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Free Spring Fishing Clinics for Kids at 11 Park Lagoons April 9

Milwaukee, WI (March 8, 2016) – Members of local fishing clubs will teach children the basics of fishing at the 32nd Annual Spring Fishing Clinics for Kids, Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at 11 Milwaukee County Parks.

Children age 15 and under are invited to the hands-on clinics featuring knot tying, safe use of fishing equipment, and instruction on proper fishing techniques. Some locations will also offer cleaning and cooking demonstrations. Because a limited number of rods and reels will be available for children to use during the clinics, families are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

The indoor instructional component of the program will go on no matter what the weather; the outdoor component is dependent upon the weather. Clinics run continuously throughout the day, with the last sessions starting at 2 p.m.

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

Parks hosting clinics are the following: Brown Deer Park, 7835 N. Green Bay Road; Dineen Park, 6901 W. Vienna St.; 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) 303-0109.

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