

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SHOOTING

CLAYBIRD CLASSIC
The fourth annual Children's Hospital of Michigan Jeep Claybird Classic sporting clay national tournament returns to Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford on Friday and Saturday. Proceeds from the 50-target, 16-station national tournament will benefit the Rehabilitation Center Endowment Fund at Children's Hospital. The top shooters from across the country will compete for money and prizes. Spectators are welcome. Additional activities for the public to enjoy include an archery range, a dog field trial demonstration, an off-road driving course, a stocked trout pond for fly fishing, auctions and vendors. Call (810) 628-HUNT for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

TEAM TRAIL
Bass Champions Team Trail will hold a team tournament on Saturday, June 22, on Lake St. Clair. The tournament will begin at the Harley Ensign boat launch. Call Mike Dyer at (810) 674-1472 for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTER
Oakland Bass Masters of Michigan will hold an open tournament June 30 on Lake St. Clair. The tournament will begin at the Harley Ensign boat launch. Call Roy Randolph at (810) 642-5254 for more information.

ARCHERY

FIELD & HUNTER
Royal Oak Archers will host a 14 & 14 Field and Hunter shoot Sunday, June 23, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (810) 693-9799 for more information.

SEASONS/DATES

ELK
August 1 is the deadline to apply for a license for the 1996 September elk hunt. September 16 is the deadline to apply for a license for the 1996 December elk hunt.

FISHING CLUBS

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call Sam Pilato at (813) 420-0521 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-0521 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

ALCOHOL BAN
There will be an alcohol ban in effect at the country will compete for money and prizes. Spectators are welcome. Additional activities for the public to enjoy include an archery range, a dog field trial demonstration, an off-road driving course, a stocked trout pond for fly fishing, auctions and vendors. Call (810) 628-HUNT for more information.

WILDFLOW SKETCHING
Identify and sketch several spring wildflowers during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

DINOS & TOTS
Youngsters age 3-5 will learn about the world of dinosaurs during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

TOT LOT
A mini-nature program for tots age 3-5 and their parents begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

NATURE BIKE TOUR
An easy bike ride along the park's eight-mile paved path begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

FOX TRAIL
A two-hour hike along the Fox Trail begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Inland Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 686-2433. For programs at Inland Lake call (810) 228-7087.

FISHING IN THE PARKS
Free fishing clinics and an opportunity to fish with some DNR staff members will be offered in 10 state parks, June 18-August 13. The clinics will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. This program will be offered locally at Inland Lake Recreation Area near Brighton, Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area northwest of Oxford, and Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford. Call (817) 373-1272 for more information.

OAKLAND PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register.

CELEBRATE SUMMER
Discover the power of the sun and its influence at 1:30 p.m. June 22 at Independence Oaks.

Hills man joins DNR conservation staff



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ments and transfers in recent years.

"We're pleased to have these additions to our field enforcement effort and will look forward to the officers completing their training and being fully integrated into the division's field operations," said Law Enforcement Division Chief Herb Burns. "There are currently 160 field-level conservation officers in various locations throughout the state, and these nine will enable

us to provide an increased enforcement in some priority areas."

The DNR's Law Enforcement Division is processing a number of additional conservation officer candidate applications and is looking forward to employing as many as 42 new officers over the next 18 months.

Perch study started

In an effort to learn more about the perch population in Lake St. Clair, Michigan DNR fisheries biologists recently initiated a long-term study on Lake St. Clair, the first such study in 13 years.

Biologists hope to tag 2,000 perch and are asking anglers to assist in the study by reporting information to the DNR on any tagged perch they catch.

"We have several goals for this study, the most important of which is to determine the survival rate of perch in Lake St. Clair," said DNR fisheries

research biologist Robert Haas. "We also expect to find out how many are being caught versus how many die from natural causes. Through this study, we will be able to estimate mortality rates, follow the movement patterns of perch and get an idea of the population."

Regatta returns

The Oakland County Boat Club and the Rainbow Connection have teamed up to sponsor the 78th Annual Regatta, July 21, on Sylvan Lake. The event is free, but parking is limited. Competition is sanctioned by the American Powerboat Association.

The Rainbow Connection is a non profit Michigan corporation dedicated to granting wishes to children with life threatening illnesses.

The theme of this year's regatta is "The Race for Wishes." A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the

Rainbow Connection. The Oakland County Boat Club is asking for donations. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information call Glenn Wehler at (810) 682-9870 or Suzanne Jones at (810) 783-9777 for more information.

Fishing pier built

If you don't own a boat, it's often difficult to find a place to wet a line. Thanks to volunteers from the Oakland County Sportfishing Association, Wright & Filippis, Ameritech Telephone Pioneers of America and park staff, a new, handicap-accessible fishing pier has been built on Lake Sixteen at Orion Oaks County Park in Lake Orion.

The 150-foot-long dock provides plenty of access into the deeper waters of the lake.

The dock is located off Joysyn Road next to a handicap-accessible parking area and a picnic area complete with barbecue grills.

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