

Cooper Lake State Park hosts Kids Fish Derby

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Children from five to 13 years of age are invited to participate in the Kid's Fish Derby to be held at Cooper Lake State Park/South Sulphur Unit. Come join Cooper Lake State Park rangers and sponsors; Tin Top Bait and Tackle, Farmer's Electric Co-operative, Wal-Mart and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for this special event.

Don't know how to fish? Don't have a fishing pole? Don't let that stop you from coming! This is all about learning how to fish. You can bring your own bait and tackle or we will have a limited amount of tackle available for you to borrow. Bait will also be provided by the park. Plenty of volunteers will be around to help the kids learn how to tie on a hook, learn how to cast, and how to handle a fish. The kids can use single hooks, treble hooks or lures.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Park Fishing Pond. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at park headquarters. Fishing will begin at 9:30.

The grand prize will be a two night stay for the winner and their family in one of the park's premium shelters and free entry into the park for those two days for up to eight people. There will also be prizes for the three heaviest stringers of five fish. The place and prizes for the stringers and drawing for the grand prize and will be at 11:45 a.m.

All fish caught will be weighed, recorded and the fish may be released or kept to take with them. Each child will be allowed to take up to 10 fish with them no matter the size.

All of the rules will be posted at the registration table. You must be present to win. There will be a \$5 park entry fee for adults.

Come get hooked on fishing!

For more information or questions, contact Cooper Lake State Park at 903-945-5256.