at 8 a.m.; the event will conclude by 2 p.m. Wolf Lake is at 12949 Avenue O in Chicago.

This event is funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVES

The more than 2,000 members of Friends of the Forest Preserves work to protect, restore, and promote the forest preserves of Cook County for the benefit of people and nature. Through political advocacy, ecological restoration, and community outreach, we ensure the forest preserves will always be a source of recreation and relaxation.

<http://www.fotfp.org/>

FISHIN BUDDIES

Fishin' Buddies! Inc. is dedicated to introducing urban children to the outdoors through fishing contests and derbies, and conservation and environmental education programs and events. Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance that connects people and nature.

www.fishin-buddies.net

CHICAGO WILDERNESS

Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance that connects people and nature. We are more than 300 organizations working together to restore local nature and improve the quality of life for all who live here, by protecting the lands and waters on which we all depend. www.chicagowilderness.org.

The logo for Chicago Wilderness features the word "Chicago" in a light green, serif font, positioned above the word "Wilderness" in a darker green, serif font. The text is set against a light green rectangular background.