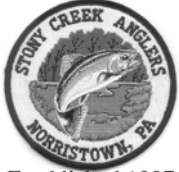




## FOURTH ANNUAL INDIANHEAD WATERSHED ASSOCIATION FISHING DERBY

The IndianHead Watershed Association is hosting its Fourth Annual Fishing Derby for Kids. We are pairing up again with our co-sponsors, the Stony Creek Anglers and the Lower Providence Optimist Club, for another exciting event!



Established 1997

We are very proud and excited to sponsor this event to give children and families in the community the chance to experience the Perkiomen Creek and the great fishing opportunities it has to offer. Additionally, there will be a FUNDAY area to provide food, drinks, and games with prizes (for children big and small) for a nominal charge. It is a day for the entire family to enjoy!

**Prizes will be given to all 75 participants and participation is limited – so register early!**



Prizes will also be given for the largest fish caught during the derby, by category. Fish will be measured for length. Experienced anglers will be on hand to measure the fish and take a picture of your catch, so that children may choose to release their catch. These officials will be available in designated areas along the banks and available to help all of the children. Even if you as a parent are not an angler, bring your children, and we can help!

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**WHEN:** The derby is to be held on **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 1PM**, weather permitting. **Registration will begin at 8:30 AM.** In the event the derby is unable to take place due to rain, the event will occur on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9AM to 1PM. In the instance where there is severe rain that causes the creek to rise too high to be safe for fishing either day, the derby will be canceled entirely (in which case, your registration fee would be returned to you).

**WHERE:** The registration and FUNDAY area will be held on the banks of the Perkiomen Creek on Tyson Mill Road. This is on the Lower Providence Township side of the creek (east side) near Hoy Park. There is ample parking and participants must sign in and pick up their participation number at this location. Call 610-650-8911 if you need more information or directions.

**WHERE TO FISH:** On the day of the event, we will have a map at the registration area and officials to guide you to areas and properties that are officially participating in the event. In general, the fishing area is limited to both sides of the Perkiomen between the Arcola Bridge and the IndianHead Dam. Participants **must** fish from the banks and no boat fishing will be permitted in the derby. Also, it is illegal and strictly prohibited to fish on the dam itself.

**FEE & REGISTRATION:** \$5.00 per participant. Children must be 5 to 14 years of age. **Keep in mind that participation is limited to 75 children, so register early to ensure a spot!** Pre-registration must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration **may** be allowed on the day of the derby **IF** there are still slots available, so it is best to register in advance. **Those who register in advance must sign in by 9:15AM on the day of the derby, or you may forfeit your spot and registration fee.** To register, use a registration form for **each** child, and checks are payable to IndianHead Watershed Association. Mail forms to IWA, P.O. Box 756, Oaks, PA, 19456. Checks will not be cashed until after the event takes place and will be returned to you in the event that the derby must be cancelled due to inclement weather. If you decide to withdraw from the derby, please give 24 hours notice by calling 610-650-8911 so that we can give that slot to another participant. All children must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.

**FISHING RODS & BAIT:** Bring your own fishing rod; a limited amount of fishing rods and bait will be available. Experienced anglers will be available to assist with your rods, bait and fish handling.

**THE CONTEST:** There will be two age categories: children aged 5 to 9 and children 10 to 14. The 3 largest fish caught in each category will win a prize. Fish will be measured for length and a picture of the child and fish will be taken by officials. Officials will be available within the designated fishing areas, so when a fish is caught, an official will be nearby to take measurements. Legal-sized fish are allowed to be kept, but you may also choose to release fish back into the creek. The officials can help you to do this as well, if needed. Winners will be announced at the end of the derby at the registration and FUNDAY area.