



Shawnee Muskies Hunters



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 8th **Annual IL High School Muskies Fishing Tournament** will be this spring. This is a cooperative event with other High Schools in Illinois and Muskies Groups in IL.

Basic rules of the tournament are as follows:

- Locally, the Shawnee Muskies Hunters Chapter of Muskies Inc. will host a tournament on **Saturday, May 15th, 2021** from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **Mill Creek Lake**. There will be no make-up or alternative dates. Boats should be launched at the main launch area by 6:15 a.m. and teams will meet for the orientation.
- There will be pre-registered student teams of 1 or 2 students in each boat (high school students only). Each high 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 persons 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 IL DNR rules.
- All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation.
- The winning high 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 Muskies Inc. members, supervising this event held on **Mill Creek Lake**. Students should organize themselves and **return the completed permission slips** signed by their HS Principal **by Wednesday, May 5, 2021**. If you have any questions regarding the event on **Mill Creek Lake**, please feel free to contact us. Principals, please send Jim Beaty your student team's information.

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Permission and Registration Form – Due May 5, 2021

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

Principal Signature & Date

Boat Hull Number _____

Attach copy of Boat Insurance