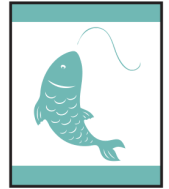


Bear Elective Adventure: A Bear Goes Fishing

Leader Instructions



This kit includes all the information and materials to teach scouts about fishing and help them earn their Bear Goes Fishing Belt Loop. Each scout will get a workbook where they can write down their answers for #1 and #2. The rest of the workbook is an edited version of *A Big Splash of Color* packet from the Wisconsin DNR, and can be completed here or at home on their own. It's just a fun workbook to help them learn more about fishing.

The rest of the kit includes pamphlets, books, cards, and other activities to help you teach the scouts about fishing.

1. Discover and learn about three types of fish in your area. Draw a color picture of each fish, record what each one likes to eat, and describe what sort of habitat each one likes.

Use the books and materials (cards, book, and pamphlets) in the packet to help the scouts pick out three fish and learn about each one. There are multiple materials, so they can pick their own fish, and hopefully not everyone does the same three!

2. Learn about your local fishing regulations and write down three of the regulations you learn about and one reason each regulation exists.

Use the WI DNR Fishing Regulations Guide to learn about local regulations. You can also visit our Invasive Species Lab on the lower level to learn more about invasive species and how to prevent their spread.

3. Learn about fishing equipment.

A fishing pole and small tackle box is included with the kit, so kids can explore the different parts first hand. There are also diagram cards to identify the different parts of the rod and accessories.

4. Go on a fishing adventure, and spend a minimum of one hour trying to catch a fish. Put into practice the things you have learned about fish and fishing equipment.

Scouts must complete 3 steps, so this is an optional step that can be done on their own or with the troop.