

Parameters for Partners

School-based fishing and watershed education programs

These parameters outline the roles partners play in development of a school-based watershed education and fishing program.

Premise

South Bay Fishing in the City is a community-based program that creates repeatable fishing opportunities for students. Fishing events are offered as a part of a larger class exploration and study of the local watershed. Fishing is used as a hook to help students understand the importance of environmental stewardship.

Objectives

- Provide a positive recreational and learning experience for students.
- Create a link between watershed study and formal education programs.
- Assist students in learning about their local watershed and how human activities affect the quality of water in local streams, lakes and the bay.
- Provide students with the skills and tools to continue fishing on their own.
- Serve as a catalyst for students to interact with inter-generational role models.
- Fulfill the goals and objectives of each partner.

Partner Responsibilities

Participating School

- Secure commitment from all teachers and administration in selected grade level for program.
- Develop and implement watershed study/fish ecology lessons prior to and following the fishing event.
- Provide classroom time for the "Fishing 101" led by service club members.
- Provide classroom time for tackle box assembly.
- Sign waiver for publicity release for students.
- Provide "Hold Harmless" insurance to sponsors and facility.
- Work with service club to insure transportation of students to the fishing site.
- Be prepared to provide first aid during fishing event.
- Provide all critical information as requested to SBFIC.
- Display a banner at the event.

Service Club

- Assign an Event Coordinator to work with other partners.
- Provide volunteer mentors to teach "Fishing 101" in the classroom.
- Recruit volunteers to assist students at the lake (1:3 adult/student ratio).
- Cover costs of tackle, tackle boxes, bait, volunteer refreshments (morning snack and lunch) and other incidentals.
- Insure all fishing rods are in working order following event.
- Display a banner to identify their organization.

- Provide lunch for the students.
- Provide transportation for students from the school to the fishing site.
- Provide all critical information as requested to SBFIC.
- Participate in an evaluation process for the program.

Lake Managers

- Prepare the site for events.
- Provide Park Ranger and other staff for event including first aid and law enforcement.
- Waive fees for volunteer parking and site reservations.
- Provide all critical information as requested to SBFIC.
- Coordinate all onsite activities.
- Participate in an evaluation process for the program.
- Coordinate pick up and return pick up of nets and trailer.
- Insure all equipment is returned in clean working order and report any damage to Quartermaster.

South Bay Fishing in the City

- Provide equipment
- Coordinate fish plant
- Coordinate between partners
- Provide expertise in event planning
- Work with partners to insure all critical information is reported
- Coordinate advertising, press and public relations
- Provide training to service club members.
- Assist the teachers in development of watershed study program, as needed.

The Department of Fish and Game

- Facilitate meetings, as needed.
- Provide biological expertise to lake, as needed.
- Help secure fish for the event.
- Provide kids fishing book and other publications or displays.

If you have questions or would like more information on creating Fishing in the City program in your community, please contact Ethan Rotman at (415) 892-0460 or erotman@dfg.ca.gov.