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Fort Hunter Liggett Youth Fishing Derby April 24

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Fort Hunter Liggett Directorate of Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) will host the 18th annual Youth Fishing Derby for ages 15 and younger on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Del Venturi Reservoir.

DFMWR will stock the reservoir with about 1,700 pounds of rainbow trout.

Children up to age 15 from FHL and surrounding communities are invited and will not need a fishing permit. When the derby ends, the pond will be open for everyone who has a California fishing license. No FHL fishing permit will be needed April 24 and 25

“My Intent is to provide a safe fun-filled morning celebrating the Month of the Military Child,” said Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell. “It is also an excellent opportunity for youth who have never been fishing before.”

Registration is required for participation and begins at 6:30 a.m. The derby ends at noon. There is a limit of five fish per youth, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be given for the biggest fish caught by categories.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase (cash only) the day of the event. Fishing poles and a limited amount of bait will be provided for up to 150 youth. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bait.

The fishing derby will be held rain or shine. For more information or to register your family, please visit www.fhlfmwr.com/youthfishingderby or call the Fort Hunter Liggett Outdoor Recreation Department at (831) 718-7607.

COVID-19 precautions will be in place. There will be a checkpoint for temperature checks prior to entry to event area. Participants will receive a wristband when cleared. No one without a wristband will be allowed entry. Centers for Disease Control and DoD

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social distancing and face covering guidelines apply. This year a maximum of 1,000 participants will be allowed entry.

The Youth Fishing Derby is proudly sponsored by USAA, IHG Army Hotels, Boingo, McDonald's, A&G Pumping, Inc., 4 Seasons Outfitters, JV Automobiles, Rio Farms, L.A. Hearne Company, and Wildhorse Café. This is paid sponsorship and does not reflect U.S. Army or federal government endorsement.

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- read/sign FHL PAO Form 2 to request post access found here:
https://home.army.mil/liggett/application/files/8016/0219/6981/FHL_PAO_FORM_2_-_MEDIA_GROUNDRULES.pdf
- have media identification clearly visible at all times

ASK FOR AMY PHILLIPS, PAO AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT DEL VENTURI POND WHEN YOU ARRIVE

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