



Illinois Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Day July 14, 2007

It was a perfect day for fishing! 55 of 57 kids caught fish and caught them all day long. The others had bites all day long but they were a little more interested in all the goodies in their new tackle boxes that they received. Every kid who participated received his or her own Zebco rod and reel and Plano tackle box. As they caught fish they had their pictures taken and the big fish were weighed for the big fish contest. All the fish were released alive. The winners of the Big Fish award went to Victoria Zoiss 1.1 lbs bass on the Girls side and Ryan Nelson 1.4 lbs bass on the boys 12 and under.

Just when it was time to eat the hot dogs, chips and freeze pops, the fishing turned on. It was crazy we took close to 200 pictures for the day. There are a lot of people to thank for the success of this years kids fishing day. I'm only going to name a few. First I would like to thank Milt Waltermire, Conservation Director for The Illinois B.A.S.S. Federation Nation for attending our day and teaching these kids a lesson on natural resources and keeping them clean. Jim Kurt Schumaker and Kevin Seme without them this day wouldn't of been a success. I would also like to thank Kevin Gofron, Bud Edmunds, Jeff Cole and his wife Pat, Mike Stephenson Mark Fosteryd and Kliff Schin from our club. A very special thanks goes out to Mike Glynn, Tim Donovan and Pat Sweeney and his club members for providing an incredible fishing experience that those kids will never forget.

A special thanks to Scott Beschoner from Strictly Fishing in Plainfield. Scott's expertise helped provide the kids with the proper equipment. A special thanks to Craig King of Embroid Me of Villa Park for making us look so good. The Illinois Bass Anglers club is a B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Club. We also hold a benefit tournament for Cystic Fibrosis and contribute to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Finally from all of us at the Illinois Bass Anglers club we would like to thank all of our sponsors, without your support we couldn't have provided the same level of positive experiences for the kids of tomorrow.

