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For Immediate Release:

## **Free Spring Fishing Clinics for Kids**

*Local Fishing Clubs Offer Training at Local Park Lagoons*

Milwaukee (March 26, 2014) – Members of local fishing clubs will teach children the basics of fishing at Spring Fishing Clinics for Kids, Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at 11 Milwaukee County Parks.

Children age 15 and under are invited to hands-on clinics featuring knot tying, safe use of fishing equipment, and instruction on proper fishing techniques. Information on aquatic invasive species will be provided, and Wisconsin DNR staff will be at clinics at Greenfield and Humboldt parks. All fishing equipment will be furnished. The indoor instructional component of the program will go on no matter what the weather; the outdoor component is dependent upon the weather. Clinics begin on the hour, with the last clinic starting at 2 p.m.

Children age 6 and under 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 DNR.

Milwaukee County locations hosting clinics are the following: Brown Deer Park, 7835 N. Green Bay Road; Grant–Oak Creek, Mill Pond on Oak Creek Pkwy.; Greenfield Park, 2028 S. 124 St.; Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave.; McCarty Park, 8214 W. Cleveland Ave.; McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51 St. (wheelchair accessible); Mitchell Park, 524 S. Layton Blvd.; Scout Lake Park, 5902 W. Loomis Rd. (wheelchair accessible); Sheridan Park, 4800 S. Lake Drive; Washington, 1859 N. 40 St. (wheelchair accessible); and Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Ave.

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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