



CCA Louisiana/4H Club Youth Fishing Seminar



VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS AND CURRICULUM GUIDE

How do I schedule our seminar?

Call your local 4H Agent.

They have been instructed to expect your call and are excited to find a time and date that works!

How many CCA volunteers are needed?

A minimum of 3 volunteers is best. Make sure each volunteer take part of the program rather than one person doing all the talking.

How long should it take?

Minimum 1 hour, but you can go longer if you'd like

Remember

Keep the kids engaged. Ask those lots of questions and let them ask you lots of questions. Instead of saying "This is a speckled trout," ask them "who can tell me what kind of fish this is?" Throw them a bag of baits for a correct answer. The time will fly by!

What CCA volunteers should bring

- Rod and reels (at least one spinner & one baitcaster...but you can bring more to show if you have them- fly rods, offshore gear, kiddy rods, etc)
- Various artificial lures (cut the barbs if you plan to pass it around)
- Tackle Box
- At least one coast guard approved life-jacket
- Sunscreen and hat
- Fish ID posters (from CCA)
- Fish measuring device
- Hookless Plugs (if you plan on letting kids cast)
- Bay boat (optional, but visually great if possible)
- Box of prize baits (from CCA)
- CCA stickers (from CCA)
- Certificates and Vouchers (from CCA-these may be mailed to the kids afterwards)

TALKING POINTS

1. **Different kinds of fish**
 - a. Use CCA provided Fish ID posters or powerpoint to identify different fish species. Good chance to tell them about the size and creel limits on each fish.
2. **Different kinds of Rods n Reel**
 - a. Use visual aids to identify different rods and reels, the differences in them, and how they each work.
3. **Different kinds of hooks, lures and baits**
 - a. Use visual aids to identify different types of hooks and artificial lures how they work and why they are effective. Be careful with the hooks.
4. **Different fishing methods**
 - a. Use visual aids to show different ways to fish. Titelined, Carolina rigged, under a cork, etc.
5. **Bay boat explanation***
 - a. If you have a boat with you, show them the different parts...the motor, the electronics, the safety equipment, trolling motor, etc and what they each do.
6. **Casting***
 - a. If you have space and time to do so, let them each try to cast a few times, being careful to emphasize safety and awareness of their surroundings.
7. **Simple fishing knots***
 - a. Show the kids a couple of examples of basic fishing knots
8. **Life Jackets**
 - a. Use visual aids to show how to put on a life jacket. You could even have kids race to see who can put it on 100% correctly, the fastest. Just for fun...
9. **Safety- Importance of sun protection**
 - a. Talk about why it is important to use these things for sun / heat protection
10. **Fishing related jobs**
 - a. Tell the kids about fishing industry jobs like fishing guides, tackle shop owners or working for CCA.
11. **The importance of conservation**
 - a. Talk about why it is important to take care of the resource we have for future generations.
 - b. Fish limits -why we have creel limits, size limits, seasons, etc.
 - c. Also why it's important to be careful with throwback fish, not to litter, etc.
12. **Questions and Answers**
 - a. You could also do a review at the end where you ask questions and the kids answer. Correct answers get prizes.

(*-optional)

All kids get a CCA / 4H Certificate, a membership voucher, a bag of baits and a CCA sticker before they leave. Give out other goodies as well if available.