

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Guard Youth Camp holds Fishing Derby to Introduce Youngsters to Fishing

~AGFC partners with Guard, stocks pond to ensure rewarding time for new young fishermen

WHO: Participants in the Arkansas National Guard's annual Minuteman Youth Camp

WHAT: will participate in a fishing derby competition

WHEN: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Official weigh-in and awards will be held at 10:45 a.m.)

WHERE: at the golf course fishing pond on Camp Robinson in N. Little Rock

WHY: to introduce the campers to fishing as a fun, family outdoor activity

NOTE: Media interested in covering the fishing tournament and weigh-in/awards are invited to meet media escort at the Camp Robinson Main Gate Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. This will allow time for capturing B-roll and interviews. Please RSVP to 501-212-5021.

The Minuteman Youth Camp is a five-day, residential camp program conducted annually by the Arkansas National Guard at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock. The camp is for 10 and 11-year-old children of military families. The camp is offered free of charge, and priority is given to those children with a deployed or recently deployed military parent. The week long program provides lots of outdoor activities combined with presentations on family resiliency, habits to develop for success, along with tours of equipment and facilities at Camp Robinson and Little Rock Air Force Base.

The program accepts up to 70 campers each year and is put on as a function of the Child & Youth Programs section of the Joint Services Support Branch of the Arkansas National Guard.

The Arkansas National Guard Youth Programs partner with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Fishing Derby Program to have the Camp Robinson pond stocked with catfish in order to provide a positive fishing experience for children.

Arkansas National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Charles Vereen said, "The 2018 Minuteman Youth Camp Catfish Extravaganza Tournament is an annual event sponsored by the community and volunteers from the Arkansas National Guard. Even more dynamic than a Bass Masters Classic weigh-in, the event glamorizes fishing for team and individual competition. Prizes, trophies, and recognition are amplified to deliver a one of a kind event for 58 participants, some who have never fished even once."