



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Application to Conduct a Free Sportfishing Clinic



Name of Event: Date: Alternate (rain) date:

Start Time: End Time: Waterbody:

Event Location (ie. Lunkerville State Park):

Address: County:

Organization Name/Group:

Primary Contact: Primary Contact Phone:

Primary Contact Email: Driver License #/Non-Driver ID #:

Address: City: State: Zip Code:

Anticipated Number of Attendees: Targeted Age Group:

Brief Description of Event:

I have read the guidelines for conduct of free sportfishing clinics @ <http://www.dec.ny.gov/> and certify that this event will be conducted in a manner consistent with these guidelines. I also certify that all individuals over the age of 18 assisting with the clinic have been screened against the New York State Sex Offender Registry at <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/> and that no one on this registry is assisting or otherwise involved with the free sportfishing clinic. Pursuant to ECL Section 3-0301(2)(Q), false statements made on this application are punishable pursuant to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Law.

Name: Signature: Date:

Guidelines for the Conduct of Free Sport Fishing Clinics by Non- DEC Groups

1. Event coordinators must fill out and submit to the DEC Bureau of Fisheries an *Application to Conduct a Free Sport Fishing Clinic* a minimum of 1 month prior to the event.
2. Event must be conducted by a group or organization, not an individual.
3. Events must have an educational focus, including instruction in recreational angling and its benefits and values. Events may also include instruction and other information relevant to an understanding of fisheries management, ethics and aquatic ecology and habitat. DEC educational materials should be utilized whenever possible.
4. Events shall be publicized via flyers, newspaper articles, local access TV, etc. to maximize public participation.
5. All adults assisting with a children's fishing clinic must be screened against the Public Registry of Sex Offenders.
6. Except as noted under item 7, events must be open to the general public.
7. Fishing events held as part of a K-12 school program, youth camp or a youth organization such as the Girl or Boy Scouts will be eligible for free fishing event status, as long as there is no additional charge for participation in the event. Events associated with a specific age (ie. children or senior clinics), or special needs group (ie. visually impaired) are permissible as long as there is no additional fee charged for participation.
8. No admission may be charged for free fishing events. Parking fees associated with events held at public parks are acceptable.
9. The event location should be large enough to handle the attendance anticipated and should have bathroom facilities.
10. Derbies or other competitive fishing events will not be considered for free fishing status.
11. A report indicating the number and approximate ages of event participants must be provided to the Bureau of Fisheries within 30 days of the completion of the event.

Completed application forms should be sent to:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4753