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Annie Haynes, 9 years old, volleyball net

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Was A Huge Hit This Year!

This year, the Outdoor Adventure Camp was held at the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center in Alum Creek. We had more than 2000 people in attendance. It was an excellent day filled with fun, games, giveaways, archery, fishing, shows, and activities. We gave away more than \$4,000 in prizes, check out a few of our winners!

> Jacob El-Gammal, 10 years old, winner of a Yeti Cooler



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> Evan McCloud, 5 years old, winner of a paddleboard and oar



Emma Romeo, 10 years old, winner of a Muddy Hunting Blind



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Fishing Basics to Help You This Summer

Fishing is a fun and exciting outdoor activity that kids of all ages can enjoy. Not only is it a great way to spend time with family and friends, but it also teaches important skills such as patience and perseverance. Here are 4 things you should know about fishing:

Basic Fishing Gear

Before you start fishing, you'll need some basic gear. This includes a fishing rod, reel, fishing line, hook, bait, and a fishing license depending on your state (In West Virginia, you need one if you are 15 or older). There are different types of fishing gear for different types of fishing and locations, so it is important to ask an experienced angler or do some research to make sure you have the right gear.

Patience is key

Fishing requires a lot of patience. It's not uncommon to spend hours without catching anything, so it is important to stay focused and keep trying. You can also use this time to appreciate the beauty of nature and observe the wildlife around you.

Catch and release

Unless you are catching a fish to eat, it's important to practice catch and release. This means returning the fish back to the water after you've caught it. It helps preserve fish populations and ensures that future generations can enjoy fishing as well. If you are planning to eat the fish, make sure you are with an experienced adult who knows how to catch and prepare fresh fish safely.

Safety first

Safety is the most important thing when you are fishing. Always wear a life jacket when fishing on a boat, and make sure to use caution when handling hooks and other sharp objects. It is also a good idea to check the weather forecast before heading out and let someone know where you'll be fishing in case of an emergency.

Fishing can be a fun, memorable, and rewarding experience. Enjoy and have fun!

If you have any fishing pictures you would like to share, send us an email at Ishinkle@beyondthebackyard.org to be featured on our social media.

Summertime Fish-Fry Recipe For You and Your Family

If you're looking for a family-fun activity after a rewarding day of fishing, check out this simple fish-fry recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 fish fillets (such as cod, haddock, or catfish)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- ½ teaspoon of paprika
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup of milk
- Vegetable oil (for frying)
- Lemon wedges (optional, for serving)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. In a shallow dish, mix together the flour, salt, black pepper, and paprika. This will be the coating for the fish.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs and the milk until well combined. This will be the egg wash for the fish.
- 3. Dip each fish fillet into the flour mixture, making sure it is evenly coated on both sides. Shake off any excess flour.
- 4. Next, dip the coated fish fillets into the egg wash, allowing any excess to drip off.
- 5. Heat vegetable oil in a frying pan or skillet over medium-high heat. The oil should be deep enough to cover the fish fillets.
- 6. Carefully place the coated fish fillets into the hot oil, making sure not to overcrowd the pan. Fry the fish for about 3-4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and crispy.
- 7. Once cooked, remove the fish from the pan and place them on a paper towellined plate to drain any excess oil.
- 8. Serve the fish fry with lemon wedges for squeezing over the top if desired. It goes well with tartar sauce, ketchup, or your favorite dipping sauce.
- Remember to exercise caution when frying and always wash your hands before and after touching raw fish. Enjoy your homemade fish fry!

Always make sure to follow cooking safety rules and have an adult present.

MEET OUR Beyond The Backyard Ambassador, Brooke!



Here are a few facts to help you get to know her better:

Ambassador Name: Brooke Miller

Age: 9

Lives in: Julian, WV

Brooke Miller



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Favorite Outdoor Activities: Whitetail Deer Hunting & Trout Fishing

Favorite Seasons: Bow and Spring Trout Fishing Season

Favorite Hobby: Experiencing new things and places!





We are very excited to introduce our Bevond The **Backyard Ambassador, Brooke Miller.**

You will be seeing and hearing from Brooke on our social media pages often with hunting and fishing tips, outdoor adventures, and so much more. Be sure to follow along on our social media pages at @BeyondTheBackyard



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