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STEVE McCADAMS “CASTING FOR A CURE” FISHING RODEO

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9TH ANNUAL STEVE McCADAMS “CASTING FOR A CURE” KIDS FISHING RODEO

The 9th Annual Steve McCadams “Casting For A Cure” Kids Fishing Rodeo returns to Carroll Lake on Saturday, June 7th for a fun filled morning where even little fish bring on big smiles.

Young anglers ages 15 and under are invited to participate in the FREE event which will benefit the American Cancer Society. Each year Steve teams up with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the big event continues to grow in popularity each year.

More than 2,800 kids from five states have been introduced to the great sport of fishing since the rodeo’s conception.

“I’m looking forward to another big rodeo and we’ve got more prizes than ever to offer the kids this year,” said Steve McCadams, nationally known outdoorsman. “Thanks to the help of TWRA, lots of volunteers and donations, the festivity will

build some self-esteem in these future fishermen as they fight fish and cancer at the same time.”

Participants are asked to arrive early and check-in at the registration tent where each contestant will receive a bag of goodies. Pre-registration will be from 7-9 a.m. with the actual competition taking place from 9-11 a.m.

Kids are asked to bring their own bait and tackle. However, TWRA will have loaner rods so every kid will have a chance to fish.

“It’s a great opportunity for kids to learn about the great sport of fishing while sharing some time with their family and friends,” said McCadams, himself a cancer survivor. “I wanted to do something to help fight this terrible disease that affects so many people for no reason. It’s especially sad to see young kids stricken with cancer but with events like these we can give them hope as we work together to find a cure.”

A Bassmaster Casting Kids contest will be held under the shade of live oaks hosted by the McKenzie Bass Club. Winners will advance to state and national competition.

Carroll Lake is located five miles east of McKenzie, TN and five miles north of Huntingdon, on U.S. Highway 22. *For additional information log on to www.stevemccadams.com or call 731-642-0360.*

TWRA MID-SOUTH JUNIOR FISHING RODEO RETURNS TO JOHNSON ROAD LAKE IN 2008

A lifetime hunting and fishing license, plus a three-day, two-night vacation to Reelfoot Lake are two of the prizes on the line when the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency plays host to its 2008 Mid-South Junior Fishing Rodeo on June 7 at Johnson Road Park behind Germantown Baptist Church off Poplar Avenue in Germantown.

The rodeo is sponsored by Memphis, Light, Gas & Water and hosted by the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department. Youth ages 6-12 are eligible to fish in this free event. Additional sponsors include the TWRA, Kroger, Wal-Mart and Sportsman’s Warehouse.

Carl Graham of Collierville will donate one of his Hammer Rods to the rodeo champion and will be at the lake to offer young anglers tips on how to catch fish. It's not unusual for TV personality and Hall of Fame angler Bill Dance to show up at the rodeo, which is an off-shoot of the old Mid-South Junior Fishing Rodeo sponsored for more than 50 years by The Commercial Appeal.

Dave Rizzuto, Region 1 fisheries biologist for the TWRA, said the park's lake will be stocked with catchable-size catfish.

Prizes will be awarded to the youth in each age group (6-8 or 9-12) with the most points (point total will be assigned to each species of fish and the child with the most points will be the winner). Also, prizes will be drawn throughout the rodeo from registration forms.

Larry Rea of Germantown, retired outdoors editor for The Commercial Appeal and host of Outdoors with Larry Rea on Country Legends WMC 79, will serve as the rodeo's emcee.

Memphis realtor Jackie Welch has agreed to again to fund the purchase of a lifetime hunting and fishing license for one of the rodeo's participants. All participants will be eligible to win this prize. The winner will be drawn from the registration forms.

Also, the Grand Champion, along with his or her immediate family, will earn a vacation trip to Blue Bank Resort on Reelfoot Lake courtesy of resort owner Mike Hayes, a member of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.

On-site registration will be from 7-9 a.m. on June 7 with fishing from 9-11 a.m. Check-out is 11 a.m.

For additional information contact the TWRA Region 1 office in Jackson at (800) 372-3928 or the Germantown Parks and Recreation at 757-7375.

