



TENTH ANNUAL ILLINOIS SCHOLASTIC MUSKIE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 20, 2023



The Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter of Muskies, Inc. and the IMTT are pleased to sponsor the Tenth Annual IL Scholastic Muskie Tournament

- No entry fees and open to any School Students in Illinois to participate in a local Muskie fishing event
- Held on **Wheel Lake** in Banner Marsh
 - Located in Fulton County, 25 miles Southwest of Peoria and 16 miles to Pekin
 - 350-acre lake with a maximum depth of 60 feet.
 - Loaner nets and bump boards provided.
 - Horsepower limit is 25 but motors above allowed with a **NO WAKE** policy.
 - All boats must provide **PROOF OF INSURANCE**
- Participation does not influence IHSA bass program eligibility.

TOURNAMENT DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2023, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Wheel Lake main boat launch area:
<https://www.ifishillinois.org/profiles/waterbody.php?waternum=04053>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION: Jim Beaty, President Shawnee Muskie Hunters
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Additional Information and Registration Forms: <http://www.shawneemuskiehunters.org>

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND RULES

- 1 or 2 participating teams per school. Participants must currently be in grades 1-12. Each team will be comprised of one or two students and one adult.
- Student teams will provide their own boats and make sure that they are safe to be on the water. An adult must operate the boat and is not allowed to fish. All students in the boat must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the driver. All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the tournament. (See our website for the boat safety check list.)
- All fish caught are to be measured, photographed, and released. The team with the most muskie, in total inches, will be the winner. If no muskies are caught, the largest bass will qualify as the winning fish. Fishing only allowed by casting or trolling with artificial bait.
- All participants agree to behave appropriately, respectfully and comply with all ILDNR rules. All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation.
- The winning school team will be given a trophy for their school and a traveling trophy. Individual trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams. The angler with the largest muskie will receive a muskie fishing rod.



Shawnee Muskie Hunters



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 10th **Annual IL Scholastic Muskie Fishing Tournament** will be this spring. This is a cooperative event with other Schools and Muskie Groups in IL.

Basic rules of the tournament are as follows:

- Locally, the Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter of Muskies Inc. and IMTT will host a tournament on **Saturday, May 20th, 2023**, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **Wheel Lake**. There will be no make-up or alternative dates. Boats should be launched at the main launch area by 6:30 a.m. and teams will meet for the orientation.
- There will be pre-registered student teams of 1 or 2 students in each boat (school students only). Each school will set up the process to determine who will represent their school.
- Student teams will provide their own boats and make sure that they are safe to be on the water. An adult must drive the boat and is not allowed to fish or handle the fishing rods. **All boats must provide Proof of Insurance.**
- Fishing only allowed by casting or trolling with artificial bait. This is a catch and release event.
- All students in the boat must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the driver. All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the tournament.
- All fish are to be measured on a bump board, photographed showing head and tail on the board, and released.
- The team with the most muskie, in total inches, will be the winner.
- If no muskies are caught, the largest bass will qualify as the winning fish and only 1st place will be awarded.
- All participants agree to behave appropriately, respectfully and comply with all ILDNR rules.
- All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation.
- The winning school team will be given a trophy for their school and the traveling trophy. Individual trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The largest muskie caught, measured, and released will receive a muskie rod.

There will be a few boats, comprised of local muskie anglers, supervising this event held on **Wheel Lake**. Students should organize themselves and **return the completed permission slips** signed by their parents **by Saturday, May 10, 2023**. If you have any questions regarding the event on **Wheel Lake**, please feel free to contact us.

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Permission and Registration Form – Due May 10, 2023

Student Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Tournament fishing partner? _____ Email _____

Emergency contact and phone number? _____

I have talked with my student about their responsibility in making this a fun, safe event and they have my permission.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Boat Hull Number _____

Attach copy of Boat Insurance