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Dear Parent of a Youth Bass Angler,

First, I want to thank you for taking the time to support the youth bass fishing club at your student's school and for your interest in attending the 2018 SCDNR Youth Bass Fishing Championship. The tournament begins on March 24th at Lighthouse Marina and Hilton Ramp on Lake Murray utilizing 3 flights at 20 minute intervals beginning at safe light. Flights 1 and 3 will launch from Lighthouse Marina and flight 2 from the public landing, Hilton. You will know which landing to report to, but the assigned launch number will be made available via email to the coaches Friday morning and at the coaches meeting, in addition to our facebook page.

We have another record year of participants at 94 boats! Parents and coaches not driving trailored boats are asked to carpool as parking will be extremely limited and traffic patterns are tighter.

We have asked that all boats check back in at 2:00pm (lighthouse), 2:20pm (Hilton Ramp), and 2:40pm (lighthouse). The weigh-in is held at the Palmetto Sportsman's Classic which is at the State Fairgrounds in Columbia. We encourage you to watch your angler weigh in, beginning at 4:00pm. There are plenty of interesting exhibitors to keep you entertained until the weigh-in. The students have been provided with two complimentary tickets to the Classic. As spectators you will need to enter through the main gate (with the provided comp ticket or to purchase additional). You can park in the main lot accessed from 1200 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC 29201. The fairgrounds are charging \$5/car to park, carpooling is encouraged.

We look forward to the event and can't wait for an opportunity to see student's proud to represent their school, enjoying the sport of fishing. For more information, please feel free to call me at (803) 360-9846 or write at ChabaaneS@dnr.sc.gov.

Thanks & Happy Fishing,
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