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Bait Casting & Game Fish ID



District & State 4-H O-Rama – Junior & Senior 4-H'ers

Aquaculture & Fisheries

OBJECTIVES

1. Targeted Life Skills: character, healthy lifestyle choices, and responsible citizenship
2. To provide opportunity for faculty to share educational and career opportunities in the fields of aquaculture, fisheries management and aquatic sciences. Representatives from universities and state agencies will be available to visit with participants and answer questions.
3. To create more interest in the pleasure of fishing
4. To increase the participants' knowledge of fish in Arkansas and improve their accuracy in casting through practice

ELIGIBILITY

Each county may enter one Junior and one Senior 4-H member at the District 4-H O-Rama. The top five Senior 4-H'ers from each District O-Rama will be eligible to participate in the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama.

ACTIVITY

Both Junior and Senior activities will be conducted according to the regulations outlined in the 4-H leaflet S-303, "4-H Bait Casting and Game Fish Identification" (revised in 2007).

Each contestant is encouraged to furnish his or her own equipment. A rod/reel combo and practice plugs will be available at the district and state activity. There will be no division for fly fishing. The activity at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama will be the same as the district activity for Seniors.



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JUDGING

Each contestant will be judged on accuracy in casting. Each contestant will also be required to identify five common Arkansas game fish. Seniors will have to identify an additional five common Arkansas fish. In addition, Seniors will also be required to identify five anatomical features of a fish. The points and score sheets for all of these activities are outlined in the 4-H leaflet S-303, "4-H Bait Casting and Game Fish Identification" (revised in 2007).

AWARDS

The first-place winner will receive a ribbon (Junior and Senior division at District 4-H O-Rama; overall winner at Arkansas 4-H O-Rama). Second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners will receive ribbons. No ribbons will be awarded for zero scores. Fishing tackle donated by The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be given as prizes to first-, second- and third-place winners.

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