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## **“Reeling in the Fish” Kids Fishing Tournament and Get Outdoor Days**

**CARLYLE LAKE** - In recognition of Illinois' Free Fishing Days June 6th - June 9<sup>th</sup> and National Get Outdoors Days, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with Henkel's Hook and Arrow will be hosting a “Reeling in the Fish” kid's fishing tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the City of Carlyle Fish Hatchery Pond located on Illinois Route 50, one mile east of Carlyle. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. giving participant's an hour and a half of fishing time. Trophies will be awarded for total weight in two age categories, ten and under and eleven to fifteen. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in both categories.

Fishing is a sport enjoyed by everyone, and is recognized as one of the most peaceful of all recreational opportunities. Illinois' Free Fishing Days provide families and individuals an opportunity to try recreational fishing without the commitment of purchasing a fishing license. Fishing is a great way to spend time with your family in the great outdoors. So get outdoors, grab your pole and head out to the Fish Hatchery Pond to reel in the big one!

June has been proclaimed as National Get Outdoors month. Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and the recreation industry are teaming up to encourage Americans, especially youth, to seek healthy, outdoor activities by utilizing parks, forests, refuges and other public lands and waters. The benefits of being active outdoors are magnificent!

Upcoming events to Celebrate Get Outdoors month at Carlyle Lake include:

### **National Trails Day—June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate National Trails Day by taking a hike on the Chipmunk Nature Trail. Meet at the trail head near the shelter in McNair Campground at 7:00 p.m.

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**National Get Outdoors Day— June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Paddle Away at the Dam West Beach! Don't miss your chance to enjoy Kayak presentations and a chance to try one out. Meet under the tent near the water on the north end of the beach at 11:30—3:00 p.m.

**A Day at the Beach! – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Spend the day at the Dam West Beach and enjoy swimming, live music, volleyball, sandcastle building, water safety games and more! These activities lead up to the Fireworks Spectacular hosted by the Carlyle Lake Fireworks Committee. Fireworks will begin at dusk. If you would like to participate in the volleyball tournament or sandcastle building contest, registration begins at 11:30 on the Dam West beach.

For more information about this event contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or e-mail us at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil)