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Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Fishing and Boating Services

Youth Fishing Program

Youth Fishing Rodeo Program

Fishing rodeos have been held in Maryland for many years with the Maryland of Natural Resources' Fishing and Boating Services providing many forms of assistance for the rodeo events. Some events have been held for 20, 40 or even 60 plus years! The program has changed over time and this year there are significant changes. Please review the [Youth Fishing Rodeo Policy](#) before completing this application.

The Youth Rodeo Program is funded via the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, which provides grant funds to states via taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties and interest. Rodeo events are sponsored by a wide variety of community and non-profit organizations, which submit annual requests for support.

Each spring, a list of upcoming youth rodeo events is posted on the department's [website](#) so parents and young anglers can find out about events in their area. Events are held throughout the state between March and November and are open to participants from 3 to 15 years of age.

Participation in events supported by Maryland's Youth Fishing Rodeo Program averages more than 7,000 children each year; with event organizers typically providing fishing gear and/or bait, fishing tips and assistance, food, and prizes to ensure that all the children have a fun and exciting time.

Because youth rodeos are very popular and the [Youth Fishing Rodeo Program](#) can only supply a limited number of fish, we are not able to provide fish for all the events for which we receive requests. However, even if the Youth Fishing Rodeo Program cannot provide fish, we can offer support and assistance in a variety of other ways, from locating alternative sources of fish or including your event on our web page, to technical advice and information.

If your organization is interested in hosting a youth rodeo event and would like to request support or assistance through the department's Youth Fishing Rodeo Program, please complete the [Youth Fishing Rodeo Program Application](#). Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed to Michael Anderson at the address below.

Requests will be prioritized based on the information supplied on this form and the date they are received. If a coordinator does not submit a post –event report from a prior event, the organization will not be granted a rodeo permit or receive fish the next year. If you have any questions, please call Michael Anderson at 301-393-5940 ext 108 or by email at michaelr.anderson@maryland.gov

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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