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For Immediate Release:

Free Ice-Fishing Clinics for Kids

Local Fishing Clubs Offer Training at Local Park Lagoons

Milwaukee (Jan. 20, 2014) – Members of local fishing clubs will teach children the basics of ice-fishing at the 23rd Annual Kids' Ice-Fishing Clinics, Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at five Milwaukee County Parks.

Children age 15 and under are invited to hands-on clinics featuring knot tying, safe use of ice fishing equipment, and instruction on proper techniques on the ice. All fishing equipment will be furnished. The indoor instructional component of the program will go on no matter what the weather; the ice-fishing component is dependent upon the weather and ice conditions at the park. Clinics begin on the hour, with the last clinic starting at 2 p.m.

Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are reminded to dress their children in warm layers.

Pre-registration is not required for families, but groups of 20 or more are asked to contact the Wisconsin DNR.

Milwaukee County locations hosting clinics are the following: Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave.; McCarty Park, 8214 W. Cleveland Ave.; McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51 St. (wheelchair accessible); Scout Lake Park, 5902 W. Loomis Rd. (wheelchair accessible); and Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Ave.

The clinics are presented by the Milwaukee County Parks, the Wisconsin DNR, the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations, and the Hunger Task Force Fish Hatchery.

For more information, or for groups of 20 or more, call the Wisconsin DNR at (414) 263-8614.

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