



Join DOEE's Fisheries & Wildlife Division in kicking off National Fishing & Boating Week at the annual [Family & Youth Casting Call](#) on **Saturday, June 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Anacostia Park** outside of the [DOEE Aquatic Resources Education Center](#).

This *free* fishing event features:

- Angling instruction and loaner equipment in one hour blocks for youth,
- Engaging environmental education stations in the *Angler Adventures* activity area,
- Tours of the Aquatic Resources Education Center featuring more than 40 types of aquatic animals found in the District of Columbia and Chesapeake Bay, and
- Time in Anacostia Park catching some family fun!

[Register online](#) to reserve fishing equipment and instruction for youth for a one-hour period. All youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone over the age of 18. **Advanced registration will close on Friday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.** but walk-up participants will be accommodated as space is available.

Bring your kids to practice the basics of catch-and-release fishing in a fun and supportive setting, learn about watershed protection and conservation, create fish art, and see some fish and other aquatic animals up close! Participants in previous family fishing events have hooked Blue Catfish, Bluegill, Brown Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Green Sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Striped Bass, White Perch, Yellow Perch, and even American Eel and Mummichog from the Anacostia River! Come see what is reeled in during this year's Family & Youth Casting Call!

The Family & Youth Casting Call is one of many environmental education opportunities at the Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC). **All AREC programs are FREE, but space is limited.** View other programs and learn more about the Aquatic Resources Education Center by visiting <https://doee.dc.gov/arec>. The Aquatic Resources Education Center is located in Anacostia Park next to the Skating Pavilion. Directions are available on the [National Park Service Anacostia Park website](#).

Questions? Email doee.arec@dc.gov or call 202-535-2276.

Sincerely,

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