

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

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CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Saint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7885 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 698-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 478-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 16218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 691-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 858-0656 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 888-6656 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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7768; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

MAKE AND TAKE BIRD FEEDERS
Make a bird feeder at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 participation fee and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-477-3178 for more information.

DEEP AND CRISP EVENING

WALK
Take an interpreter-led evening hike at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester. Dress warmly and wear boots. Pre-registration is required and for more information call (810) 781-4621.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2001 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are now on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30, 2001. After May 1, 2001, the permit cost will be \$25. All senior citizens (ages 62 and older) can purchase the permit for \$15 at all times. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

ICE FISHING CONTESTS
An upcoming ice fishing contest is scheduled for Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston. "Cabin Fever Cure" will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8 a.m.-noon. In addition to an ice fishing contest, cross country skiing is planned for 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Thirty minute ski lessons will also be given. Cost is \$3 per person with skis or \$9 per person with a ski rental. To register, call (248) 858-4647. Independence Oaks County Park is located at Seahabaw Road, 2 1/2

miles north of I-75. All events will take place conditions permitting. For ice and ski trail conditions, call (248) 625-0877. For more information or to inquire about other winter activities, call 1-888-OC PARKS or (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island 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 (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 225-7077.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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"There's a lot of good individual talent out there," Moreau said. "I haven't seen Canton, but I've heard they're pretty strong."
"We'll be all right," Rodriguez said. "We'll have some kids out of the lineup. But so does everybody. The bug's going around. It hurts everybody."
Several 2000 champions are eligible to defend their titles.
Aaron Parr of CC returns in the heavyweight division while Phil Rothwell of Canton is back at 189 pounds.

Imad Kharbush of Stevenson won at 152 pounds a year ago, but is wrestling at 160 this season. Ryan Rogowski of CC is again at 171.
Kharbush brings a 28-1 record into the meet, his lone loss coming at a recent tournament.
The Spartans' Ch. Cooperider won at 145 pounds last year and is wrestling at that weight again this season.

"Catholic Central is obviously the team to beat," Canton's Demick said. "We're excited about it."
"We arranged to have a dual meet with them that was cancelled because of snow. They weren't able to make the postponement date we came up with, so we haven't seen them. They're always strong."
"Stevenson should fare well, too."
The Spartans' Billy Bullock, who wrestles at 125, was hurt during the weekend, but Moreau's hopeful he'll be able to compete in the Observerland meet.

Rodriguez is holding one of his top wrestlers out, grandson Nate Rodriguez. The youngster is recuperating from a broken hand and was scheduled to have the

cast removed today.
"But I'm not going to use him," Mike Rodriguez said. "I'm going to hold him out for another week. I don't want to take a chance."
CC's Jay Abshire has been wrestling well at 145 and could unseat Cooperider.
Canton, meanwhile, has depth. The Chiefs have Kyle Pitt doing well at 119 pounds, Joe Faraoni at 152, Doy Demick at 125, Greg Musser rated high at 140 and, of course, Rothwell at 189.

Rothwell "has had just an outstanding year," Demick said. "He should fare well."
"We typically have been placing 11 people at tournaments. One of the things we have going for us is that we're very well rounded."
"We have Scott McKee (171), Derek McWatt (heavyweight), Shahein Rajee (160), Mike Siegrist (145), Chris Hosen (135) and Ozzie Wagner (215) have been strong wrestlers for us."

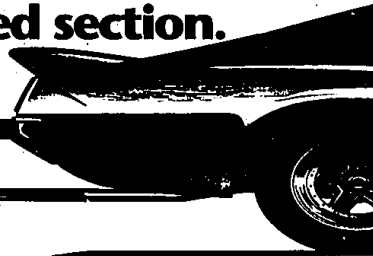
"In truth, we have quite a few guys capable of accomplishing a lot."
Stevenson is looking for good things from Matt Radley at 140 with Paul Bargarstock (215), sophomore Charlie Rabaut at 112 and Jason Fischer at 119.
"They'll score some points for us," Moreau said. "There are some good teams there. It's going to be a good meet."
"There are a lot of teams that are evenly matched. A lot depends on who comes in the healthiest."

Other wrestlers who have been having strong seasons for CC include Tim Mulroy (119), Mike Werner (140), Casey Hilliker (160) and Blain Naismith (189).
"We're just starting to come on — just like last year, we're late bloomers," Rodriguez said. "We're getting much tougher."
"The competition we've had the last couple of meets is starting to show they can hold their own, compared to the beginning of the year."
The Shamrocks lost to Temperance-Bedford and Howell last weekend in a tournament, but defeated Roseville, Wyandotte and Stevenson.
"The Stevenson match was a donnybrook; a good one," Rodriguez said. "He had some people out of his lineup. We had some people out of our lineup. Bob's a good coach. He does a good job."
"It's going to be a race. Canton's going to be sitting, waiting."
"I'm not nervous about our guys," Demick said. "I have great confidence in them. We should have a good meet. We have a lot of respect for the other teams out there."
"We dropped the ball in the first round of a tournament last week. We did a good job coming back, but weren't able to come back all the way. Hopefully we'll be a little more prepared this time."

2000 TEAM RESULTS
1. Catholic Central, 231; 2. Stevenson, 199; 3. Canton, 185; 4. Salem, 163; 5. Church Hill, 124; 6. Farmington, 115; 7. Garden City, 106.5; 8. Clarenceville, 94; 9. Wayne, 90.5; 10. Redford Union, 68; 11. Franklin, 58; 12. John Glenn, 51; 13. North Farmington, 48.5; 14. Lutheran High Westland, 41; 15. Thurston, 27; 16. Harrison, 12.5.

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