

Fort Drum Natural Resources Branch



Remington Pond 25th Annual Youth Fishing Derby Results

The Directorate of Public Works-Natural Resources Branch celebrated its silver anniversary organizing the 25th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 18, 2024. It was a beautiful day to fish—it was cloudy and warm with temperatures in the high 60s and sun broke through the clouds by the end. Seventy-two youth registered for the event and 49 caught at least one fish. A total of 340 fish were caught in 3 hours and 45 minutes.

Fishing at Remington Pond is mostly a catch-and-release fishery except for trout which are stocked each year. After being measured, fish were released back into the pond. Prizes were awarded in three age groups for most fish and longest fish caught.



In the 3 to 7-year-old age group, Bria Bever (age 7) caught the largest fish in her age group and largest fish of the day with a 17.3 inch largemouth bass. (Anglers are eligible for only one prize per age group—but Bria also caught the most fish in the age 3-7 age group with 24). Other winners with longest fish were Wayne Forrest, Jr. (age 7), Naomi Brown (age 5), and Ezra Bautista (age 5). The winner of the most fish caught in this age category was Aurora Lodzeischi (age 6) with 16 followed by Paxton Sheely (age 6), Jameson Hyde (age 4), and Angelina Hyde (age 7).



Bria Bever, age 7, with her father and 17.3" Largemouth Bass—the largest fish of the day.



Aurora Lodzeischi, age 6, with her mother and a Largemouth Bass--one of her 16 fish for the day.

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In the 8 to 11-year-old age group, the longest fish was a 12.4” Brown Bullhead caught by Eloise McManus (age 8). Watha Ratnaransy (age 10) caught the second longest fish of the age group with a 9.9” Yellow Perch—the only one caught the entire day. Third and fourth place went to Amelia Bautista (age 11) and Sebastain Osorio (age 9), respectively.

The most fish in this age group and for the entire day was 36 by Kaylee Persons (age 10). Mela Miter (age 9) caught the second most with 17. Other winners were Jake Finster (age 9) and Vlad Halouchits (age 8).



Eloise McManus, age 8, with her winning 12.4” Brown Bullhead.



Kaylee Persons, age 10, with one of her 36 fish for the day—she caught the most fish of anyone at the derby.



Watha Ratnaransy, age 10, with his 9.9” Yellow Perch.

FINAL RESULTS OF 25th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IN REMINGTON POND

FISH SPECIES	# CAUGHT
Pumpkinseed	269
Largemouth Bass	27
Black Crappie	21
Rock Bass	13
Brown Bullhead	6
Golden Shiner	2
Brook Trout	1
Yellow Perch	1
TOTAL FISH	340

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In the 12 to 18-year-old age group, the largest fish was a 14.8" Largemouth Bass caught by Shane Sauer (age 14). Other winners were Jaden LaBarre (age 16), Hayden Cantu (age 14), and Austin Walters (age 15). Austin Miller caught the most fish in this age category with 15 followed by Allena Bush (age 15), Lillie Collunga (age 14), and Daegan Foley (age 15).



Shane Sauer, age 14, with his winning 14.8" Largemouth Bass.



Allena Bush, age 15—fishing derby participant for the last 11 years!--with a Pumpkinseed, one of her 12 fish for the day.



Hayden Cantu, age 14, with the 3rd longest fish, a Black Crappie.

Prizes were donated by AAFES Post Exchange and the Bush Family.

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Naomi Brown, age 5, with Largemouth Bass.



Talulah Kichline, age 7, with Pumpkinseed.



Wesley Small, age 5, with his father and a Largemouth Bass.



Evelyn Mellendorf, age 5, with a Pumpkinseed. (Photo by Brandy Mellendorf).