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## EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FIREMENS FISHING CONTEST BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

1. The 55th Annual Chaska Fire Department ice fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, 2012, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at Fireman's Park in downtown Chaska on the northwest corner of Co Rd 61 & Hwy 41. Contestants are discouraged from entering inside the fishing area prior to 12:00 noon.



2. Should inclement weather or bad ice conditions cause cancellation on Saturday, the contest will be held at the Chaska Fire Department with all "For the Fisherman" prizes raffled off for those who attend and submit their tickets and all door prizes and "For the Non Fisherman" prizes given away to all persons who purchased tickets to the contest. Official notices will be posted at [www.chaskafire.org](http://www.chaskafire.org).

3. The top 50 places "For the Fisherman" prizes are determined by largest weight and time registered. In the event of a tie, the first fish registered takes priority. Any size game fish may place in the Top 50. Fish species that are allowed for weigh in are: northern, walleye, crappie, bluegill, sunfish, perch, and any species of bass. Rough fish, including bullhead and carp are not allowed for weigh-in.

4. Each person will be allowed to fish one hole maximum. You may register as many fish as you want. All game fish weighed in by a contestant may be eligible for the top 50 fish prizes.

5. Contestants may reserve no more than one hole no earlier than 12:00 noon on the day of the contest.

6. All fish entered must be brought to the weigh-in station immediately and be alive. Please bring a bag or bucket, as the tournament requires live release. All fish brought to the weigh in are kept and released by contest officials. Dead or frozen fish are ineligible. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the judge is final. All prize winners may be required to take polygraph exams as part of contest requirements. In the event deception is detected or the contestant refuses to take the exam, his/her prize will be forfeited. (This seems somewhat extreme, but we gotta do what we gotta do!) Contestants are responsible for verification of weight of fish at time of weigh in.

7. All fish must be caught and the contestant en route to the weigh-in station by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the contest.

8. Contestants must fish in the area designated for the contest.

9. Contestants will be allowed to move to other unoccupied holes in the contest area. You are allowed to bring as many poles as desired, but cannot use more than one pole per hole at a time. Contestants must use holes that have been provided. No additional hole drilling will be allowed before or during contest by any contestant.



10. The "For the Fisherman" tickets and "For the Non-Fisherman" tickets are two separate items. You need to be present and catch a fish to be eligible for the "For the Fisherman" prizes. You need not be present to win a "For the Non Fisherman" prizes.

11. Entry fee for the contest is \$2.00 for tickets purchased prior to contest or \$2.00 per ticket purchased at the lake the day of the contest. No refunds will be given for any reason.



12. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the contest area.

13. Parking is available in Fireman's Park. Additional parking is available on the northwest side of the lake, located off County road 110. Contestants may also park on the side streets south of Chaska Blvd. (Formally HWY 212)

14. All bait fish must be four inches or smaller. Any baitfish over four inches will not be allowed on the ice. Bait is available on site.

15. Coolers and large containers are discouraged. No spears allowed. Heaters, chairs, bait pails; underwater cameras and depth finders are allowed. No licenses sold on the lake. Ice chisels are recommended as holes are drilled the morning of the contest and may ice over a little. The use of augers is not allowed. Weighted lines without hooks or bait can be used to check depth prior to 12:45 p.m. No lines are allowed in the water from 12:45 p.m. to the start of the contest.

16. Members of the Chaska Fire Department are ineligible to fish the tournament.

17. All contestants and others hereby consent to the use of any names, photographs or likenesses of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to print, radio, television, or any other media.

18. Chaska Fire Department thanks you for supporting our efforts to protect the environment and request that you remove refuse—including cigarette butts—from the ice when you leave. Glass containers are not allowed in contest area and will be confiscated by and forfeited to contest officials. Waste containers are provided.



**EVEN AFTER ALL THAT INFORMATION, PEOPLE STILL FIND A QUESTION TO ASK:**

**Q: WHAT TIME CAN I START FISHING?**

A: 1:00 P.M., WHEN THE ANNOUNCER GIVES THE START SIGNAL.

**Q: WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THE TICKET?**

A: PLEASE CLEARLY FILL OUT THE ENTIRE TICKET. FOR SOME DOOR PRIZES AND PRIZES THAT YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN, ARE MAILED OUT TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR CONTACTED BY PHONE. ANY TICKETS THAT ARE NOT LEGIBLE ARE FORFEITED.

**Q: DO I NEED TO BRING AN AUGER TO DRILL HOLES?**

A: NO. ALL HOLES ARE DRILLED THE MORNING OF THE FISHING CONTEST. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING AN ICE CHISEL AND ICE SCOOP TO CLEAR ANY ICE THAT MAY FORM PRIOR TO THE CONTEST STARTING.

**Q: CAN I CHECK THE DEPTH?**

A: YES, BUT ONLY WITH A DEPTH FINDER OR A LINE WITHOUT A HOOK. ALL LINES MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER BY 12:45 PM UNTIL THE OFFICIAL START.

**Q: WHEN DOES THE CONTEST END?**

A: 3:00 PM THE ANNOUNCER WILL SIGNAL CONTESTANTS ENDING THE CONTEST. YOU MUST BE OBSERVED BY A CONTEST OFFICIAL ON YOUR WAY TO FISH WEIGH IN BY 3:00. REMEMBER: FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH IN STAND IMMEDIATELY WHEN CAUGHT AND ALIVE. DEAD OR FROZEN FISH WILL BE INELIGIBLE.



**Q: CAN I WIN IF I'M NOT AT THE LAKE?**

A: YES. THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF PRIZES, "FOR THE FISHERMAN" AND "FOR THE NON FISHERMAN" YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT AND CATCH A FISH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A "FOR THE FISHERMAN" PRIZE. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN A "FOR THE NON FISHERMAN" PRIZE. THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL DOOR PRIZES GIVEN AWAY DURING THE CONTEST. SOME DOOR PRIZES YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR AND SOME YOU DO NOT. ALL THOSE THAT YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR WILL BE MAILED OUT TO THE WINNER.



**Q: WHEN CAN I ENTER THE CONTEST AREA?**

A: PARKING IN THE PARK BEGINS AT 11:30 AM.

**Q: CAN I PRE-FISH?**

A: NO. YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

**Q: WHAT TYPE OF FISH CAN I WEIGH IN?**

A: ONLY GAME FISH ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE WEIGHED IN FOR CONTEST PRIZES. THESE INCLUDE; NORTHERN, WALLEYE, CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL, SUNFISH, PERCH AND ANY BASS SPECIES. ROUGH FISH, INCLUDING BULLHEAD AND CARP ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FISH TO BE WEIGHED IN.



**Q: CAN I FISH USING A WINDBREAK?**

A: NO. WINDBREAKS OR SET UP SHELTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

**Q: CAN I PULL CANVAS OVER MY HEAD FOR PROTECTION?**

A: NO. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN COMPLETELY VISIBLE WHILE FISHING.

**Q: CAN I FISH TWO HOLES?**

A: NO, ONLY ONE HOLE AND ONE LINE PER CONTESTANT. YOU MAY JUMP TO OPEN HOLES AND FISH A DIFFERENT HOLE DURING THE CONTEST.

**Q: CAN I BRING MY OWN BEER OR POP INTO THE CONTEST AREA?**

A: YES, BUT BEVERAGES ARE SUPPLIED AT THE CONTEST. GLASS BOTTLES ARE NOT ALLOWED, PLASTIC BOTTLES ARE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU, HOWEVER TO PATRONIZE OUR CONCESSIONS.

**Q: CAN WE BRING OUR OWN FOOD?**

A: YES. HOWEVER OUR CONCESSIONS OFFER HOT FOOD ON THE LAKE AND OFF.

**Q: CAN MY FRIEND WATCH MY LINE WHILE I GO TO THE BATHROOM OR TO REGISTER MY FISH?**

A: NO! PLEASE TAKE YOUR LINE OUT OF THE WATER. LEAVING YOUR LINE UNATTENDED IS AGAINST MINNESOTA LAW.

**Q: DO I NEED A FISHING LICENSE?**

A: YES. ALL MINNESOTA FISHING LAWS REGULATE FISHING DURING THE CONTEST. MN DNR OFFICERS MAY BE PRESENT AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO QUESTION ANY CONTESTANT.

**Q: CAN I PARK ON THE ICE?**

A: NO! (See photo associated with Rule No. 12 above.)

**Q: CAN I BRING A COOLER ONTO THE ICE?**

A: YES, BUT THEY ARE DISCOURAGED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO MANDATORY SEARCH.

**Q: IS THERE A PLACE I CAN WARM UP?**

A: WE HAVE A HEATED CONCESSION STAND.

**Q: I CAUGHT TWO FISH. SHOULD I REGISTER BOTH?**

A: YOU MAY REGISTER AS MANY FISH AS YOU LIKE. ALL ELIGIBLE GAME FISH CAUGHT BY A CONTESTANT ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN "FOR THE FISHERMAN" PRIZES.

**Q: DO YOU HAVE BAIT FOR SALE?**

A: YES. WE WILL HAVE FREE CRAPPIE MINNOWS FOR CONTESTANTS. SUCKER MINNOWS AND WAX WORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.



**Q: CAN I LEAVE EARLY?**

A: YES. ANY CONTESTANT MAY LEAVE THE PARK AT ALL TIMES. THEY MAY NOT RETURN WITH ANY FISH THOUGH.

**Q: WHERE ARE TICKETS FOR SALE DURING THE CONTEST?**

A: THERE WILL BE TICKETS BEING SOLD THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR DOOR PRIZES.

**Q: ARE TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE PRIOR TO THE CONTEST?**

A: YES. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACTIVE AND RETIRED FIREMEN. YOU MAY STOP BY THE FIRE STATION AND PURCHASE TICKETS IF A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT IS AVAILABLE.

**Q: WHO IS RUNNING THE CONTEST?**

A: THE CHASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION!

(Information taken from the Chaska Fire Department web site: [www.chaskafire.org](http://www.chaskafire.org).)



**BOUNTIFUL BASKET GETS READY TO MOVE**

Work has now been completed on renovation of the old Water Treatment Plant, which will be the permanent location of the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. The building is located on Bavaria Road just north of Engler Boulevard. Bountiful Basket is ready to move into the building from its temporary site in the Snyder's Building at Highways 41 and 61. They are looking for volunteer individuals and groups that may be available to help them move to their new site. Shelving will be moved on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, office equipment, refrigerators, and freezers will be moved on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The big food haul will happen on Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

at 8:00 am. They can use help on all three days. For more info call 952-227-7745.

The City of Chaska is excited about this permanent location for the facility, as the food shelf is a high priority in the community. Bountiful Basket currently serves approximately 350 families, or 1100 individuals each month. We are happy to have them as a permanent member of the community, enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

**ODD EVEN PARKING REMINDER**

City ordinance prohibits parking that impedes snow removal. There is also a calendar parking ordinance in effect whenever plowing is needed. It requires parking on even sides of streets on even

dates and parking on odd numbered sides of the street on odd dates. This ordinance is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The "even or odd" day begins at 8:00 am. Questions about the Ordinance may be directed to the Public Works Director, Tim Wiebe, at 952-448-4335.

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**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING TONIGHT  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012  
CHASKA CITY HALL  
6:30 PM**

**NO CHASKA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY  
30<sup>TH</sup>. NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012.**

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**COMMUNITY  
CENTER EVENTS**

**COP SHOPS**

Participate in one or both of these safety workshops offered by Officer Julie Jahnke of the City of Chaska Police. Workshops are FREE, but please pre-register at The Lodge or CCC Front Desk.

Date: Monday, January 30  
Scams, Frauds, and Identity Theft  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: The Lodge  
Cost: Free

**DINNER CLUB! AGES 6 TO 10**

Please join us for an evening out as we turn the tables and let your kids cook dinner for you! Our junior chefs will set the table and prepare and serve a great meal, including dessert. We will explore cooking methods, kitchen

safety, and etiquette. A recipe book of the evening's meal is included. Parents and siblings are invited to dine with their chef at 6:00 pm. Class fee includes dinner for the chef and 2 guests. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 each.

Date: Thursday, February 2  
Place: CCC Community Room  
Time: 4:30–6:30 pm.  
Cost: \$15 Member; \$18 Non-Member



**RIDDLE ME THIS RIDDLE ME THAT**

Who can use their imagination to create mysterious and amazing stories? Who can transform their identity into all kinds of captivating characters? Who can use their voice and and body to tell original tales with grace and style? You! In this class we work together to unravel riddles and let the word puzzles we wrestle with serve as inspiration for stories we act out using techniques we learn through games as we go.

Date: Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grades: Kindergarten to third grade  
Time: 5:30–7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$25 Member and \$30 Non-Member per workshop

