



Kids Fishing Festival

Frequently Asked Questions



The event is 8am – 3pm, but I had to register for a specific hour to fish. What does this mean?

You can arrive at the festival any time after 8 am to enjoy the activities, walk around the grounds, and enjoy lunch. The time you sign up for is the hour your child can line up to fish. Your child will be able to work with a fishing mentor for about 10 minutes during the hour that you sign up for.



Is the "fishing for kids ages 5-14 only" enforced? I have a little one who very badly wants to fish!

We only allow kids in that age range to fish for safety and liability reasons. We want to be fair, so we do enforce the 5-14 age range rule. Only registered kids ages 5-14 are allowed on the docks, no siblings or parents.



If only kids ages 5-14 can fish, why do I have to pay the event fee for adults?

Good question! There are a lot of costs that go into making this event possible and the registration fees help us cover some of those costs. If cost is preventing you from attending the event, please let us know. We do have a limited number of scholarships available. We want to be able to share the love of fishing with everyone, not just those who can afford it!



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Where does Kids Fishing Festival take place?

The festival is held on our 100-acre natural area located at 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy, Vancouver, WA 98683.

There will be plenty of signs and volunteers on the day of the festival to show you where to park and where to register. We will send a map to all participants along with any additional information you should know before the festival.



What do I need to bring?

We will provide all fishing equipment, including poles, lines, and baits.

Feel free to bring your own cooler to bring your fish home. We will give you your fish in a zip lock bag with ice, but if you plan to hang around after fishing, you may want your own cooler.

Be prepared to be outside all day! Wear comfortable shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.



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I think my child might be freaked out by fish blood and guts. Can you hide the fish cleaning station?

If you think that it may be inappropriate for your child to watch the fish cleaning, you can choose to steer them away from that area.

We're scientists here at Columbia Springs – our staff and volunteers at the fish cleaning station treat their job like a scientific dissection; they use the opportunity to teach kids about anatomy and biology!



What is served at the BBQ lunch? Do you have options for those with dietary restrictions?

The BBQ is facilitated by a local labor union, the ILWU – they provide the food and volunteers to staff the BBQ. They will serve hotdogs, cookies, chips, beverages and fresh fruit. There will also be veggie options and breakfast snacks.

Do you take walk-ins?



We are unable to accept walk-in fishers because of the popularity of the event.

