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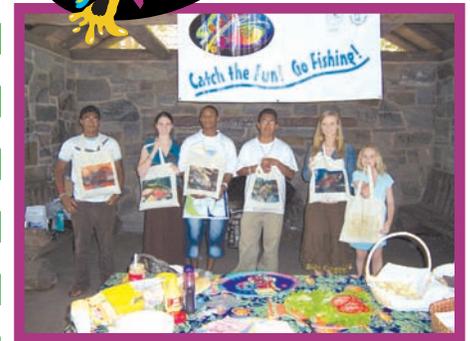
Fish Facts

Sunfish - The sunfish belongs to the family *Centrarchidae* that consists of a variety of spiny finned fresh water fish with deep, laterally flattened bodies found normally in North America. This family also includes black basses. The sunfish is also known as bream. The different varieties of sunfish or bream include bluegill, rock bass, green sunfish, all having a different colors and orange bellies.

Buffalo Fish - The buffalo fish or the suckerfish is a fresh water fish related to the minnow and catfish family. This fish has

the most intricate set of bones forming a very sensitive hearing structure. These fish are about 6 inches to three feet in length. They also have fleshy, sucking mouths, and are sluggish bottom feeders, eating plants and small animals. The buffalo fish or suckerfish is found in North America and it has coarse, bony, nutritious flesh found in the larger varieties Suckerfish (buffalo fish) belong to the phylum *Chordata*, the subphylum is *Vertabrata*, the class is *osteichthyes*, the order is *Mormynformes*, and the family it belongs to is *Castostomidae*.

By Davina Smith, Summer Intern



REEL ART WINNERS AT WALHALLA STATE FISH HATCHERY

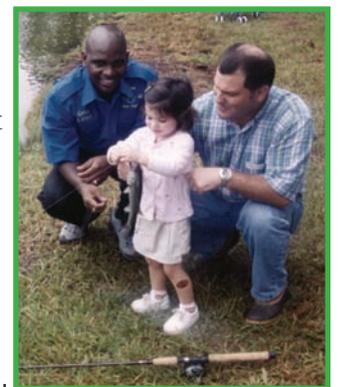
* Check out www.screelkids.com for upcoming events!*

Kids Fishing Class held at Campbell Fish Hatchery

In June the aquatic education section at The Department of Natural Resources held an evening fishing class at the Cohen Campbell Fisheries Center. This was a class for all ages. Most of the people that attended this class were adults, along with a few children.

In this class we learned a variety of techniques used for fishing. We learned how to cast a line, put tackle and hooks on a fishing rod, how to put live bait on a hook, and we even put reels on a rod. The types of bait that we used for fishing were crickets and worms, but most of the participants only wanted to use the worms. I am assuming that most people wanted to use the worms because they did not like the fact the cricket's insides possibly coming out on their hands. I really enjoyed this class as a summer intern from Allen University. All the participants had a wonderful time from my observations.

The previous weekend there was a fishing rodeo that was held at the fish hatchery. This is an event that is held every year, and this is where participants can catch as many and whatever types of fish they want and take them home to enjoy them. Normally, fishing is prohibited at the hatcheries. It seemed that fish were not really biting because of the fishing rodeo the previous week. The participants really did not catch many fish, only a few were caught. I caught two bluegill and some other people caught some bluegill and sunfish. This was a really nice event and I encourage more people to get involved with this program and class.



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Game

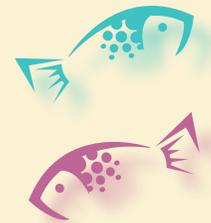
Fishy Word Unscramble

- 1)khoos _____
- 2)dor _____
- 3)ree _____
- 4)srleu _____
- 5)lleuilbg _____

Great Goal Prizes



*Don't forget to send your goals in so you can get great prizes!



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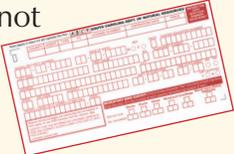


Game



Fishing at the beach

Match the words on the left with their description!

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| 1) Casting | A) variation of a knot |
| 2) Bass | B) need this for fishing to be legal |
| 3) Body of water in South Carolina | C) worms, crickets, spoon, and minnows |
| 4) Hook  | D) the line |
| 5) Improved clinch knot | E) catches onto the fish to hold onto him |
| 6) License  | F) Large mouth or striped |
| 7) Bait  | G) Lake Wylie |



Answers to matching 1D 2F 3C 4E 5A 6B 7C
Answers to unscramble 1. hooks 2. rod 3. reel 4. lures 5. bluegill