

Schedule of Open-to-the-Public Family Fishing Events 2017

What: City of Maricopa- Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, January 14th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Copper Sky Lake
45345 W. Martin Luther King
Blvd. Maricopa, AZ 85138

Comments: This family event is co-sponsored with the City of Maricopa and Arizona Game and Fish. Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide loaner rods for the first 100 participants who don't have their own rod, as well as bait and fishing information. Come on out and bring the whole family. Fishing licenses are not required for those who register with Game & Fish staff during the planned hours of the event. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Family Fishing Day

When: Saturday, January 28th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Red Mountain Lake
7745 E. Brown Rd. Mesa, AZ 85207

Comments: Come out and enjoy some family fun with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Mesa Parks and Recreation. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available. This event is free of charge and open to all ages. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Youth and Family Fishing Day

When: Saturday, February 4th, 2017
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Anthem Community Park
41703 N Gavilan Peak
Pkwy. Anthem, AZ 85086

Comments: Come out and enjoy some family fun with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. **This will be a “catch-and-release” only activity, and the use of barbless hooks is required.** It is free of charge and open to all ages. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Take a Kid Fishing Day

When: Saturday, February 11th, 2016
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Where: La Paz County
Park 7350
Riverside Dr.
Parker, AZ 85344

Comments: This is the 38th Annual *Take a Fishing Day* celebration and is a community partnership event between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Take a Kid Fishing Organization, and the City of Parker. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers. Loaner rods are available for use, or feel free to bring your own. Bait will be provided and you do not need to possess a fishing license to participate. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun.

Contact: For more information please contact the Take a Kid Fishing Program at weshontz@yahoo.com or the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Just for Kids Fishing Festival

When: Saturday, February 25th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Comments: This is the 26th Annual *Just for Kids Fishing Festival* celebration and is a community partnership event between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Anglers United, and the City of Tempe. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Family and Community Fishing Event

When: Saturday, March 11th, 2017
8AM-12PM

Where: Roper Lake State Park
101 E. Roper Lake Rd.
Safford, AZ 85546

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish will be working with Roper Lake State Park to provide a day of free, family fishing and fun. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers. Loaner rods are available for use, or feel free to bring your own. Bait will be provided and *during the hours of the event*, you do not need to possess a fishing license to participate. The cost of the event is free for those who sign in at the Game and Fish booth. Bring your family out and join the fun.

Contact: For more information please contact Kelly Wright at Roper Lake State Park at (928) 428-6760 or the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, April 8th, 2017
8AM-1PM

Where: Bonsall Pond
5840 W. Bethany Home Rd.
Glendale, AZ 85301

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish will be working with the City of Glendale to provide a day of free, family fishing and fun. Up to 1,000 youth licenses will be given out free, on a first-come, first-serve basis. In addition, Game and Fish staff from the Sport Fishing Education Program and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide tips on fishing and answer your angling questions. Bring your own equipment or there will be loaner rods available. Participants, who register at the Game and Fish booth, will be provided bait and will not need a fishing license during the hours of the event.

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Fishing for Sustainability-Family and Community Fishing Event

When: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017
8AM-12PM

Where: Silverbell Lake @ Christopher Columbus Park
4600 N. Silverbell Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85745

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish Sport Fishing Education Program and the Tucson Regional office will be working together to provide families a morning of free, family fishing fun, with a new and exciting twist! Staff from the Sport Fishing Education Program, Tucson office and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide tips on fishing and answer your angling questions. Bring your own equipment or there will be loaner rods available. Participants, who register at the Game and Fish booth, will be provided bait and will not need a fishing license during the hours of the event. More information on the *new* additions to the event will be available in early April, so be sure to check back!!!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Family Fishing Event

When: Saturday, May 20th, 2017
7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish Department will be providing families with some fishing fun, in conjunction with the Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk 2017. The Walk will be going on for most of the day at Kiwanis Park, but for a few hours in the morning, families can come enjoy some free fishing. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Free Fishing Day!

When: Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Goldwater Lake
2900 S. Goldwater Lake Rd.
Prescott, AZ 86303

Comments: As part of the National Free Fishing Day, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is planning a day of free fishing for the whole family. The Arizona Game & Fish Department Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist anglers. Bait will be provided and loaner rods will be available for those participants who sign in at the Game and Fish booth. This is a great time to bring the kids out for a nice day of fishing.

Contact: For more information please call the Kingman Office of the Arizona Game and Fish at 928-692-7700 or the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.